Electrical & Power Control Interfaces

AOFS defines the electrical and power control architecture to **safely operate pumps, valves, and irrigation loads** under any power source. It is designed to **ensure fail-safe operation, energy efficiency, and compliance with AOFS standards**, independent of whether the farm uses grid, generator, or solar power.

1. Core Power Principles

- AOFS is **power-source agnostic**: it works with grid, generator, solar, or hybrid systems.
- Controllers must enforce **fail-safe operation** for irrigation and actuation regardless of the power source.
- Systems must support **safe shutdowns** in case of power anomalies or failures.
- AOFS may track **energy consumption of pumps and actuators** to support optional logging, reporting, and operator awareness. This is **recommended for off-grid or weak-grid farms**, but **not required** for farms with stable grid power.

2. Optional Solar Integration

AOFS supports optional solar monitoring for farms that want to optimize energy usage:

- **Level 1 – Minimal Monitoring (Recommended for off-grid / weak-grid farms)**
  - Field Controllers may monitor battery voltage and current.
  - Supports reliable irrigation operation when solar/battery power is used.
  - Fully optional for farms with stable grid or generator power.
- **Level 2 – Integrated Monitoring (Optional Advanced Module)**
  - Controllers can read solar generation metrics from panels/inverters via standard protocols (e.g., Modbus, MQTT, RS485).
  - Enables dynamic irrigation scheduling based on energy availability.
  - Supports advanced PUE analytics and reporting.
  - Completely optional — AOFS compliance does **not depend** on it.

3. Optional Energy-Aware Operation

- AOFS controllers **may** measure power consumption of pumps, valves, and other actuators while running.
- Controllers **may** estimate battery drain or energy availability for upcoming scheduled irrigation events.
- If implemented:
  - The system can **delay or reschedule non-critical irrigation events** until enough energy is available.
  - Operators receive **warnings or alerts** via Farm/HQ controllers.
- All energy measurements and operational decisions **may be logged** for analysis, enabling:
  - Visualization of energy usage over time.

    - Identification of potential upgrades to batteries, solar panels, or load schedules.

4. Implementation Guidelines

- AOFS compliance does **not require any specific power source, monitoring, or energy-aware operation**.
- Optional monitoring modules should follow AOFS **data logging and offline-first principles**.
- All controllers and modules, regardless of power source, **must enforce local fail-safes** for pumps, valves, and critical irrigation operations.

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