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**Energy storage power stations
can reduce electricity charges
when increasing demand**



Overview

This paper examines the economics of installing a battery energy storage system (BESS) as a way to reduce demand charges for a typical distribution cooperative that is subject to demand charges from its wholesale power supplier. How do energy management systems reduce energy costs?

These systems can reduce energy costs by lowering demand charges (fees based on the highest rate of energy use during a billing period), load shifting (from high on-peak electric prices to lower cost off-peak prices), providing backup power, and allowing businesses to participate in demand response programs.

Why are storage systems not widely used in electricity networks?

In general, they have not been widely used in electricity networks because their cost is considerably high and their profit margin is low. However, climate concerns, carbon reduction effects, increase in renewable energy use, and energy security put pressure on adopting the storage concepts and facilities as complementary to renewables.

Why should energy storage facilities be used?

Studies have demonstrated that energy storage facilities can help smooth out the variability of renewable sources by storing surplus electricity during low-demand periods and subsequently releasing it during high-demand periods. Moreover, energy storage can prevent price spikes and blackouts during periods of high demand.

How does energy storage affect investment in power generation?

Energy storage can affect investment in power generation by reducing the need for peaker plants and transmission and distribution upgrades, thereby lowering the overall cost of electricity generation and delivery.

Can electrical energy storage solve the supply-demand balance problem?

As fossil fuel generation is progressively replaced with intermittent and less predictable renewable energy generation to decarbonize the power system, Electrical energy storage (EES) technologies are increasingly required to address the supply-demand balance challenge over a wide range of timescales.

Is energy storage the future of the power sector?

Energy storage has the potential to play a crucial role in the future of the power sector. However, significant research and development efforts are needed to improve storage technologies, reduce costs, and increase efficiency.

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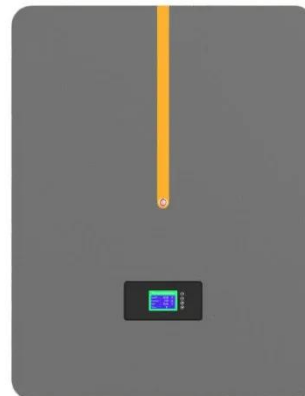


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