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Overview

The state-owned electricity and water company announced last week that the deployment and grid connection of a 1MW / 4MWh Tesla Powerpack battery energy storage system (BESS) had been completed “ahead of schedule and beginning operations to benefit from it during the summer period,” during which Qatar’s energy demand is at its seasonal highest. Who is acquiring a Bess project in Saudi Arabia?

Most of the projects are expected to be procured by government-owned public entities, such as SPPC, SEC, EWEC and ENOWA (NEOM). The Saudi Electricity Company (SEC) awarded a 7.8 GWh BESS contract to Al Gihaz (using a Sungrow BESS) in Q2 2024 with commissioning expected in 2025.

How does Bess procurement work in the UAE?

In the UAE, Emirates Water and Electricity Company (EWEC) issued in July 2024 a RfP for a 400 MW / 400 MWh standalone BESS project. These offtakers conduct BESS procurement either through the EPC route, where they procure the BESS product, or via the IFP route, where they procure flexibility services.

What are UAE and KSA's energy goals?

The UAE and KSA governments have set ambitious targets for the share of clean energy in the electricity mix, e.g., 50% renewable energy and 50% natural gas by 2030 in KSA. The UAE and Saudi Arabia have already deployed 9 GW and aim to reach 144 GW of renewable power capacity by 2030.

Will Saudi be the third biggest Bess market in 2026?

And if we add recent tenders, this will lead to a whopping 33.5 GWh of BESS capacity by 2026. This would make Saudi the third biggest global BESS market after the USA and China. While KSA is certainly leading the pack, increasing deployments can be witnessed all across MENA and the Gulf or GCC region in particular.

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