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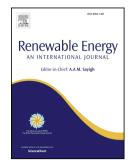
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6 Abstract

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In this paper the optimal design of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) with the 7 8 goal of minimizing the lifecycle cost, while taking into account environmental emissions, 9 is presented. Different energy sources such as renewable energy technology based and diesel generation are considered, with realistic inputs on their physical, operating and 10 economic characteristics. In order to address the "range anxiety", concern of EV owners 11 regarding the distance the vehicle can travel, the design of an EVCS along highways, as 12 an isolated microgrid, is studied. In another study, the EVCS is assumed to be connected 13 14 to the grid as a smart energy hub. The charging demand of the EVCS is estimated 15 considering real drive data. Analysis is also carried out to compare the economics of a grid-connected EVCS with an isolated EVCS and the optimal break-even distance for the 16 grid connected EVCS to be a viable option, is determined. 17

18 Keywords

19 Electric vehicle charging station, Renewable energy, Plug-in electric vehicle, Microgrid,

20 Environmental emissions.

21 Nomenclature

- *x* Index for EVCS supply component options (solar PV, converter, diesel
 generator, battery energy storage system (BESS), grid connection)
- 24 N EVCS project life, yr
- 25 N_x EVCS component life, yr
- 26 *i* Annual real interest rate (the discount rate), %

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