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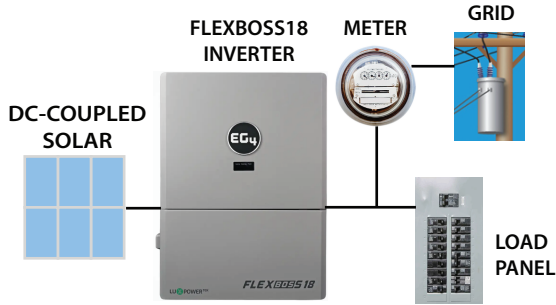
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# Overview of FlexBOSS18 ESS System Use Cases (See Corresponding Drawing #)

## WITHOUT GRIDBOSS

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No Batteries

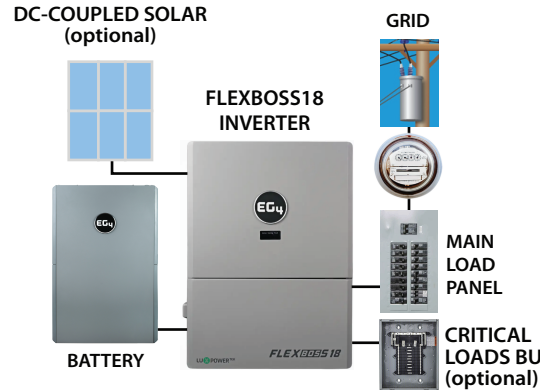
Drawing #4 (without battery)



- Maximize Solar Offset
- Low Initial Cost - Simple
- No Storage or add later
- No Solar when Grid down

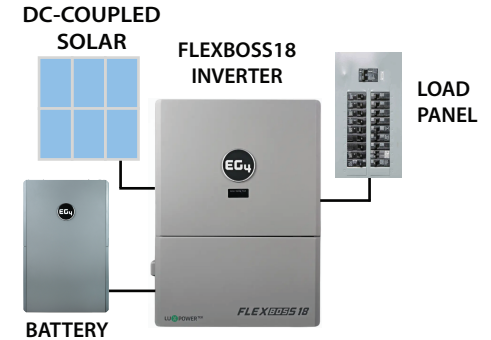
Optimize or Minimize NEM  
No or Critical Loads Backup

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- Minimize Buy & Sell with unfavorable NEM Policy
- Buy Low, Sell High with favorable NEM or TOU Policy
- TOU Capable with or without Solar or Backup Loads

Off-Grid  
Drawing #9



- Remote - No Grid or Seldom Use Grid
- Grid Expensive
- Add Grid Backup Later
- Energy Autonomy

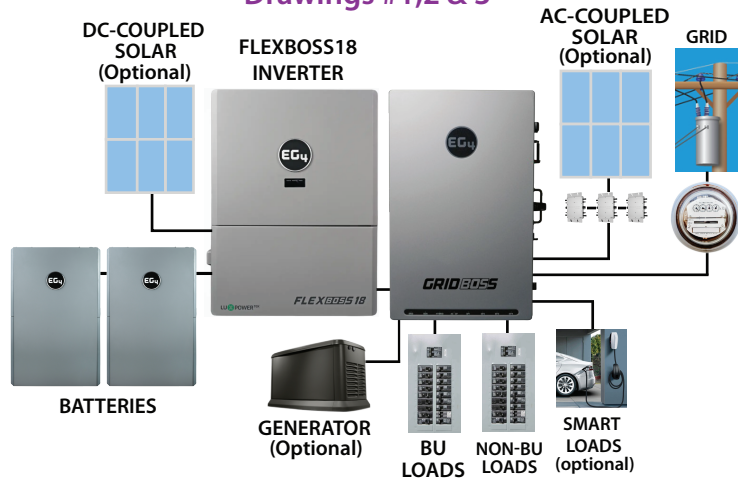
Note: If no utility grid is present or planned then the EG4 6000XP or 12000XP with generator support may better serve this use case.

## WITH GRIDBOSS

Optimize or Minimize NEM

Partial Home or Limited Whole Home Backup

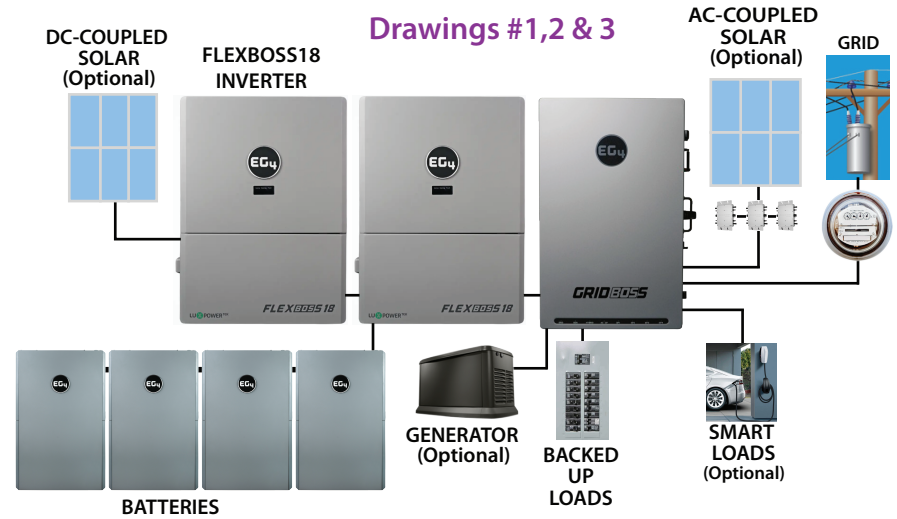
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- Utilize Smart Loads to enable Whole Home BU for 1 inverter systems.
- Easily Integrate existing AC Coupled systems and/or Generators.
- Add DC Solar to existing AC Coupled Solar to achieve high Solar Offset.

Optimize or Minimize NEM - Whole Home Backup  
Off-Grid Capable for Extended Outages

