

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.

Where are Chile's battery energy storage facilities located?

Chile's first battery energy storage projects were commissioned in 2009, and all but two of its 16 administrative regions have facilities in operation, under construction or in the planning stage. The greatest installed capacity is found in the northern regions of Antofagasta and Tarapacá, the country's solar powerhouses.

Which Chinese companies are building a solar power plant in Chile?

Chinese companies have in recent years built, or announced plans to build, Chile's longest power line, solar plants and wind farms, while in battery storage, solar giant Trina has launched three projects in the country. John Bartlett is a British journalist based in Santiago, Chile, covering economics, politics and culture.

How much energy storage will Chile have in 2024?

During the Energy Storage Summit Latin America (ESS LatAm) in October 2024, Ana Lí a 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.

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 Wärtsilä Energy Storage and Optimisation (Wärtsilä ES&O).

However, in recent years, Chile has been facing some serious issues: curtailment and marginal costs nearing zero. With solar project owners needing to find a solution to make ...

Chile's Atacama desert is home to the only solar thermal tower in Latin America. The imposing 240-meter construction is one of the pillars of the ...



Chile is actively working towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, defined under the Ley Marco de Cambio Climático or Framework Law ...

Chile has emerged as a world leader in hybrid systems and standalone energy storage since implementing its Renewable Energy Storage and Electromobility Act in 2022. ...

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But that"s just the appetizer. From Saudi Arabia"s desert megaprojects to Chile"s solar-powered storage giants, the race to build the world"s largest grid-side energy storage systems is heating ...

The first two phases of Oasis de Atacama, the largest solar power and energy storage project in Latin America, have come on stream in Chile's Antofagasta Region. As part ...

It forms part of the hybrid Aurora project in Tarapacá, Chile, which also includes 220 MWdc solar plant with Sungrow"s 1+X Modular Inverter. The BESS scheme is one of the ...

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Solar power in Chile is an increasingly important source of energy. Total installed photovoltaic (PV) capacity in Chile reached 11.05 GW in 2023. [1] In 2024, Solar energy provided 19.92 ...

German energy firm RWE has received environmental approval for its the Los Durmientes solar and storage plant. The project, located in the Antofagasta region of Chile, ...

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