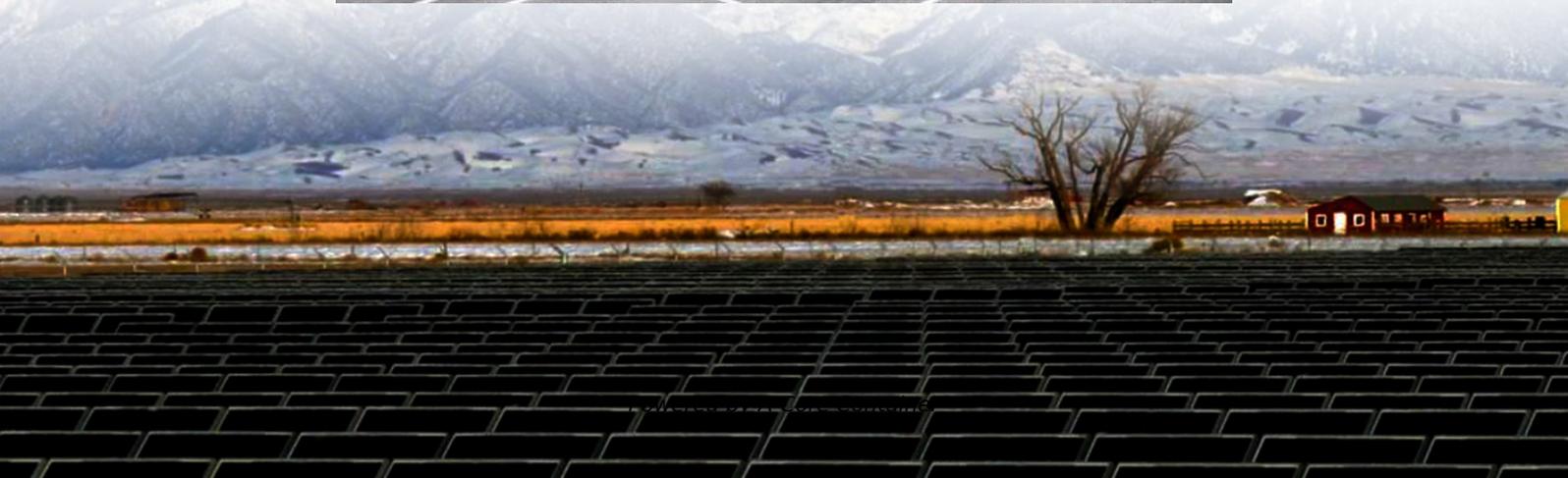


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Overview

How are energy storage systems priced?

They are priced according to five different power ratings to provide a relevant system comparison and a more precise estimate. The power rating of an energy storage system impacts system pricing, where larger systems are typically lower in cost (on a \$/kWh basis) than smaller ones due to volume purchasing, etc.

Will additional storage technologies be added?

Additional storage technologies will be added as representative cost and performance metrics are verified. The interactive figure below presents results on the total installed ESS cost ranges by technology, year, power capacity (MW), and duration (hr).

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

How do energy storage contracts work?

For standalone energy storage contracts, these are typically structured with a fixed monthly capacity payment plus some variable cost per megawatt hour (MWh) of throughput. For a combined renewables-plus-storage project, it may be structured with an energy-only price in lieu of a fixed monthly capacity payment.

Are energy storage contracts a viable option in Texas?

These contracts are particularly prevalent in Texas, which is an energy-only market (i.e., there is not a separate market for the sale of capacity). As a

result, many energy storage resources will enter into hedges that will provide them with some fixed revenue streams to facilitate a project financing.

Are recycling and decommissioning included in the cost and performance assessment?

Recycling and decommissioning are included as additional costs for Li-ion, redox flow, and lead-acid technologies. The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment analyzed energy storage systems from 2 to 10 hours. The 2022 Cost and Performance Assessment analyzes storage system at additional 24- and 100-hour durations.

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