

South Africa s power generation supporting energy storage policy





Overview

Is energy storage a viable option for South Africa's power system?

In the longer term, however, at higher levels of variable generation, flexibility requirements will significantly increase demanding interventions to ensure secure and cost-efficient operation of the South African power system. Energy storage was specifically noted to be highly suitable for this purpose.

Why is energy storage important in South Africa?

This enables storage to absorb excess capacity on the system when supply exceeds demand. In South Africa's constrained power system, energy storage can provide backup capacity that can be called on to reduce the extent of loadshedding. As noted earlier, energy storage offers accurate and swift / responsive dispatchability to the system.

Does South Africa's policy environment recognise energy storage?

The literature review and case studies revealed that a policy environment that recognises and signals the strategic value of energy storage can direct and enable development and investment in the sector. South Africa's policy environment, represented by the IRP 2019, recognises ESS but only as a generation asset.

How can energy storage be regulated in South Africa?

Identification of priority energy storage use cases and applications for the South African context to inform development of the corresponding regulatory framework. Amendment of the grid code to be technology agnostic and review the complete set of codes for optimal integration of ESS at all levels.

What are South Africa's energy storage development and manufacturing objectives?

South Africa's energy storage development and manufacturing objectives and roadmap. Anticipated changes in the generation and consumption profiles of



the country with consideration of the most recent IRP (Intervention 1.2 under Policy levers) and any subsequent techno-economic planning and modelling.

Is South Africa ready for energy storage?

The extent to which the South African market is ready for energy storage is considered in subsequent sections. The 2030 vision outlined in the National Development Plan (NDP) of 2011 set the objective to completely eliminate income poverty and reduce inequality in the country.



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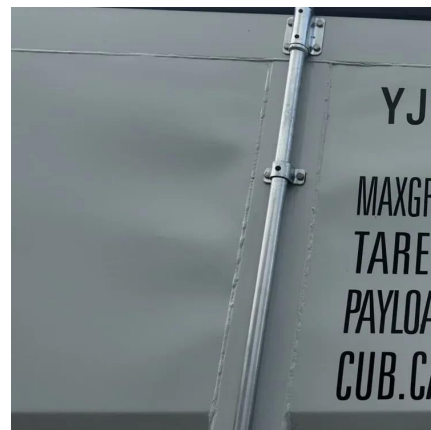
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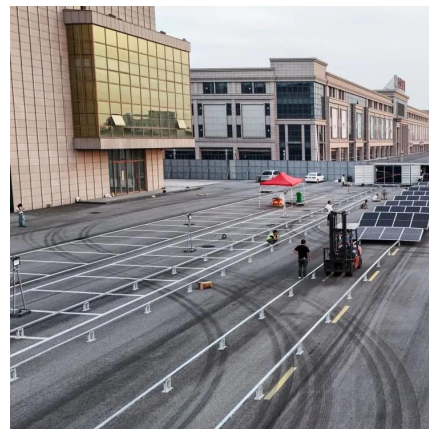
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