

Three ways to charge energy storage devices

What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system (ESS) for electricity generation uses electricity (or some other energy source, such as solar-thermal energy) to charge an energy storage system or device, which is discharged to supply (generate) electricity when needed at desired levels and quality. ESSs provide a variety of services to support electric power grids.

What is the power capacity of a battery energy storage system?

As of the end of 2022, the total nameplate power capacity of operational utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) in the United States was 8,842 MW and the total energy capacity was 11,105 MWh. Most of the BESS power capacity that was operational in 2022 was installed after 2014, and about 4,807 MW was installed in 2022 alone.

How many energy storage projects are planned in 2023?

All other planned energy storage projects reported to EIA in various stages of development are BESS projects and have a combined total nameplate power capacity additions of 22,255 MW planned for installation in 2023 through 2026. About 13,881 MW of that planned capacity is co-located with solar photovoltaic generators.

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