

Government procurement price of large scale battery storage in Chile

When will large-scale energy storage projects go online in Chile?

The Chilean authorities plan to hold the first procurement exercise for large-scale storage projects in 2024, with the first systems expected to go online in 2026. The president of Chile, Gabriel Boric, has said that the government is now preparing a bill to establish a tender mechanism for large-scale energy storage facilities.

Is Chile preparing a tender mechanism for large-scale energy storage facilities?

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Will capacity payments be applicable to energy storage systems in Chile?

Pursuant to Law 21,505, the Chilean Ministry of Energy has proposed to amend the regulations on capacity payments to allow for those payments to be applicable to energy storage systems.

Are battery energy storage systems a viable alternative for Chilean power producers?

With transmission lines at overcapacity and permitting delays slowing the development of new grid infrastructure, battery energy storage systems (BESS) have surged as a profitable alternative for Chilean power producers.

How much does a battery cost in Chile?

In fact, batteries charged at nearly \$0/MWh during the day in the sunny, northern desert regions of Chile, sell energy at night for over \$100/MWh. Although projects such as Engie's BESS Coya are already enjoying these large spreads, this capacity payment will partially de-risk Chile's dependence on volatile, but still profitable, merchant revenues.

How much battery storage does Chile have?

Chile has an operational installed capacity of approximately 1GW in batteries, and another 3GW is under construction. Battery storage has been largely financed by bank lending in recent years, but we believe larger projects could increase the scope for bond financing.



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