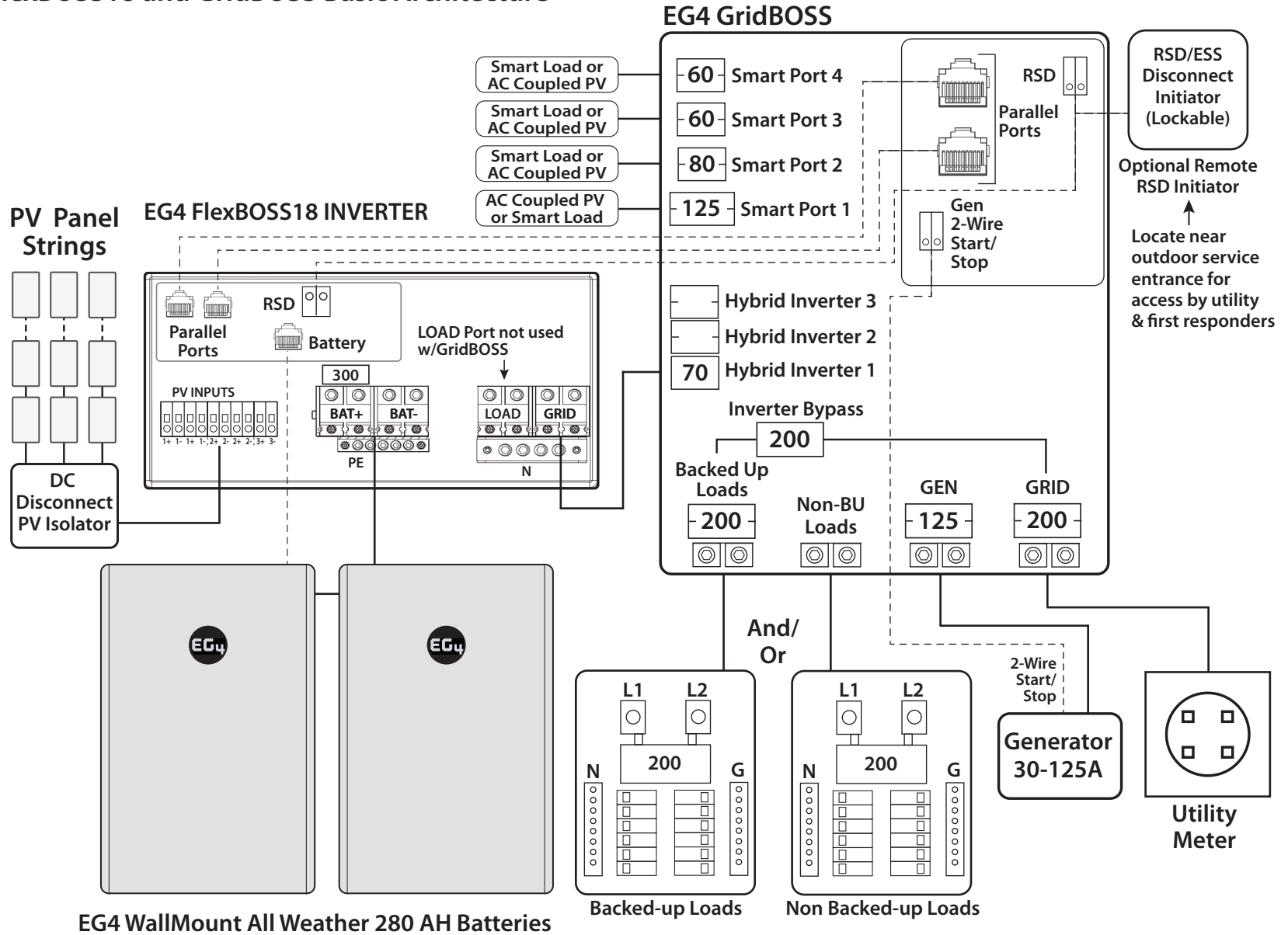
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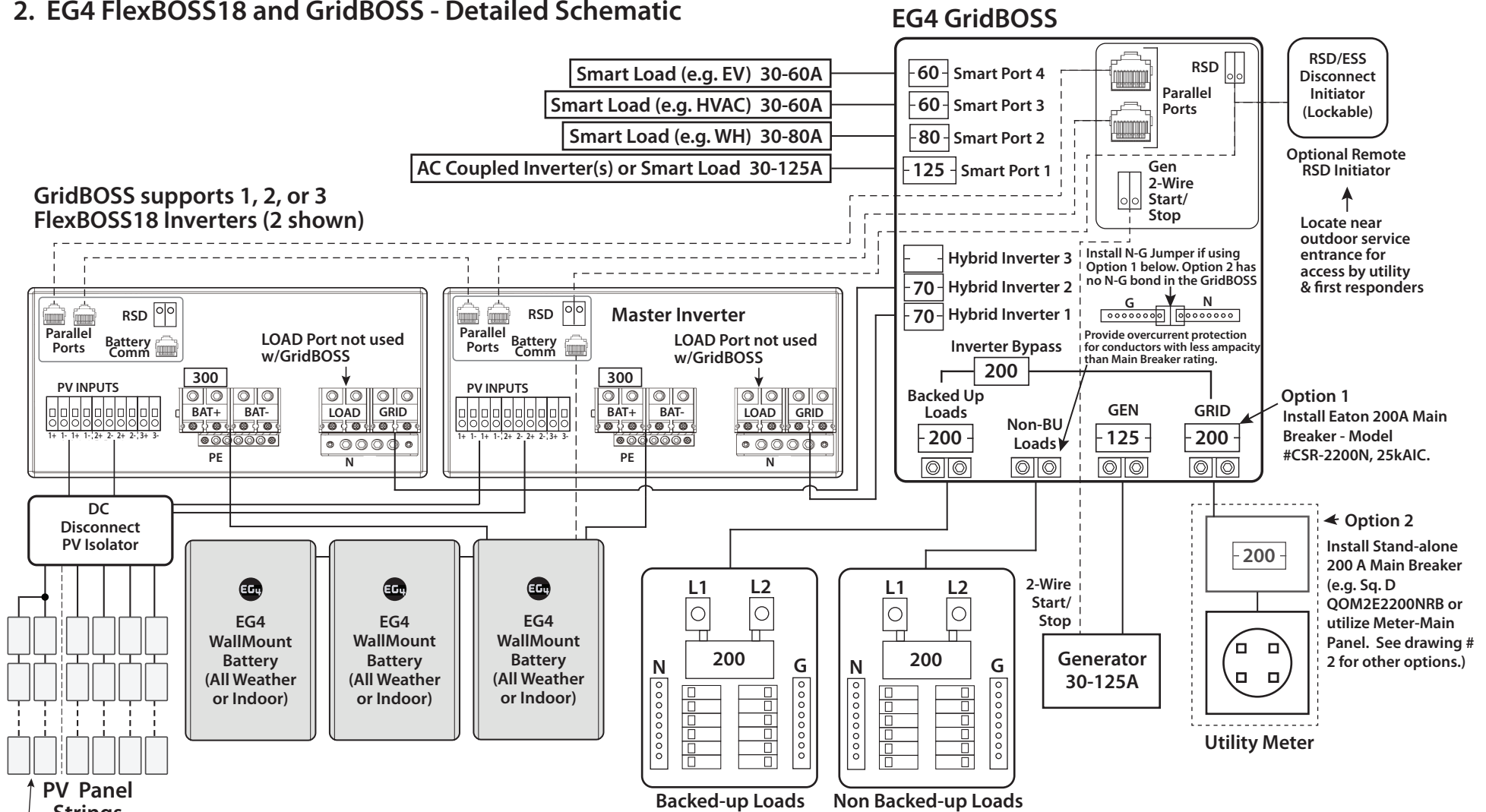
- Utilize Smart Loads to manage battery backup during long outages.
- 2 Inverter systems meets full power needs of 90% of homes, 3 = 200 A Service.
- Provide DC Solar with or without AC Solar to meet full energy needs on or off-grid.

# FlexBOSS18 with GridBOSS

## 1. EG4 FlexBOSS18 and GridBOSS Basic Architecture



## 2. EG4 FlexBOSS18 and GridBOSS - Detailed Schematic



Alternate configuration for MPPTs capable of 2 x solar panel Imp.

### FlexBOSS18 PV DC Inputs

# OF MPPTS   # OF STRINGS PER MPPT	2/2
MAX. CURRENT PER MPPT	26A/26A
MAX. SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENT RATING PER MPPT	31A/31A
MAX. PV INPUT VOLTAGE	600 VDC
MPPT VOLTAGE RANGE	120V – 440 VDC
UNIT STARTUP VOLTAGE	200 VDC

### FlexBOSS18 AC Specs

MAX. CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE RATE	10kW
MAX. APPARENT POWER	13kW (54A @240V) 11.2kW (54A @208V)
MAX. CONTINUOUS CURRENT @ 45°C	54A
MAX. CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE W/ PV & GRID ONLY @ 45°C	10kW   13kW
POWER FACTOR (OUTPUT)	0.6 – 1.0
MAX. OUTPUT FAULT CURRENT	156A peak @ 100us
MAX. PASSTHROUGH FROM GRID	90A

