

# Energy storage delays grid upgrade and expansion

Is grid interconnection causing project delays & cancellations?

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) adopted major interconnection reforms in 2023 that have not yet taken effect in most regions; project developers continue to cite grid interconnection as a leading cause of project delays and cancellations.

What happens if grid investment is not scaled up quickly?

This includes the digitalisation of distribution grids and enabling more flexibility through demand response and energy storage. A new scenario developed for the report, the Grid Delay Case, examines what would happen if grid investment is not scaled up quickly enough and regulatory reforms for grids are slow.

What is the \$119 million investment in grid scale energy storage?

With the \$119 million investment in grid scale energy storage included in the President's FY 2022 Budget Request for the Office of Electricity, we'll work to develop and demonstrate new technologies, while addressing issues around planning, sizing, placement, valuation, and societal and environmental impacts.

What is the grid delay case?

For this report, we developed the Grid Delay Case to explore the impacts of more limited investment, modernisation, digitalisation and operational changes than are envisioned in the IEA's climate-focused scenarios. The Grid Delay Case shows transitions stalling, with slower uptake of renewables and higher fossil fuel use.

Why do we need a new grid?

Grids need to both operate in new ways and leverage the benefits of distributed resources, such as rooftop solar, and all sources of flexibility. This includes deploying grid-enhancing technologies and unlocking the potential of demand response and energy storage through digitalisation.

Will grid-enhancing technologies increase energy use in 2039?

The study says grid-enhancing technologies can also be installed more quickly than other network upgrades. East Coast-Midwest grid operator PJM said it expects energy use in its 13-state footprint will increase nearly 40% by 2039, from 800 TWh to about 1,100 TWh.

However, the analyst said at the California trade show and reiterated this week that demand for energy storage remains strong, with the challenges largely representing a series of delays in project development and execution, rather than cancellations. "The energy storage industry is facing growing pains.

Energy storage refers to technologies capable of storing electricity generated at one time for later use. These technologies can store energy in a variety of forms including as electrical, mechanical, electrochemical or

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thermal energy. Storage is an important resource that can provide system flexibility and better align the supply of variable renewable energy with demand by shifting the ...

Greening the Grid is supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and is managed through the USAID-NREL Partnership, which addresses critical aspects of advanced energy systems including grid modernization, distributed energy resources and storage, power sector resilience, and the data and analytical tools needed to ...

TSO plans reveal a trend of increasing grid expansion over the coming decade, alongside network refurbishments and upgrades. However, higher or front-loaded investments are likely to be necessary in countries where grid plans lag behind existing energy policy. Europe's extensive grid system is already helping enable decarbonisation.

Therefore, we believe that there is no need to consider many different combinations of energy/power capacity for ESSs in order to illustrate the fact that ESS capacity additions may either increase or decrease transmission network upgrades depending on how widely distributed ESSs are.] which are compared to the optimal transmission expansion ...

This model uses polyhedral uncertainty sets to model the uncertainties in load demand and wind power generation. Reference proposes a method for energy storage siting and sizing to delay grid upgrades, quantifying the benefits of energy storage in postponing grid upgrades and incorporating them into the upper-level objective function. The ...

New models for grid infrastructure, including energy storage systems, microgrids, and VPPs, present additional opportunities for grid modernization. Energy storage systems allow energy produced at a certain time, such as during daylight or windy hours, to be used hours, days, weeks, or months later. These systems can also serve important grid ...

Tightness in supply chains holding back grid upgrades and expansion. Further delays in the delivery of new grid infrastructure relate to the availability of materials. Global supply chains of all kinds have faced bottlenecks in recent years, in part due to the effects of the covid pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

In the past years, ESSs have used for limited purposes. Recent advances in energy storage technologies lead to widespread deployment of these technologies along with power system components. By 2008, the total energy storage capacity in the world was about 90 GWs . In recent years due to rising integration of RESs the installed capacity of ESSs ...

This method is a proxy for market innovation and progress for energy storage technologies. The number of patents filed related to energy storage technologies have increased considerably since 2000. As of 2021,

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15,456 claimed priorities for energy storage patents were submitted, a 400% increase from 2000. This is a positive indication that ...

Recent reports released by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) highlight how high interconnection costs--which refer to the costs associated with interconnecting an energy generator or storage project to the grid, including investments at the point of interconnection and any broader network upgrades needed to accommodate the ...

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Besides, the draft states that Brussels will grant "projects of common interest" status upon 68 electricity projects, 12 of which are related to energy storage. Furthermore, Brussels will collaborate with investors, regulators, and credit agencies to make it easier for grid projects to secure loans, equity and guarantees, reported the news ...

A US\$14.3 trillion shortfall in global grid investment is expected by 2050, with an annual global grid infrastructure (transmission and distribution lines) expansion gap of 2.08 million kilometers (figure 1). 2 Meanwhile, the development timeline for grid infrastructure is three to seven times slower than that of renewable energy installations ...

Energy storage "key" to sustainability - report; ... Grid expansion delays could significantly exacerbate climate change. A new scenario, called the Grid Delay Case and modelled for the report, finds that cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions between 2030 and 2050 would be almost 60 billion tonnes higher if insufficient grid expansion results in ...

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved an interconnection reform rule July 27 that aims to speed grid connections for wind, solar, energy storage and other generating resources.

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opportunity helps solve the grid of today's challenges and facilitates the transformation to a modernized, future grid that is resilient, reliable, secure, affordable, flexible, and sustainable. Figure 1. R& D areas of next-generation grid technologies. Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity

In an Appendix Duke outlined the transmission system planning and grid transformation it said is needed to deliver energy reliably under its proposed new mix of generation assets, arriving at billions in costs.. Duke Energy focused on the near-term challenge of what it calls "red zone" upgrades that will be needed to

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interconnect new resources to its grid.

Storage: We are planning for 1.65GW of battery storage to be in place by 2030. This is more than the 750MW originally modelled and will help store wind and solar energy to be used when there is no sun or wind.

Long-duration energy storage (LDES) is a key resource in enabling zero-emissions electricity grids but its role within different types of grids is not well understood. Using the Switch capacity ...

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