

# Energy storage costs are included in electricity prices

How much does storing electricity cost?

Figure depicts the overall costs of storing electricity in new plants or devices for various storage systems for the year 2018, including costs for capital, electricity, and operating and maintenance (O&M). As observed, a huge range exists for the spread of the overall costs--from about 8 cents/kWh up to close to 1 EUR/kWh.

Do storage costs compete with electricity prices?

In this context, storage costs compete with the price of electricity for end consumers, and if they are less than the final electricity prices (with all fees and taxes considered but not including the fixed costs), then the costs of storage demonstrate a positive economic performance.

What are energy related costs?

Energy related costs include all the costs undertaken to build energy storage banks or reservoirs, expressed per unit of stored or delivered energy (EUR/kWh). In this manner, cost of PCS and storage device are decoupled to estimate the contribution of each part more explicitly in TCC calculations.

How can electricity storage cost-of-service be reduced?

In the meantime, lower installed costs, longer lifetimes, increased numbers of cycles and improved performance will further drive down the cost of stored electricity services. IRENA has developed a spreadsheet-based "Electricity Storage Cost-of-Service Tool" available for download.

How can we discuss future electricity storage cost?

A new approach to discuss future electricity storage cost is introduced by McPherson et al. (2018), using the integrated assessment mode MESSAGE to include the uncertainties of VARET provision and abatement cost.

Are mechanical energy storage systems cost-efficient?

The results indicated that mechanical energy storage systems, namely PHS and CAES, are still the most cost-efficient options for bulk energy storage. PHS and CAES approximately add 54 and 71 EUR/MWh respectively, to the cost of charging power. The project's environmental permitting costs and contingency may increase the costs, however.



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