

Chile fuel storage solutions

How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale projects Latin America projects with an energy storage component under development are in Chile, including 32 out of 71 of the region's early works projects. The storage technologies either in use or being considered include:

Is lithium ion battery storage available in Chile?

While many projects are under development, lithium - ion battery storage is still limited. According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity.

What kind of energy does Chile use?

Chile has the potential to run exclusively on renewable generation, with an estimated energy mix of 46% solar, 31% wind, 12% hydroelectric, and 8% flexible natural gas power plants, as well as 23% of battery storage capacity. The remaining 2% is split between biomass, geothermal, and other less common energy sources.

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

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Will Chile achieve a 100% renewable grid by 2050?

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.

How much energy does Chile need to replace coal?

In addition, Chile will need an estimated 9.5GW of new flexible capacity over the next decade to fully replace coal and to achieve a significant drop in emissions necessary to meet the government's climate goals.

In an effort to meet this demand, the Chilean government confirmed earlier this year that it would allocate \$2 billion for large-scale storage auctions. Chile's highly ambitious energy storage strategy, coupled with its significant supplies of lithium - an important component of batteries used in energy storage systems - means that the ...

The energy storage market in Chile has expanded rapidly since October 2022, in the aftermath of the Electromobility Bill. The bill has spurred development and investments across the energy storage space, with both hybrid and standalone BESS projects planned, as well as ...

The technological diversity of energy storage projects in Chile is remarkable. From battery storage systems to



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innovative projects with gases such as CO₂, the country is exploring different solutions to meet changing energy demands.

Listed below are the five largest energy storage projects by capacity in Chile, according to GlobalData's power database. GlobalData uses proprietary data and analytics to provide a complete picture of the global energy storage segment.

Chile is exploring a variety of solutions to keep abreast of the changing energy demand landscape ranging from BESS to innovative projects using CO₂. In March 2024, BESS Coya, the largest battery-based energy storage system in Latin America, started operations.

By 2030, Chile is seeking to supply 70% of its total energy consumption with renewable energy sources, and aims to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. Though its nightly solar shortfalls are currently plugged by fossil fuel generation, the country has pledged to close its remaining coal-fired power plants by 2040. To achieve its ambitious ...

Chile will need new renewable energy storage systems to replace its current backup capacity of coal-fired plants and natural gas-powered combined cycle turbines and improve the reliability of the country's electric grid as it pursues new renewable energy generation.

In Chile, the growing penetration of renewable energy combined with rapidly increasing peak demand is driving greater interest in energy storage solutions. Numerous vendors are working to establish local connections and develop projects in the country, including both battery energy storage and innovative technologies offering large-scale long ...

Deploying battery-based energy storage as a transmission asset at specific nodes reduces congestion, increases use of existing transmission lines, and lowers system operation costs, as explained in a previous Fluence blog post on using energy storage as a "virtual transmission" asset in Chile and our white papers on "Redrawing the Network ...

Energy storage is a genuinely disruptive technology that could radically change the way we generate and consume energy. Our empowered and safe Energy Storage Systems (ESS) engaged 10 of the top ten global energy storage suppliers in Chile, from a wide range of ventures and non-network customers.

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