

Chile power generation container

Is Chile ready for a standalone energy storage project?

This project alone nears the capacity (13GWh) the Chilean Ministry of Energy sought in a public land bidding auction for standalone energy storage projects in May of 2024. Chile has been one of the countries at the forefront of the renewable energy transition in Latin America, first with solar PV and now with BESS.

How much energy storage will Chile have in 2024?

During the Energy Storage Summit Latin America (ESS LatAm) in October 2024, Ana Rojas, executive director at the Chilean renewable energy and energy storage association (ACERA), explained how the current levels of curtailment in Chile, which could end up at approximately 5TWh in 2024, could power up to 3.4GW of 4-hour duration energy storage.

Where are Chile's battery energy storage facilities located?

Chile's first battery energy storage projects were commissioned in 2009, and all but two of its 16 administrative regions have facilities in operation, under construction or in the planning stage. The greatest installed capacity is found in the northern regions of Antofagasta and Tarapacá, the country's solar powerhouses.

Will Chile's storage capacity double in 2032?

The energy ministry spokesperson told Dialogue Earth that the country's environmental assessment body is currently assessing the viability of 300 more storage projects, with a total capacity of 16 GW. According to some projections, between 2026 and 2032, Chile's total storage capacity could double to 4 GW.

Should energy storage be a luxury asset in Chile?

Having energy storage in Chile is no longer a luxury asset but has become an "absolute necessity", explains Alejandro McDonough, business development manager of Americas area sales at Wartsila; Energy Storage and Optimisation (Wartsila; ES&O).

Does Chile have a capacity payment system?

Since 1982, the Chilean market has recognized capacity payment for plants that contribute adequacy to the electrical system. With Law 20.936 of 2016, the existence of energy storage systems (Energy Storage Systems or SAE) and hybrid energy systems (Renewable Plants with Storage Capacity or CRCA) was recognized in the law.

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