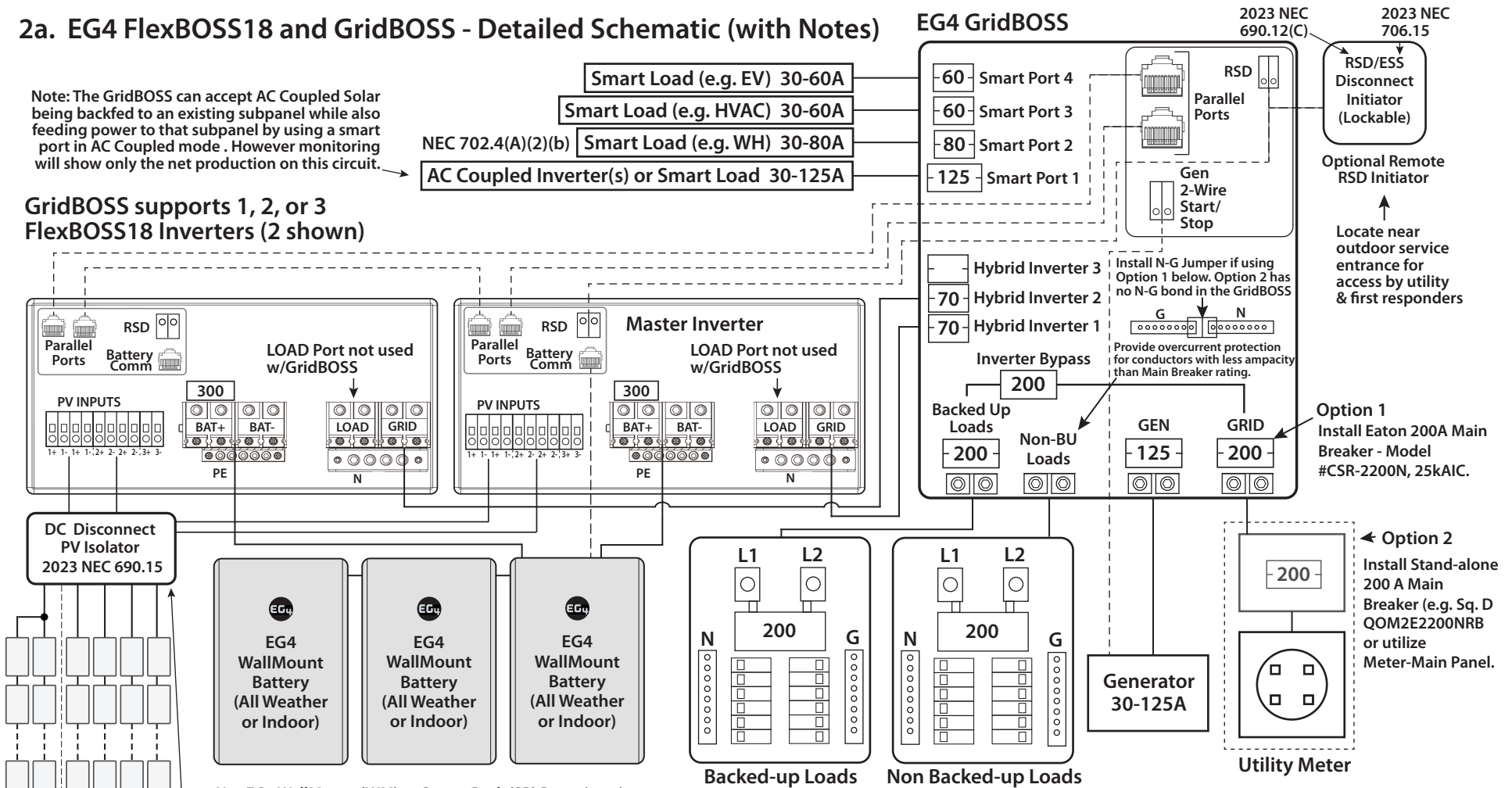
## 2a. EG4 FlexBOSS18 and GridBOSS - Detailed Schematic (with Notes)

### EG4 GridBOSS

Note: The GridBOSS can accept AC Coupled Solar being backed to an existing subpanel while also feeding power to that subpanel by using a smart port in AC Coupled mode. However monitoring will show only the net production on this circuit.

- Smart Load (e.g. EV) 30-60A
- Smart Load (e.g. HVAC) 30-60A
- Smart Load (e.g. WH) 30-80A
- AC Coupled Inverter(s) or Smart Load 30-125A

GridBOSS supports 1, 2, or 3 FlexBOSS18 Inverters (2 shown)



PV Panel Strings  
Alternate configuration for MPPTs capable of 2x solar panel Imp.

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For larger battery configurations:

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### Minimum Recommended Battery to Inverter Ratios

Battery	WallMount		Server Rack	
	280 AH - 200 A BMS	100 AH - 100 A BMS	100 AH - 100 A BMS	LifePower4
EG4 Inverter	12kPV	1	2.5	2.5
	18kPV	1.5	4	4
FlexBoss18	1.5	1.5	4	4
FlexBoss21	1.5	1.5	4	4

This chart indicates the minimum number of EG4 batteries required to provide sufficient battery amperage to the inverter to produce it's full rated power. It does not indicate sufficient kWhrs needed for back-up storage for any given set of loads. See EG4 Battery and Inverter Sizer tool on the EG4 website.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** 1 WM Battery will limit the output of one FB18 Inverter to 43 Amps hence the minimum ratio is 1.5/1. One battery per FB21 is okay for minimal NEM/TOU or BU systems where the full 50 Amp inverter output is not needed.

### EG4 GridBOSS Breaker Values

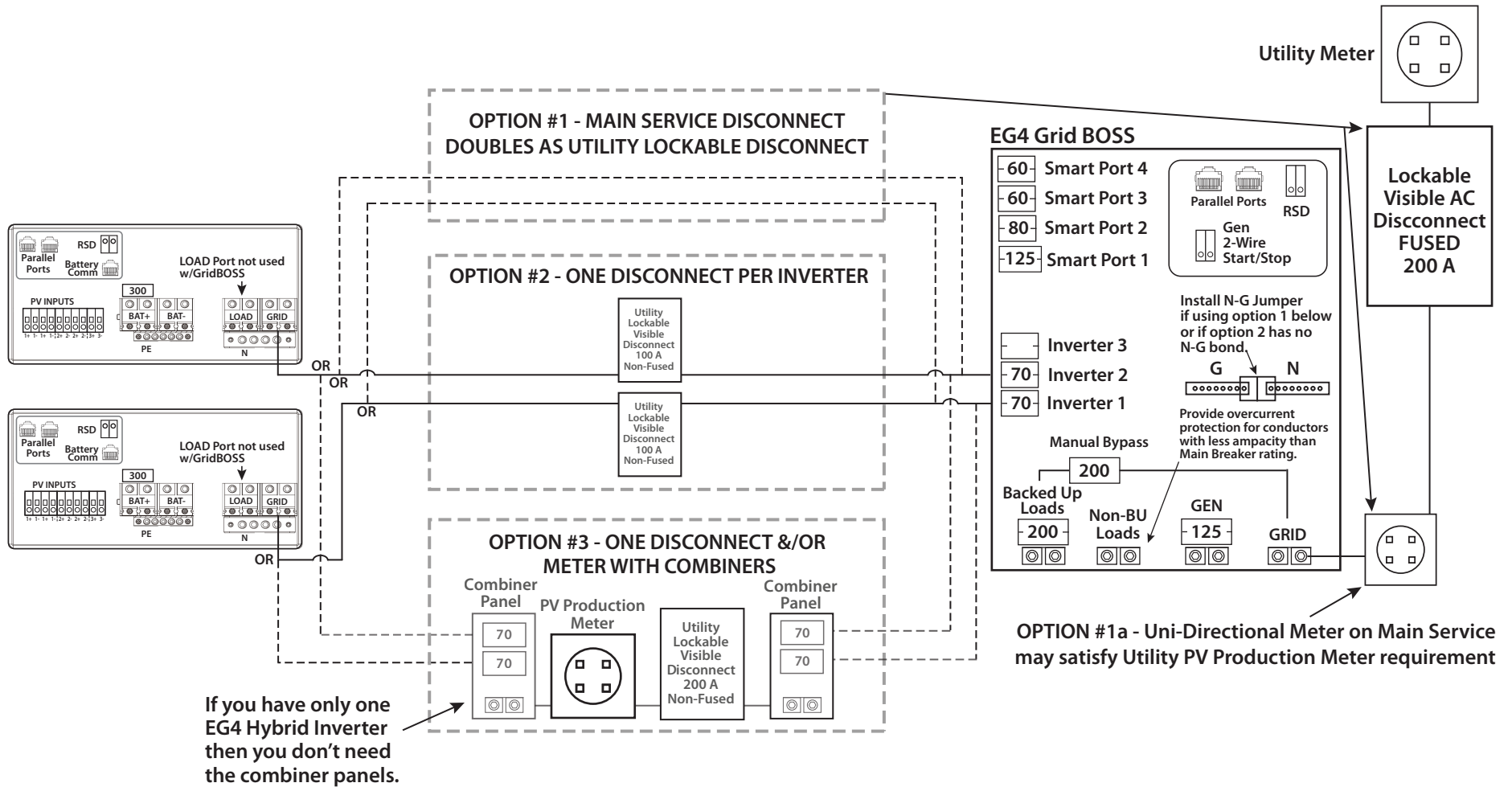
Breaker Name	Style	Breaker Value(s)
SmartPort 4	User Selectable	30-60 Amps
SmartPort 3	User Selectable	30-60 Amps
SmartPort 2	User Selectable	30-80 Amps
SmartPort 1	User Selectable	30-125 Amps
Inverter 3	User Selectable	50-90 Amps
Inverter 2	User Selectable	50-90 Amps
Inverter 1	User Selectable	50-90 Amps
Backed Up Loads	Fixed	200 Amps
Non-BU Loads	No Breaker	Main Breaker
GEN	User Selectable	30-125 Amps
GRID	User Supplied	200 Amps

