

When will large-scale energy storage projects go online in Chile?

The Chilean authorities plan to hold the first procurement exercise for large-scale storage projects in 2024, with the first systems expected to go online in 2026. The president of Chile, Gabriel Boric, has said that the government is now preparing a bill to establish a tender mechanism for large-scale energy storage facilities.

Is Chile preparing a tender mechanism for large-scale energy storage facilities?

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How much energy will Chile have by 2026?

According to estimates of the national electric system of Chile (SEN) cited by Americas Market Intelligence, the country will have 13.2 GWh/2 GW (6-8-hour duration) of operating energy storage by 2026. The northern regions of Antofagasta and Atacama account for nearly 5GW of the BESS pipeline.

Is lithium ion battery storage available in Chile?

While many projects are under development, lithium-ion battery storage is still limited. 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.

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.

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.

Chile passed an energy storage and electromobility bill in late 2022, making stand-alone storage projects profitable for operators. However, the market is still awaiting new rules regarding a capacity payment for storage ...



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