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Grid Energy Storage Policy



Overview

Is energy storage a distinct asset class within the electric grid system?

The authors support defining energy storage as a distinct asset class within the electric grid system, supported with effective regulatory and financial policies for development and deployment within a storage-based smart grid system in which storage is placed in a central role.

What role does energy storage play in a smart grid?

Asset class position and role of energy storage within the smart grid As utility networks are transformed into smart grids, interest in energy storage systems is increasing within the context of aging generation assets, heightening renewable energy penetration, and more distributed sources of generation .

How do grid operators use energy storage?

Currently, grid operators would use strategies, such as back-casting (using historical data to predict economically desirable deployment schedules) to apply energy storage. This strategy does not completely capture arbitrage value due to near time weather and usage variations (only 85%) .

Why is grid-connected energy storage important?

As the electricity sector relies more on variable energy sources like wind and solar, grid-connected energy storage will become increasingly important to support reliable electricity supply. Storage can transfer electricity generated during hours when renewable energy is plentiful to meet demand at other times of the day.

What are the different types of energy storage policy?

Approximately 16 states have adopted some form of energy storage policy, which broadly fall into the following categories: procurement targets, regulatory adaption, demonstration programs, financial incentives, and consumer protections. Below we give an overview of each of these energy

storage policy categories.

What is a storage policy?

All of the states with a storage policy in place have a renewable portfolio standard or a nonbinding renewable energy goal. Regulatory changes can broaden competitive access to storage such as by updating resource planning requirements or permitting storage through rate proceedings.

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