### 3. FlexBOSS18 with GridBOSS: Options for Utility Lockable Disconnect(s) and Meter Requirements

Some Utilities will approve using the Inverter (1,2 & 3) Breakers in the GridBOSS as the Utility PV System Disconnect(s). The GridBOSS door is lockable. In this case you can connect the Inverter's GRID ports directly to the Hybrid Inverter Breakers.

Other Utilities require Lockable, Visible Knife-Switch Type Disconnects- if your utility requires this then you have these 3 options below.

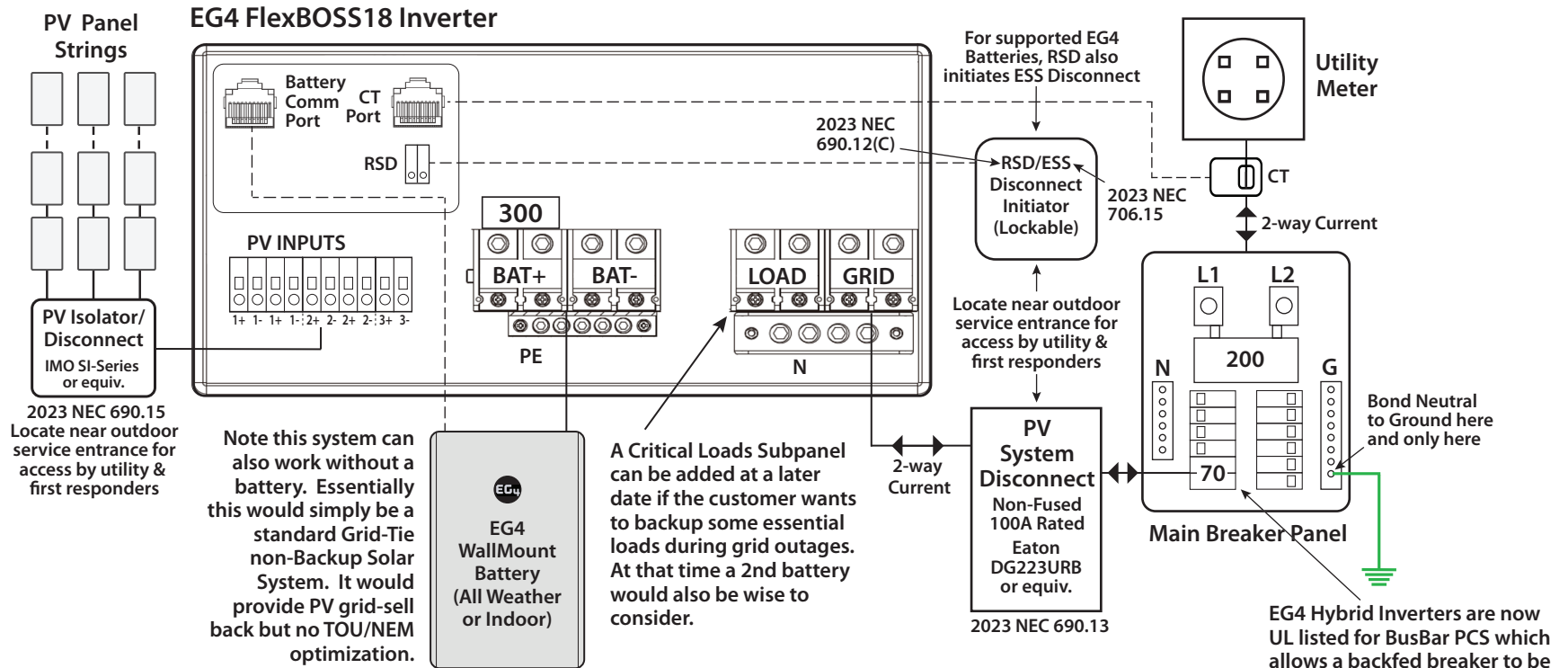
If your utility requires a dedicated PV Production meter you have two options - either Option #1a or Option #3 below:



# FlexBOSS18 without GridBOSS

## 4. EG4 FlexBOSS18 with Back-Fed Breaker - No Backup - Self Consumption and NEM/TOU only

This system has no backed-up loads. It will simply serve to optimizing NEM/TOU economics by maximizing self-consumption of available solar and battery power of the loads in the Main Breaker Panel by providing battery cycling - applying daytime PV to nighttime loads or optimal TOU times. There will be no backup upon a grid outage in this system as it is wired below. See next page for system with backed-up loads panel. The number of batteries in this system is determined by how many kWhs needs to be cycled on a daily basis.



