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Overview

Are flow batteries a low-cost long-term energy storage technology?

In an August 2024 report “Achieving the Promise of Low-Cost Long Duration Energy Storage,” the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) found flow batteries to have the lowest levelized cost of storage (LCOS) of any technology that isn’t geologically constrained. DOE estimates that flow batteries can come to an LCOS of \$0.055/kWh.

Are flow batteries still king?

With most energy transition technologies, cost is still king. Innovators in the flow battery space have been working hard to develop options that compete with both lithium-ion and vanadium, the dominant flow battery chemistry available on the market today. That work seems to be paying off.

Are flow batteries a viable alternative to lithium-ion?

Flow batteries are emerging as a lucrative option that can overcome many of lithium-ion’s shortcomings and address unmet needs in the critical mid- to long-duration energy storage (LDES) space. With most energy transition technologies, cost is still king.

Are flow batteries a game-changer for large-scale energy storage?

Among these innovations, flow batteries have emerged as a potential game-changer for large-scale energy storage. Recent advancements in membrane technology, particularly the development of sulfonated poly (ether ether ketone) (sPEEK) membranes, have brought flow batteries closer to widespread adoption.

What is a Technology Strategy assessment on flow batteries?

This technology strategy assessment on flow batteries, released as part of the Long-Duration Storage Shot, contains the findings from the Storage Innovations (SI) 2030 strategic initiative.

Where can flow batteries be used?

Flow batteries are already in use at scale around the world – Rongke Power connected the world’s largest flow battery to the grid in China in 2022 and CellCube has several North American flow battery installations providing grid services in partnership with G&W Electric.

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