Ireland microgrid interconnection device

What is EirGrid's interconnection strategy?
Interconnection is a key component to achieving EirGrid Group's 2020-25 Strategy. Part of this is connecting the grids of Ireland and Great Britain,and Ireland and mainland Europe through High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Interconnection. Our key areas of focus for interconnection are:

Are microgrids a smart power system?
Microgrids and their smart interconnection with utility are the major trends of developmentin the present power system scenario. Inheriting the capability to operate in grid-connected and islanded mode,the microgrid demands a well-structured protectional strategy as well as a controlled switching between the modes.

What is a microgrid and how does it work?
A microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid and that connects and disconnects from such grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or 'island' mode.

Why should microgrids be integrated in the existing system?
The integration of microgrids in the existing system improves the quality and reliability of the power supplied and reduce the transmission and distribution cost, system losses, and network congestion.

Why does a grid-connected microgrid need E-STATCOM?
A grid-connected microgrid may suffer fluctuations due to several switching of load,generations or reconfiguration in the system. This instance may lead to several power quality issues like harmonics,voltage sag,swells,flicker,interruptions,and transients. The E-STATCOM integrated at the PCC,maintains certain power quality issues.

What happens if a microgrid is not connected?
As per the controlled strategy,if the grid-connected microgrid senses any system deviation,it triggers the injection of disturbance. As the microgrid is not disconnected from the utility,the injected small disturbance would not significantly change the voltage and frequency at PCC.

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