

# Energy storage subsidy policy

Are energy storage subsidy policies uncertain?

Subsidy policies for energy storage technologies are adjusted according to changes in market competition, technological progress, and other factors; thus, energy storage subsidy policies are uncertain. In this section, the investment decision of energy storage technology with different investment strategies under an uncertain policy is studied.

Are government subsidies sufficient for energy storage?

The government's incentive funds, including policy publicity and fiscal subsidies designed to encourage investment and industrial growth among energy storage operators, are insufficient compared to the national fiscal subsidies granted to the energy storage industry. Specifically, the subsidy coefficient  $S_1$  <  $D$ .

How long is the energy storage subsidy period?

The subsidy period lasts for 3 years following the completion of the energy storage project. Furthermore, depreciation and maintenance costs for the energy storage system are estimated to be 4 % of the initial system investment cost. The relevant data are summarized and presented in Supplementary Information Table D.1.1.

What is the energy storage capacity subsidy?

Additionally, the energy storage capacity subsidy is a one-time payment of 200 CNY/kW, while there are ongoing subsidies for charging and discharging (0.5 CNY/kWh) and for peak-valley arbitrage (0.7 CNY/kWh). The energy storage system is assumed to operate for 300 days annually, with two charge-discharge cycles per day.

What are energy storage policies?

These policies are mostly concentrated around battery storage system, which is considered to be the fastest growing energy storage technology due to its efficiency, flexibility and rapidly decreasing cost. ESS policies are primarily found in regions with highly developed economies, that have advanced knowledge and expertise in the sector.

Do government subsidy levels influence energy storage operators' engagement and power system transformation?

Government subsidy levels both influence and are influenced by energy storage operators' engagement and power system transformation. Energy storage operators become proactive when their participation profit coefficient exceeds a critical threshold.



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