

## What does grid-connected energy storage projects mean

### What is grid energy storage?

Grid energy storage, also known as large-scale energy storage, are technologies connected to the electrical power grid that store energy for later use. These systems help balance supply and demand by storing excess electricity from variable renewables such as solar and inflexible sources like nuclear power, releasing it when needed.

#### How does a grid-connected system work?

With a grid-connected system, when your renewable energy system generates more electricity than you can use at that moment, the electricity goes onto the electric grid for your utility to use elsewhere.

#### How do grid-scale energy storage systems work?

To overcome this challenge, grid-scale energy storage systems are being connected to the power grid to store excess electricity at times when it's plentiful and then release it when the grid is under periods of especially high demand.

#### What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system (ESS) for electricity generationuses 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.

#### How can energy storage make grids more flexible?

Energy storage is one option to making grids more flexible. An other solution is the use of more dispatchable power plants that can change their output rapidly, for instance peaking power plants to fill in supply gaps.

#### What is a battery energy storage system?

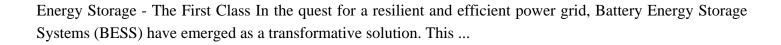
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