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Kuwait Electric New Energy Storage Application



Overview

Launched in 2019, its first phase includes 70 MW of capacity: 10 MW wind, 10 MW solar PV, and 50 MW concentrated solar power (CSP) with 10-hour molten salt storage (ScienceDirect). This innovative storage solution ensures a steady power supply, even when the sun isn't shining. Does Kuwait need a new energy strategy?

To ensure economic development and social prosperity in the years to come, Kuwait will require a new energy strategy, combined with a plan to foster economic diversification and reduce fossil fuel dependency.

How can Kuwait keep pace with rising demand for electricity?

Keeping pace with rising demand for electricity will be critical to Kuwait's economic development, and reforms, such as opening up the power generation sector to independent power producers and independent water and power producers, are key to increasing the currently low share of private company involvement in the sector.

Will Kuwait increase the share of renewables in energy demand?

Kuwait has a soft target of increasing the share of renewables in total energy demand to about 15% by 2030, up from less than 1% today. The potential for increasing the share of renewables in the electricity generation mix in Kuwait is huge, given its substantial solar and wind resources. Central Statistics Office,

What is the future of Kuwait's Electricity sector?

The Ministry of Electricity and Water estimates that reserve margins could drop to 8% by 2020. Kuwait plans to increase base-load electricity generating capacity to 32 GW by 2035 (see Chapter 2). Until very recently, the Ministry of Electricity and Water was solely responsible for the development of the electricity sector.

Does Kuwait need solar power in 2035?

Despite some progress in supporting solar generation, in the Business-as-Usual Case, the share of renewables in total primary energy demand remains low in 2035, only 3%. Electricity generation capacity in Kuwait increases by over 13.2 gigawatts over the Outlook period, reaching 32 GW in 2035, a 70% increase over capacity in 2018.

Should Kuwait reevaluate its power generation and desalination plans?

Environmental considerations, cost reductions in renewable energy technologies and higher than expected growth in electricity and water demand could persuade Kuwait to reevaluate its current expansion plans for the power generation and desalination sectors, particularly if MED and RO technologies prove to be more efficient and reliable.

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