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Smart grid secure communications method and apparatus

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Summary

The University of North Dakota has patented and developed systems and methods for performing secure communications in an energy delivery system. The system can include phasor measurement units (PMUs) and phasor data concentrators (PDCs) along with power generation, transmission, and consumption equipment. The PMU and PDC may communicate in a grid network over secured wired or wireless communication protocols. Spread spectrum communications can be further adopted to defend against a security breach.

Advantages

- Mitigates risk of cyber-attacks or other malicious activities in electrical grids
- Protects against a wide variety of attacks including Sybil attacks and denialof-service attacks
- Cost-effective solution

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