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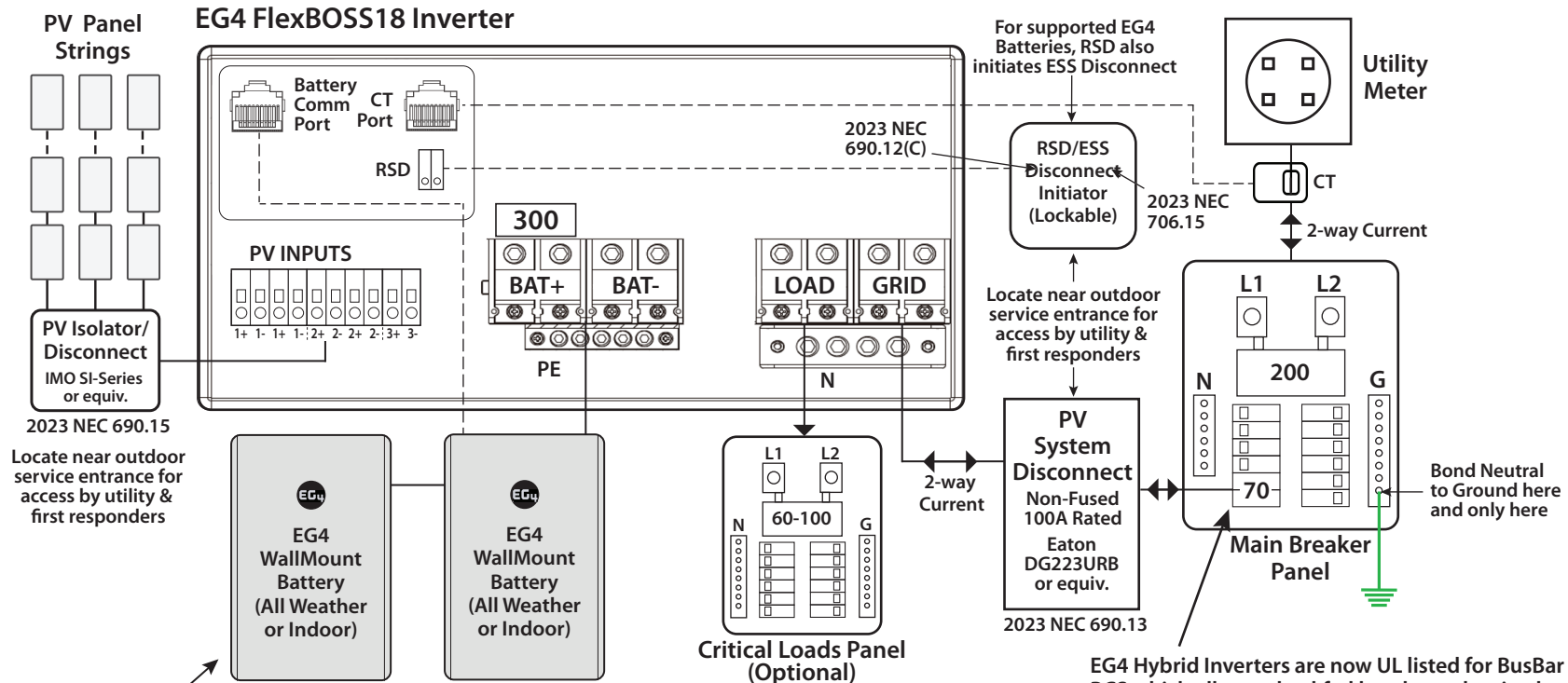
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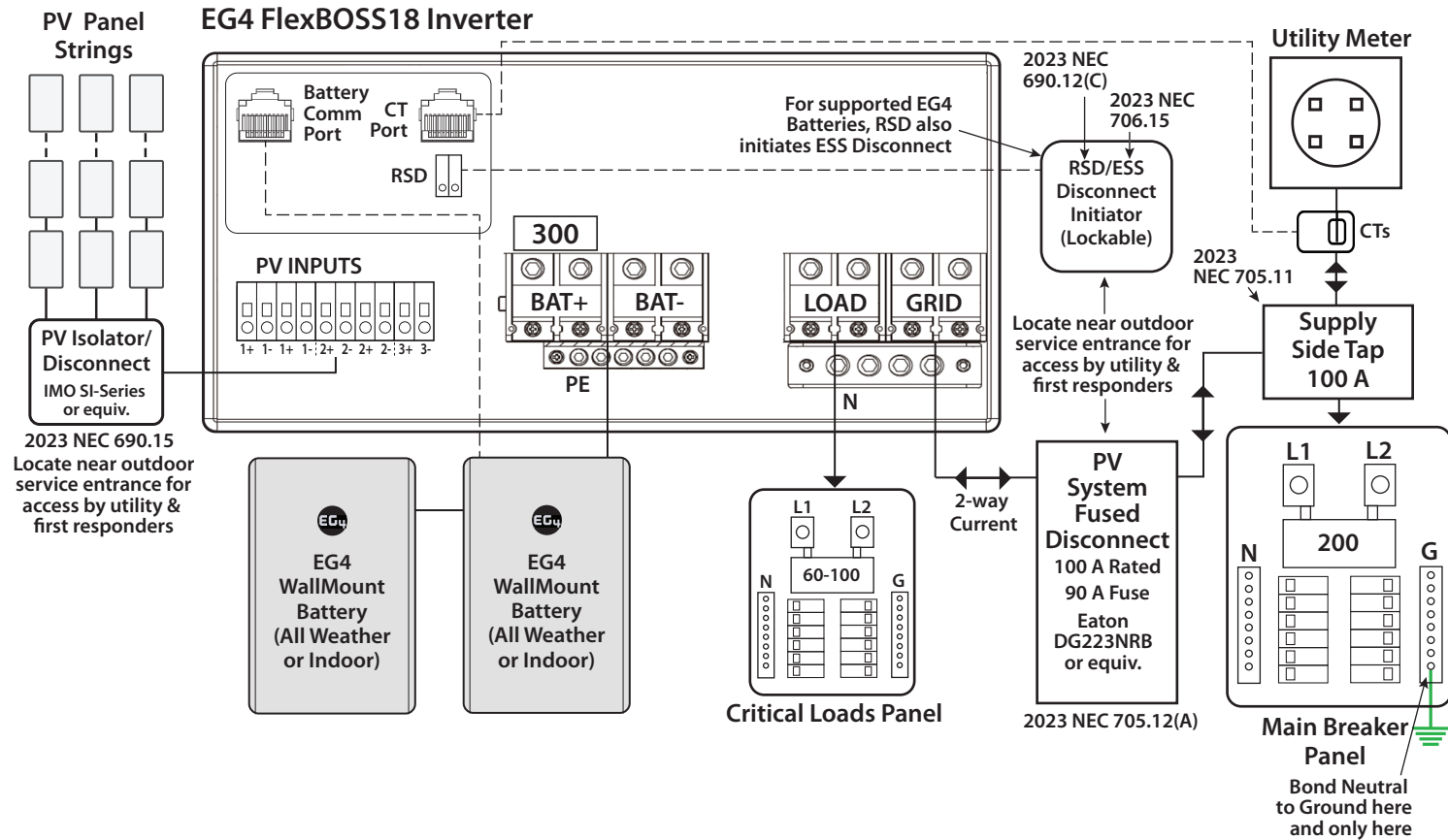
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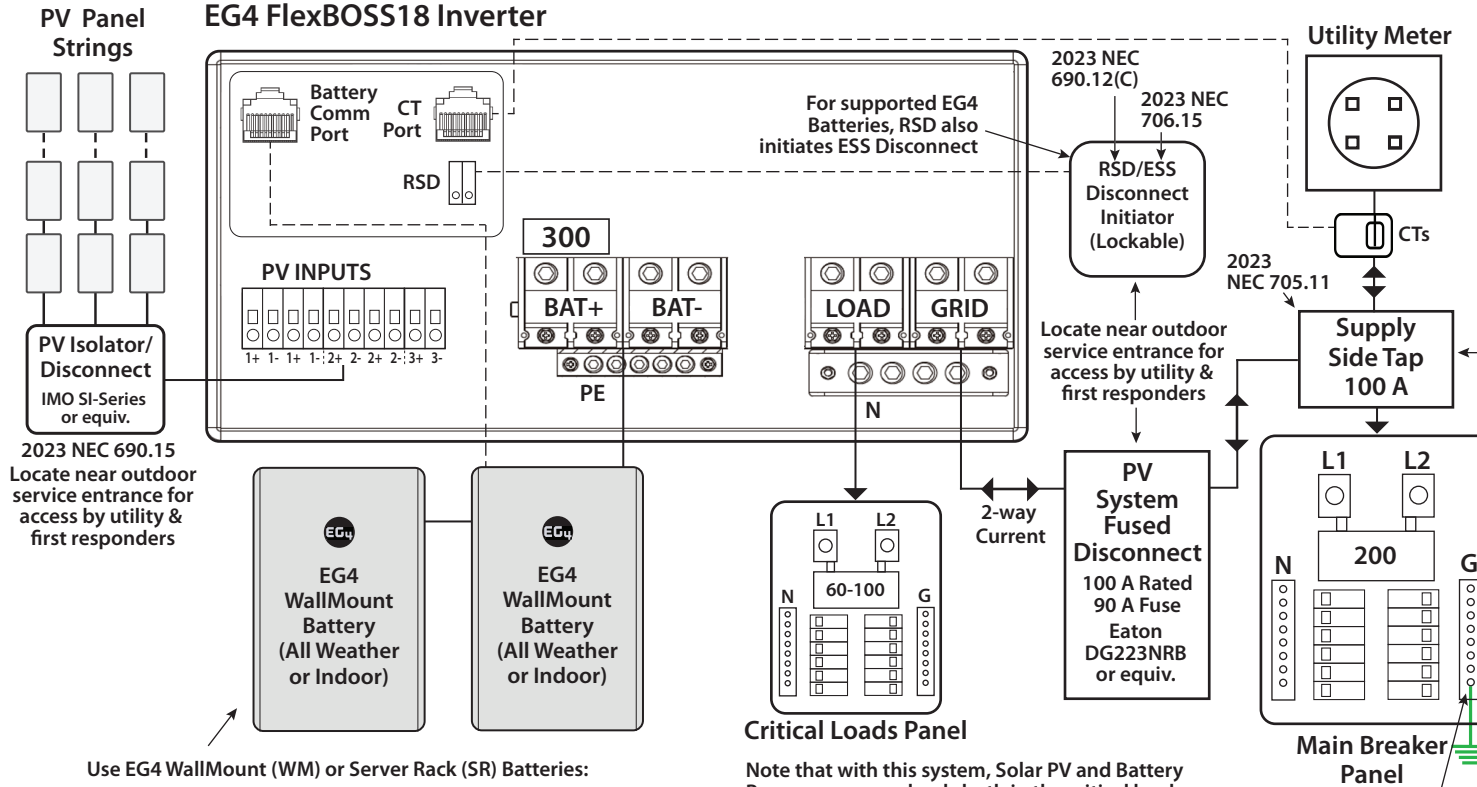
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**Caution:** A Supply Side Tap will essentially add loads to your Service Entrance since the FlexBOSS18 adds 50 A to the total house loads with its battery charger. With this increased load there is the very real danger of overloading the Service Entrance conductors if the home is already using the full capacity of a 200 A Service. Do this only under advisement of your electrician and/or Electrical Inspector. Alternatively use a Feeder Tap to mitigate this risk. Feeder taps locate this extra load on the load side of the Main Breaker - thus protecting all Service Entrance Conductors. (See Feeder Tap Diagram).

