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Congo Kinshasa grid-side energy storage electricity price adjustment



Overview

Why does Kinshasa have a low power supply?

This is due mainly to the saturation of the Kinshasa distribution grid and capacity limitations for Inga 1 and 2 power plants. Power injected into the network is currently limited to about 500 MW, whereas peak demand is estimated at 1000 MW⁹.

How will rising demand affect electricity service in Kinshasa?

If this rising demand is not met with an increase in supply and improvements to electricity infrastructure, it will lead to further deterioration of electricity service. In Kinshasa, while 60% of the population has access to electricity, service quality and reliability is very poor.

How much electricity does Kinshasa use?

Residential electricity consumers are concentrated in Kinshasa and a few other large cities in the South or along the Eastern border with Rwanda and Uganda. Average annual demand per capita in Kinshasa is estimated at around 380 kWh, compared with around 330 kWh in Southern cities and 290 kWh in Eastern cities.

How is electricity produced in Democratic Republic of the Congo?

Based on the United States Energy Information Administration data from 2022, electricity in Democratic Republic of the Congo is produced from the following sources: fossil fuels 0.00%, wind 0.00%, solar 0.09%, hydro 99.91%, nuclear 0.00%, and geothermal 0.00%.

Does metering affect electricity consumption in Kinshasa?

A campaign to install conventional and prepayment meters for 22,900 new connections was carried out in the Kimbanseke and Kisenso districts of Kinshasa. Moreover, electricity connections are made by land plot containing several customers, but because of lack of metering, actual consumption is

unknown.

Is Snel still a key contributor to electricity access in Kinshasa?

SNEL, the national utility, remains a critical contributor to electricity access, in particular in Kinshasa, but is caught in a vicious cycle of mounting commercial losses, deteriorating assets and mounting debt.

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