Progress Update on Publishing requirements using IEC 61853-1



The 23 Power Rating Conditions					
P _{max} , I _{sc} , V _{oc} , and V _{max} versus Irradiance and Temperature					
Irradiance	Spectrum	peratu	re (C)		
(W/m²)	Spectrum	15	25	50	75
1100	AM1.5	NA	#1	#2	#3
1000	AM1.5	#4	#5	#6	#7
800	AM1.5	#8	#9	#10	#11
600	AM1.5	#12	#13	#14	#15
400	AM1.5	#16	#17	#18	NA
200	AM1.5	#19	#20	#21	NA
100	AM1.5	#22	#23	NA	NA
Solar America Board for Codes and Standards					

Survey of Key Stakeholders

- Early-2012 Web-based Survey of:
 - <u>PV Modelers (8)</u>:
 - NREL, Sandia, Draker, Pvsyst SA, etc
 - <u>PV Test Labs (7)</u>:
 - UL, TUV Rheinland PTL, NREL, Intertek
 - <u>PV Module Manufacturers (7)</u>:
 - Suntech, Solaria, First Solar, SunPower, Trina Solar, 2 anonymous



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Summary of Results of Web Survey of Key Stakeholders

- PV Modelers
 - Good value in making IEC 61853-1 test data available
 - Currently too much variability of test results
- PV Test Labs
 - Generally supports encouraging or requiring IEC 61853-1
 - Standard is very new and still lots of unknowns of its value
- PV Module Manufacturers
 - Sees some value in IEC 61853-1 data, but not requirement
 - Lot of variation in results between test labs
 - Market should drive performance testing required



Summary of results from the March 18th, Stakeholders Meeting in San Jose

- Discussion of the "Name plate & Datasheet Requirements
 - How the date could be used by modelers
 - How the data could be used by array designers
- Discussion of the use of the data in the application of IEC 61853-1 in performance testing

IEC 61853-1 Data

- From the discussion a desire to use the data required by the Std. emerged.
- The three Mfr's. Present did not mind as long as "all do it" (make available).
- The modelers preferred more data but would use the Nameplate & Datasheet Std. if it was easier to get.



Additional Stakeholder Inputs

- Labs are generating data but won't / can't release.
- System performance is not just modules, as losses from wiring and connections can be significant.
- Some banks use a 20% derate contingency.
- Soiling losses can be very significant with 10 to 30% field power losses.



Finally In Summary

- Data generated by the Nameplate & Datasheet Std. very useful
- Data generated by IEC 61853-1 can be very useful if easily available for performance models and system designers
- A change to the IEC 61853-1 is being prepared to address availability



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