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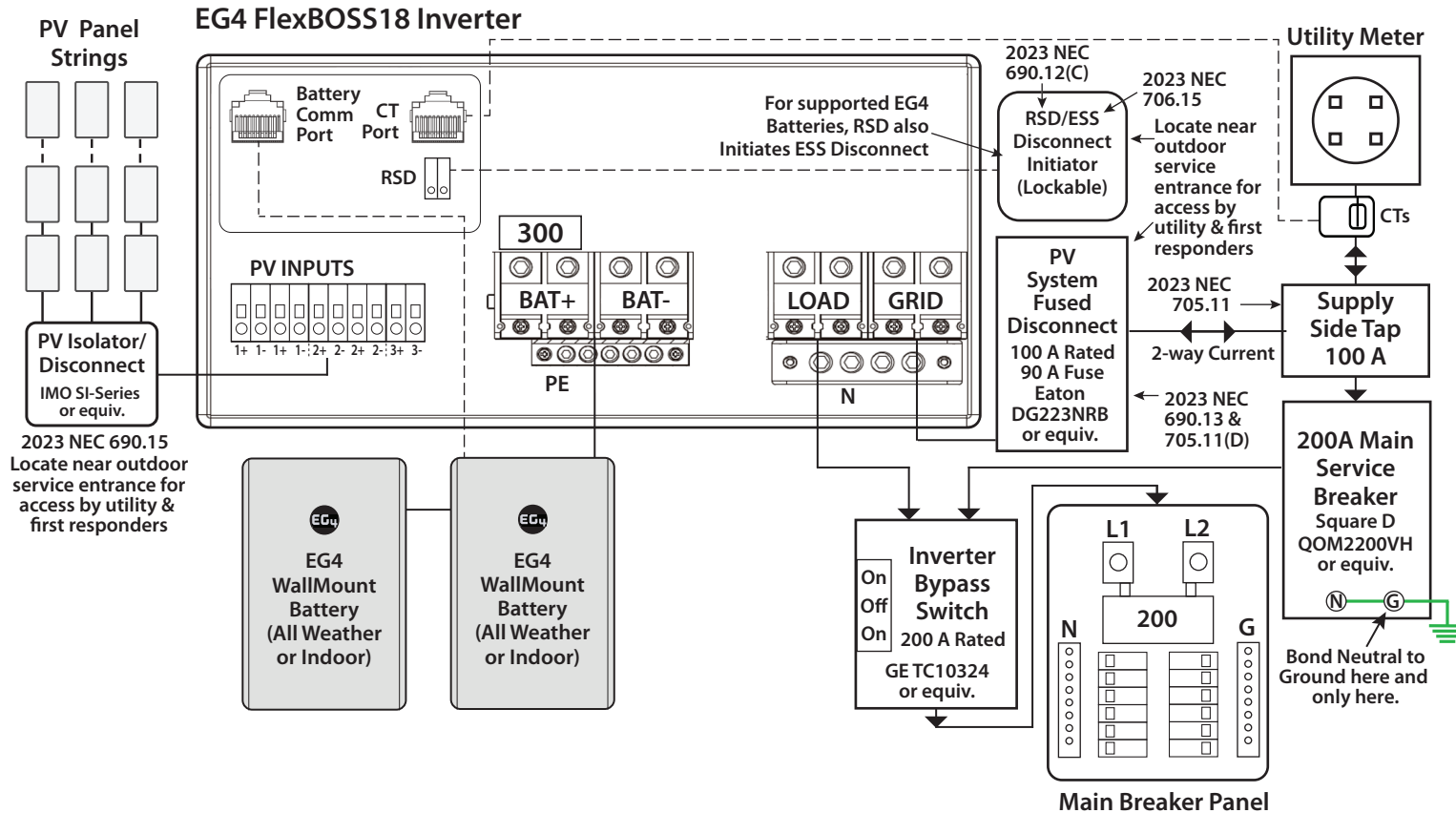
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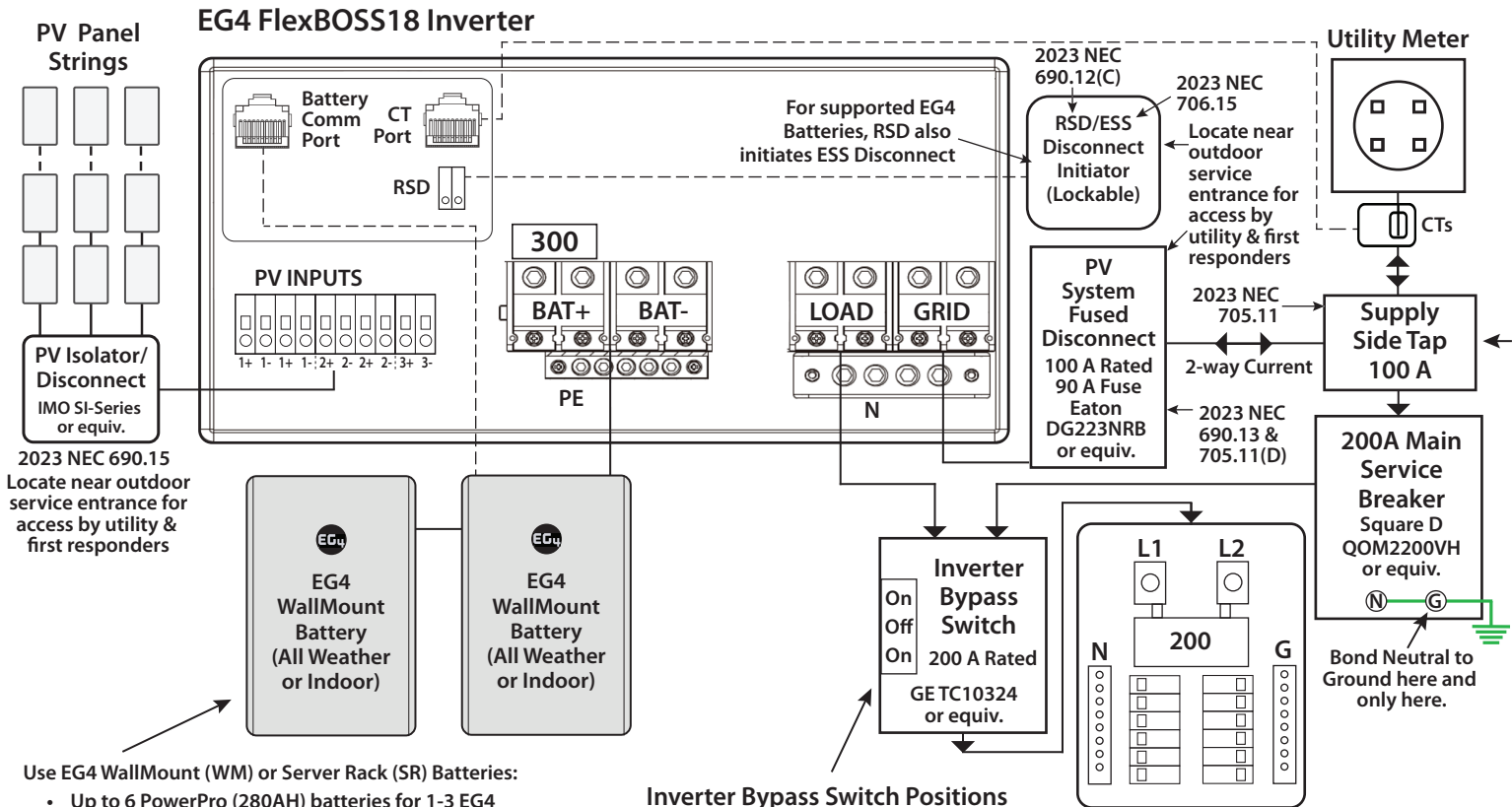
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### Inverter Bypass Switch Positions

