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Is Chile ready for a standalone energy storage project?

This project alone nears the capacity (13GWh) the Chilean Ministry of Energy sought in a public land bidding auction for standalone energy storage projects in May of 2024. Chile has been one of the countries at the forefront of the renewable energy transition in Latin America, first with solar PV and now with BESS.

Why is energy storage important in Chile?

Image: Greenergy Grid constraints have prevented Chile from maximising the potential of its world-class solar resources. Energy storage has, therefore, become a necessity to ensure the financial viability of PV projects, writes Jonathan Tourino Jacobo.

Why is Chile pursuing energy storage in Antofagasta?

Chilean president Gabriel Boric (centre) at the inauguration of an energy storage plant in the northern region of Antofagasta in April 2024. Chile has strong conditions for wind and solar energy, and is pursuing storage to help overcome intermittent supply (Image: Ximena Navarro / Direcci#243;n de Prensa, Presidencia de la Rep#250;blica de Chile)

How much energy storage will Chile have in 2024?

During the Energy Storage Summit Latin America (ESS LatAm) in October 2024, Ana L#237;a Rojas, executive director at the Chilean renewable energy and energy storage association (ACERA), explained how the current levels of curtailment in Chile, which could end up at approximately 5TWh in 2024, could power up to 3.4GW of 4-hour duration energy storage.

The Opportunity and Challenge Chile possesses some of the world's best conditions for solar power generation, particularly in the Atacama Desert, which experiences extraordinarily high ...

Solar and energy storage deployment is booming in Chile, spurred on by supportive government policy that has been markedly stable for 15 years. Indeed, the nation leads Latin ...

Chile's booming solar energy market in 2025, with policy support, industrial trends, and MOTOMA's turnkey solar + storage solutio for mining, agriculture, and residential secto.

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o Chile's strong commitment to renewables combined with the country's poor transmission system generates not only opportunities, but also the need for storage to support the ...

Energy storage can mitigate constraints that have prevented Chile from maximising the potential of its world-class solar resources.

To keep up the momentum, policymakers enacted the Energy Transition Law in December 2024. The legislation includes measures aimed at speeding up investments in the power ...

Chile is rapidly moving to build more power generation capacity, with much of that effort focused on renewable energy resources and battery energy storage systems (BESS). The country ...

Chile's goal to achieve 80% renewable grid by 2030 and a 100% zero emissions grid by 2050, will require an estimated 2,000 MW of energy storage every 10 years.

Curtailed solar PV and wind has continued to increase in Chile last year and passed 6TWh, up 8% year-on-year, according to ACERA.

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