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What are the energy storage power stations in Morocco



Overview

The battery energy storage system (BESS) is intended to store power generated by Morocco's solar and wind energy installations. Morocco is pursuing a multi-faceted strategy for energy storage. Who is responsible for electricity storage in Morocco?

Electricity storage in Morocco falls within the scope of competence of the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment. ONEE is in charge of the production, the transmission and the distribution of electricity.

How is energy storage defined in Morocco?

Electricity storage is not separately defined in the Moroccan legislative framework. The rules concerning the issue of energy storage are to be found in the law applicable to the production of electricity.

How many pumped hydro storage stations are there in Morocco?

There is currently one operational pumped hydro storage station in Afourer, Morocco, with a capacity of 460 MW. This project provides for time shifted electricity supply capacity and spinning reserve capacity. The Afourer pumped storage station, which was completed in 2004, is owned by the Moroccan Government ¹.

What is Morocco's energy storage testbed project?

The projects are spearheaded by the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN) and Morocco's national electricity company ONEE. On May 20, 2025, MASEN received financing approval from the World Bank for its "Morocco Energy Storage Testbed Project", aiming to enhance grid stability.

How is Morocco accelerating its energy transition?

Morocco is accelerating its energy transition by issuing a global call for expressions of interest to build two large-scale battery storage facilities. The projects are spearheaded by the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy

(MASEN) and Morocco's national electricity company ONEE.

Will Morocco develop a second hydro pumped storage project?

The Moroccan Government intends to develop a second hydro pumped storage project with a capacity of 360 MW, called "STEP Abdelmoumen", near Agadir 3 , which is expected to become operational in 2020. Moreover, the second and third phases of the Noor project are currently being developed by MASEN, the Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy.

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