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South Korean energy storage power station investment



Overview

South Korea launches 2025 ESS auction offering 540 MW capacity with 15-year contracts. Learn key requirements, selection criteria, and post-award restrictions. Are South Korean companies investing in energy storage systems?

Less than a decade ago, South Korean companies held over half of the global energy storage system (ESS) market with the rushed promise of helping secure a more sustainable energy future. However, a string of ESS-related fires and a lack of infrastructure had dampened investments in this market.

Will South Korea install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems?

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy unveiled plans for a nationwide tender to install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems (BESS), marking the country's first major government-led deployment of its kind. The project is part of a broader effort to modernize South Korea's power grid and support the transition to renewable energy.

What is Gyeongsan substation - battery energy storage system?

The Gyeongsan Substation - Battery Energy Storage System is a 48,000kW lithium-ion battery energy storage project located in Jillyang-eup, North Gyeongsang, South Korea. The rated storage capacity of the project is 12,000kWh. The electro-chemical battery storage project uses lithium-ion battery storage technology.

Why is South Korea launching the ESS central contract market auction?

The South Korean government, under the auspices of its carbon neutrality and energy transition goals, has launched the 2025 1st ESS Central Contract Market auction, marking an evolution in the country's battery energy storage system strategy. South Korea has committed to increasing renewable energy capacity while maintaining grid stability.

Does South Korea have a battery industry?

But South Korea's battery industry faces mounting pressure from China, whose manufacturers, led by CATL, currently account for nearly 90 percent of global energy storage battery capacity. CATL expanded its footprint in January by establishing a South Korean subsidiary, signaling an aggressive push into the local market.

Why are South Korea's EV battery makers moving to North America?

South Korea's battery makers, including LG Energy Solution and SK On, have been squeezed by waning EV subsidies and shifting demand, prompting a strategic pivot toward North America, where demand for grid storage is accelerating.

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