

Chile's backup power storage policy

Is Chile ready for a standalone energy storage project?

This project alone nears the capacity (13GWh) the Chilean Ministry of Energy sought in a public land bidding auction for standalone energy storage projects in May of 2024. Chile has been one of the countries at the forefront of the renewable energy transition in Latin America, first with solar PV and now with BESS.

How much energy storage will Chile have in 2024?

During the Energy Storage Summit Latin America (ESS LatAm) in October 2024, Ana Rojas, executive director at the Chilean renewable energy and energy storage association (ACERA), explained how the current levels of curtailment in Chile, which could end up at approximately 5TWh in 2024, could power up to 3.4GW of 4-hour duration energy storage.

Why is energy storage important in Chile?

Image: Greenergy Grid constraints have prevented Chile from maximising the potential of its world-class solar resources. Energy storage has, therefore, become a necessity to ensure the financial viability of PV projects, writes Jonathan Tourino Jacobo.

Does Chile have a capacity payment system?

Since 1982, the Chilean market has recognized capacity payment for plants that contribute adequacy to the electrical system. With Law 20.936 of 2016, the existence of energy storage systems (Energy Storage Systems or SAE) and hybrid energy systems (Renewable Plants with Storage Capacity or CRCA) was recognized in the law.

Should energy storage be a luxury asset in Chile?

Having energy storage in Chile is no longer a luxury asset but has become an "absolute necessity", explains Alejandro McDonough, business development manager of Americas area sales at Wärtsilä Energy Storage and Optimisation (Wärtsilä ES&O).

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations.

Chile moves on storage to "decarbonize the night" Image: Engie Chile From ESS News Solar and energy storage deployment is booming in Chile, spurred on by supportive government policy ...

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To solve these problems, two major projects are on the horizon. First, Chile plans to install 5 gigawatts of battery storage by 2030 enough to store huge amounts of renewable ...

o Chile's strong commitment to renewables combined with the country's poor transmission system generates not only opportunities, but also the need for storage to support the grid by providing ...

DNV has enabled Zelestra to secure a \$282 million green financing package for Chile's Aurora project--a landmark 220 MWdc solar PV and 1 GWh battery storage hybrid ...

Discover how Chile can prevent power blackout, strengthen its grid, and lead in renewable energy with smart storage and policy reforms.

Spanish renewables developer Zelestra has signed a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with gas provider Abastible for a solar-plus-storage plant in Chile.

The current wave of excitement around Chile's BESS market started in October 2022, when the Chilean government passed legislation that incentivised the deployment of ...

Chile plans to deploy five gigawatts of battery storage capacity by 2030, together with the commissioning of the 3 GW Kimal-Lo Aguirre high-voltage direct current transmission ...

Summary: Chile's innovative backup power storage policy is reshaping its renewable energy landscape. This article explores the policy's framework, its implications for solar and wind ...

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In March 2024, Atlas Renewable Energy announced it has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Chilean mining giant Codelco for the supply of 375 GWh of energy per ...

Supreme Decree No. 70 of 2023 (DS 70) has been recently approved, modifying Supreme Decree No. 62 (DS 62), which regulates the capacity payment, also called ...

Chile is accelerating its decarbonization strategy according to "Chile power markets long-term outlook H1 2025" report by Wood Mackenzie. However, rapid renewable growth has ...

Chile's latest energy storage tender isn't just another bureaucratic process--it's a gold rush for clean energy. With solar panels sprawled across the Atacama Desert like a sci-fi ...

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You know how Chile's Atacama Desert gets more solar radiation than any place on Earth? Well, here's the kicker - last year alone, Chile wasted enough solar energy to power 300,000 ...

[4] In November 2024, Chile's solar power generation capacity was projected to quadruple until 2060, in order to help decarbonize Chile's electricity generation. Energy storage will play a key ...

Bustos et al. [36] used a 27-bus model of the Chilean power grid to analyse the potential role of the energy storage systems as possible substitutes for extending the ...

The auction is technology-neutral, and coal-fired plant conversion projects, renewables and energy storage schemes, although not standalone ...

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