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What to know about energy storage projects



Overview

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is a potential substitute for, or complement to, almost every aspect of a power system, including generation, transmission, and demand flexibility. Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible.

What is energy storage?

Energy storage is the capturing and holding of energy in reserve for later use. Energy storage solutions for electricity generation include pumped-hydro storage, batteries, flywheels, compressed-air energy storage, hydrogen storage and thermal energy storage components.

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What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

How does an energy storage system work?

The energy storage system “discharges” power when water, pulled by gravity, is released back to the lower-elevation reservoir and passes through a turbine

along the way. The movement of water through the turbine generates power that is fed into electric grid systems.

What are the different types of energy storage technologies?

Depending on how energy is stored, storage technologies can be broadly divided into the following three categories: thermal, electrical and hydrogen (ammonia). The electrical category is further divided into electrochemical, mechanical and electromagnetic (Figure 2).

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