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1. Technical description

1.1. Rotor-Nacelle

The rotor is a three-bladed construction, mounted upwind of the tower. The power output is controlled by pitch and torque demand regulation. The rotor speed is variable and is designed to maximize the power output while maintaining loads and noise level.

The nacelle has been designed for safe access to all service points during scheduled service. In addition, the nacelle has been designed for safe presence of service technicians in the nacelle during Service Test Runs with the wind turbine in full operation. This allows a high-quality service of the wind turbine and provides optimum troubleshooting conditions.

1.2. Blades

Siemens Gamesa 5.X blades are made up of fiberglass infusion & carbon pultruded-molded components. The blade structure uses aerodynamic shells containing embedded spar-caps, bonded to two main epoxy-fiberglass-balsa/foam-core shear webs. The Siemens Gamesa 5.X blades use a blade design based on SGRE proprietary airfoils. The blades can be delivered in a single piece option or a segmented option depending on and the logistic restrictions for each wind farm.

1.3. Rotor Hub

The rotor hub is cast in nodular cast iron and is fitted to the drive train low speed shaft with a flange connection. The hub is sufficiently large to provide room for service technicians during maintenance of blade roots and pitch bearings from inside the structure.

1.4. Drive train

The drive train is a 4-points suspension concept: main shaft with two main bearings and the gearbox with two torque arms assembled to the main frame.

The gearbox is in cantilever position; the gearbox planet carrier is assembled to the main shaft by means of a flange bolted joint and supports the gearbox.

1.5. Main Shaft

The low speed main shaft is casted and transfers the torque of the rotor to the gearbox and the bending moments to the bedframe via the main bearings and main bearing housings.

1.6. Main Bearings

The low speed shaft of the wind turbine is supported by two tapered roller bearings. The bearings are grease lubricated.

1.7. Gearbox

The gearbox is 3 stages high speed type (2 planetary + 1 parallel).

1.8. Generator

The generator is a doubly-fed asynchronous three phase generator with a wound rotor, connected to a frequency PWM converter. Generator stator and rotor are both made of stacked magnetic laminations and formed windings. Generator is cooled by air.

1.9. Mechanical Brake

D2292436/007 – Restricted © Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy S.A., 2020. All rights reserved. The mechanical brake is fitted to the non-drive end of the gearbox.

1.10. Yaw System

A cast bed frame connects the drive train to the tower. The yaw bearing is an externally geared ring with a friction bearing. A series of electric planetary gear motors drives the yawing.

1.11. Nacelle Cover

The weather screen and housing around the machinery in the nacelle is made of fiberglass-reinforced laminated panels.

1.12. Tower

The wind turbine is as standard mounted on a tapered tubular steel tower. Other tower technologies are available. The tower has internal ascent and direct access to the yaw system and nacelle. It is equipped with platforms and internal electric lighting.

1.13. Controller

The wind turbine controller is a microprocessor-based industrial controller. The controller is complete with switchgear and protection devices and is self-diagnosing.

1.14. Converter

Connected directly with the Rotor, the Frequency Converter is a back to back 4Q conversion system with 2 VSC in a common DC-link. The Frequency Converter allows generator operation at variable speed and voltage, while supplying power at constant frequency and voltage to the MV transformer.

1.15. SCADA

The wind turbine provides connection to the SGRE SCADA system. This system offers remote control and a variety of status views and useful reports from a standard internet web browser. The status views present information including electrical and mechanical data, operation and fault status, meteorological data and grid station data.

1.16. Turbine Condition Monitoring

In addition to the SGRE SCADA system, the wind turbine can be equipped with the unique SGRE condition monitoring setup. This system monitors the vibration level of the main components and compares the actual vibration spectra with a set of established reference spectra. Review of results, detailed analysis and reprogramming can all be carried out using a standard web browser.

1.17. Operation Systems

The wind turbine operates automatically. It is self-starting when the aerodynamic torque reaches a certain value. Below rated wind speed, the wind turbine controller fixes the pitch and torque references for operating in the optimum aerodynamic point (maximum production) taking into account the generator capability. Once rated wind speed is surpassed, the pitch position demand is adjusted to keep a stable power production equal to the nominal value.

If high wind derated mode is enabled, the power production is limited once the wind speed exceeds a threshold value defined by design, until cut-out wind speed is reached and the wind turbine stops producing power.

If the average wind speed exceeds the maximum operational limit, the wind turbine is shut down by pitching of the blades. When the average wind speed drops back below the restart average wind speed, the systems reset automatically.