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Overview

What is a battery energy storage system?

A battery energy storage system (BESS) is an electrochemical device that charges (or collects energy) from the grid or a power plant and then discharges that energy at a later time to provide electricity or other grid services when needed.

How long does a battery storage system last?

For example, a battery with 1 MW of power capacity and 4 MWh of usable energy capacity will have a storage duration of four hours. Cycle life/lifetime is the amount of time or cycles a battery storage system can provide regular charging and discharging before failure or significant degradation.

What is grid-scale battery storage?

Battery storage is a technology that enables power system operators and utilities to store energy for later use.

What is the difference between rated power capacity and storage duration?

Rated power capacity is the total possible instantaneous discharge capability (in kilowatts [kW] or megawatts [MW]) of the BESS, or the maximum rate of discharge that the BESS can achieve, starting from a fully charged state. Storage duration is the amount of time storage can discharge at its power capacity before depleting its energy capacity.

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How does a solar-plus-storage system work?

The solar-plus-storage system enables the utility to create a micro-grid, which provides power to a critical facility even when the rest of the grid is down. The utility operating the BESS also uses it to reduce two demand charges: an annual charge for the regional capacity market and a monthly charge for the use of transmission lines.

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