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Are battery energy storage systems a viable alternative for Chilean power producers?

With transmission lines at overcapacity and permitting delays slowing the development of new grid infrastructure, battery energy storage systems (BESS) have surged as a profitable alternative for Chilean power producers.

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations.

Will capacity payments be applicable to energy storage systems in Chile?

Pursuant to Law 21,505, the Chilean Ministry of Energy has proposed to amend the regulations on capacity payments to allow for those payments to be applicable to energy storage systems.

Will new solar assets in Chile have storage components?

New utility-scale renewable and PMGE assets in Chile (most of which are distributed solar plants smaller than 9 MW) will likely all have storage components moving forward.

How can battery storage help reduce the financial impact of curtailment?

Battery storage systems can capitalize on this arbitrage opportunity and help reduce the financial impact of curtailment in hybrid solar power plants until large transmission line projects become operational, stabilizing cashflows. Chile has an operational installed capacity of approximately 1GW in batteries, and another 3GW is under construction.

Can co-located batteries help solar plants capture better power prices?

Co-located batteries, like Engie S.A.'s BESS Coya, will help solar plants capture better power prices by charging the batteries during solar hours when power prices are very low and dispatching energy during peak hours when prices are close to USD 100/MWh.



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