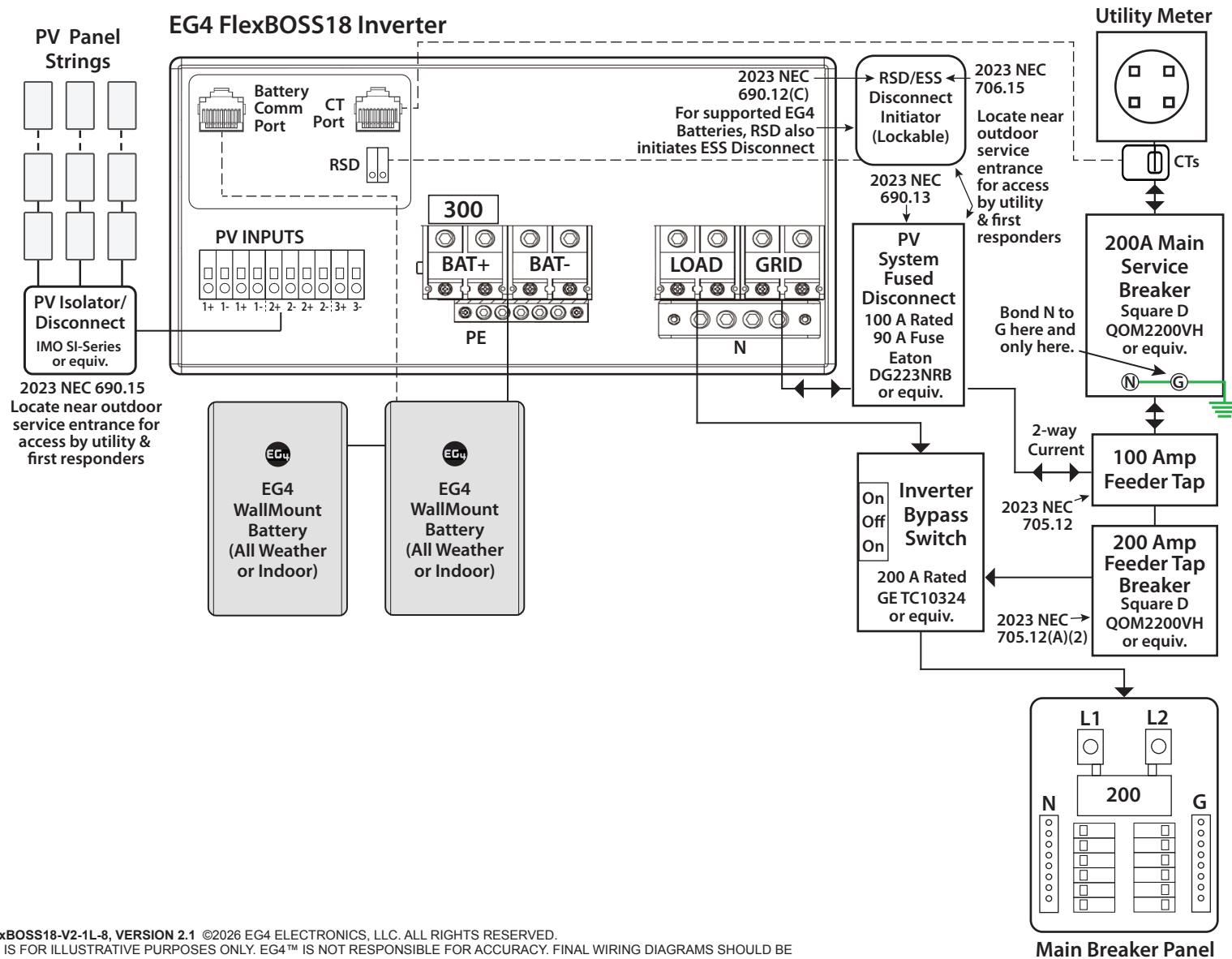
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### Main Breaker Panel

