

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.

Why is energy storage important in Chile?

Image: Grenergy 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.

Is Chile ready for large co-located projects?

Appetite for large co-located projects is already presentin Chile's nascent market, notably Oasis de Atacama, one of the largest BESS projects being built globally, located in the Atacama region.

Should energy storage be a luxury asset in Chile?

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

Does Chile need a nighttime electricity supply?

"Mining represents roughly 60% of the total energy consumption [in Chile]. Out of roughly 12GW,nearly 7-8GW comes from mining, all of which need to be supplied 24/7. There's a lot of space [to supply with batteries]," explains McDonough. Rojas outlined the urgent need to decarbonise the nighttime electricity supply in Chile.

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A shift in the power mix from coal- and gas-based electricity generation to photovoltaics and other renewable, for example installing photovoltaic panels on rooftops or solar farms, can ...

Chile-based utility E-CL, a subsidiary of French energy company Engie, formerly GDF Suez, the largest independent power producer in the world, was awarded the project.

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