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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.

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.

Why are project finance transactions increasing in Chile?

Fitch Ratings-Sao Paulo/New York-01 April 2025: Project finance transactions in Chile are expected to increase due to the recent commissioning of large battery energy storage systems (BESS), Fitch Ratings says. This should balance electricity supply and demand while reducing price volatility for renewable energy generators.

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.

Does DNV support a Bess project in Chile?

In related standalone BESS news, assurance provider and energy expert company DNV has supported renewables developer Atlas Renewable Energy to secure US\$289 million in financing for a standalone 800MWh BESS project in Chile.

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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