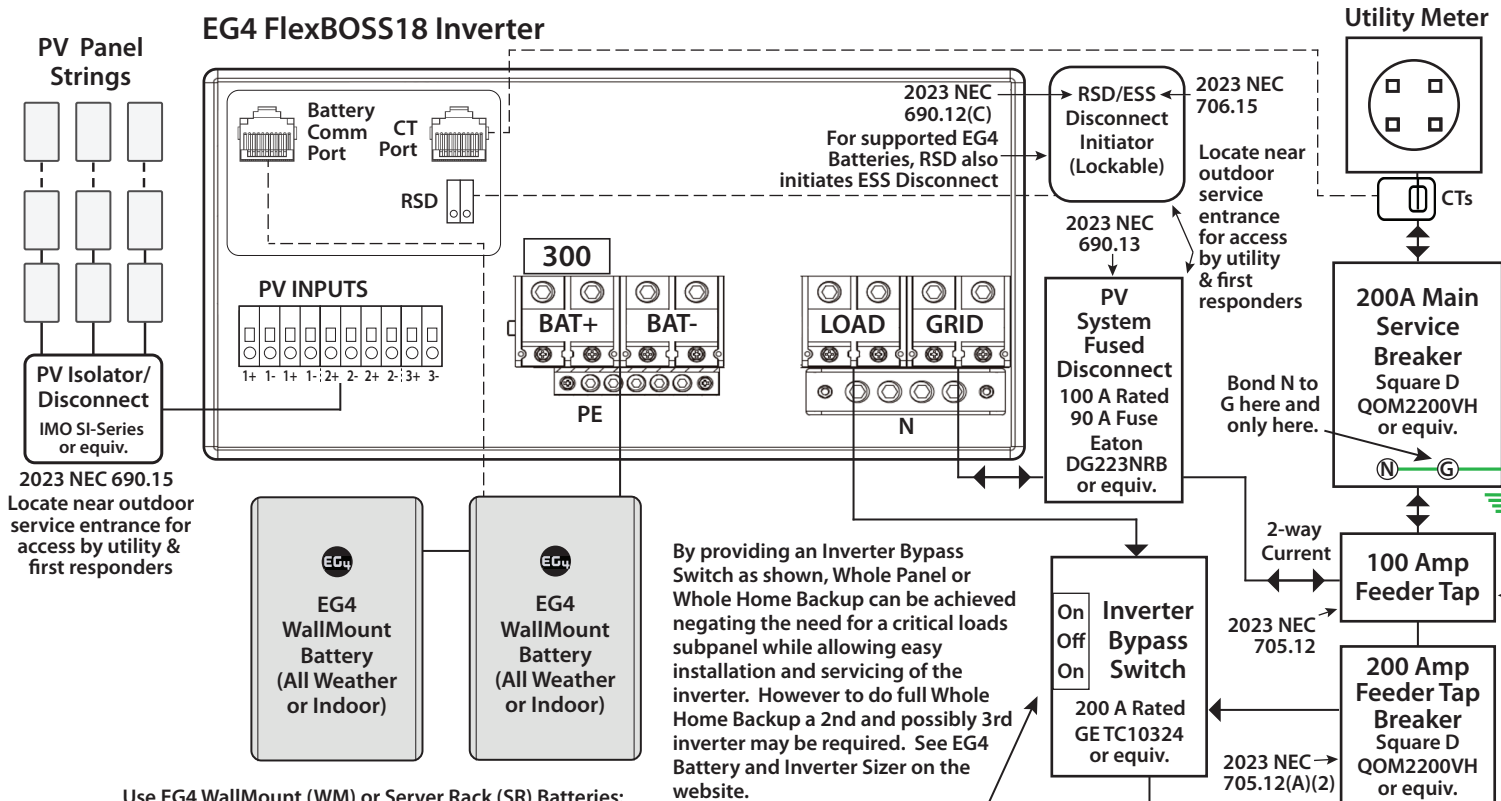
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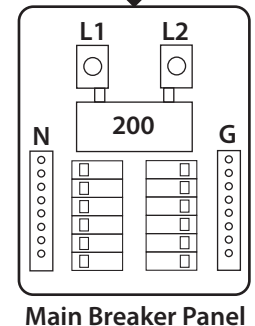
The Main Service Breaker and the Feeder Tap Breaker must be a stand-alone breaker -not a load center. There can be no loads between the Utility Meter and the Feeder Tap. If the Main Breaker Panel has a Main 200 Amp Breaker and it is within 10' of the Feeder Tap then some inspectors will allow omitting the 200 Amp Feeder Tap Breaker. However if this is done the conductors between the Feeder Tap and the Main Breaker Panel - as well as the Inverter Bypass Switch are subject to the combined amperage of the Utility (200 Amps) and the backfeed capability of the Inverter (50 Amps) while only being rated to 200 Amps. It's best to include that breaker as shown.

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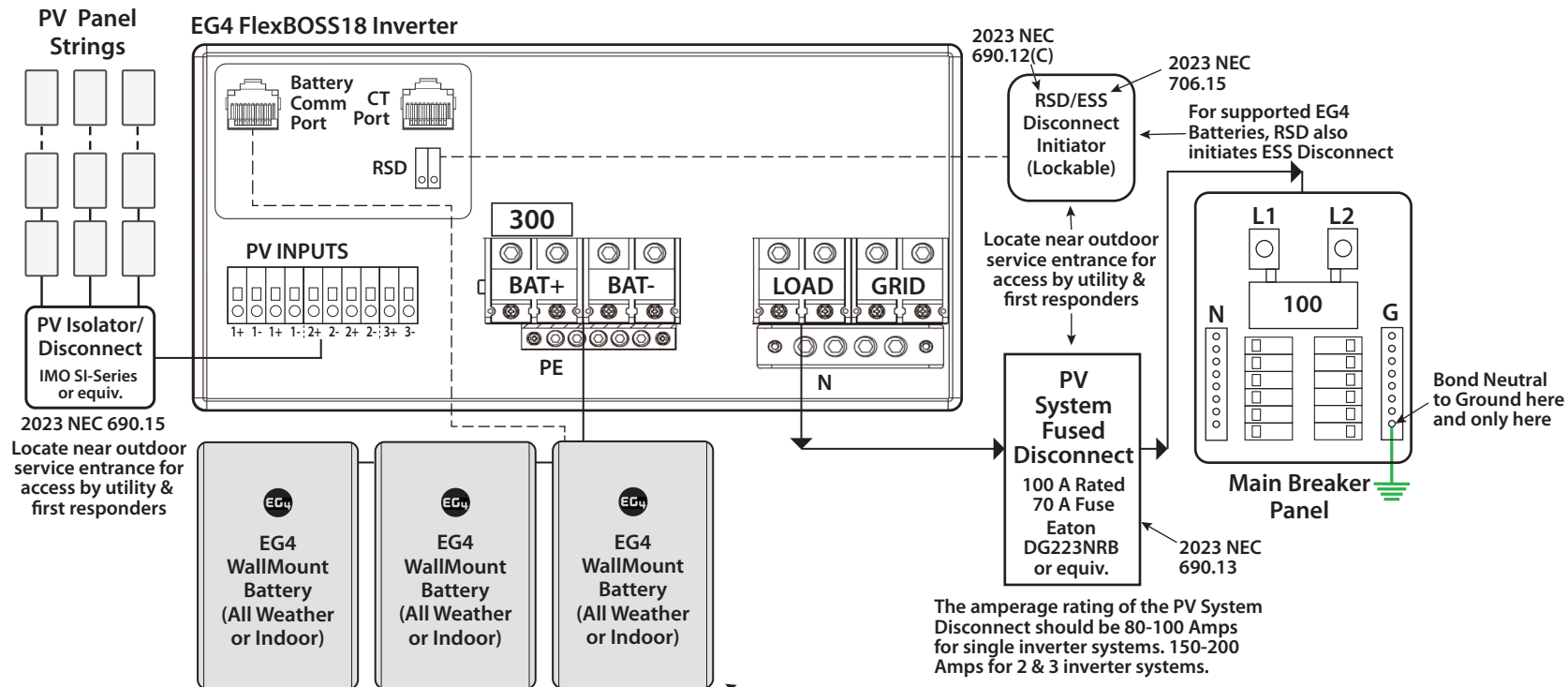
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## 9. EG4 FlexBOSS18 Off-Grid

Note: If no utility grid is present or planned then the EG4 6000XP or 12000XP inverters with generator support, AC Coupling support and Smart Load support may be a better choice for Off-Grid use.

### FlexBOSS18 AC Specs

MAX. CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE RATE	10kW
MAX. APPARENT POWER	13kW (54A @240V) 11.2kW (54A @208V)
MAX. CONTINUOUS CURRENT @ 45°C	54A
MAX. CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE W/ PV & GRID ONLY @ 45°C	10kW   13kW
POWER FACTOR (OUTPUT)	0.6 – 1.0
MAX. OUTPUT FAULT CURRENT	156A peak @ 100us
MAX. PASSTHROUGH FROM GRID	90A



### FlexBOSS18 PV DC Inputs

# OF MPPTS   # OF STRINGS PER MPPT	2/2
MAX. CURRENT PER MPPT	26A/26A
MAX. SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENT RATING PER MPPT	31A/31A
MAX. PV INPUT VOLTAGE	600 VDC
MPPT VOLTAGE RANGE	120V – 440 VDC
UNIT STARTUP VOLTAGE	200 VDC

Use EG4 WallMount (WM) or Server Rack (SR) Batteries:

- Up to 6 PowerPro (280AH) batteries for 1-3 EG4 Inverters can utilize internal bus bars with no need for external bus bars or fusing.
- Up to 12 standard Server Rack batteries in 2 EG4 6-high racks can utilize the rack bus bars with no need for external bus bars or fusing.

For larger battery configurations:

- Utilize "Disable Shared Battery" mode to avoid excessive battery cabling and to avoid paralleling more than 6 batteries.
- If you must use an external bus bar then use a fused positive battery bus bar rated  $\geq 250$  Amps per inverter using Class-T fuses and use a negative battery bus bar or power distribution block rated  $\geq 250$  Amps per inverter.