



# Grid battery energy storage projects

Are battery energy-storage technologies necessary for grid-scale energy storage?

The rise in renewable energy utilization is increasing demand for battery energy-storage technologies (BESTs). BESTs based on lithium-ion batteries are being developed and deployed. However, this technology alone does not meet all the requirements for grid-scale energy storage.

What types of battery technologies are being developed for grid-scale energy storage?

In this Review, we describe BESTs being developed for grid-scale energy storage, including high-energy, aqueous, redox flow, high-temperature and gas batteries. Battery technologies support various power system services, including providing grid support services and preventing curtailment.

What is grid-scale battery storage?

Battery storage is a technology that enables power system operators and utilities to store energy for later use.

Why do we need a grid-scale energy-storage system?

Under some conditions, excess renewable energy is produced and, without storage, is curtailed<sup>2,3</sup>; under others, demand is greater than generation from renewables. Grid-scale energy-storage (GSES) systems are therefore needed to store excess renewable energy to be released on demand, when power generation is insufficient<sup>4</sup>.

What is a grid-connected battery system?

The use of energy stored in a grid-connected battery system to meet on-site energy demands, reducing the reliance on the external grid. The gradual loss of stored energy in a battery over time due to internal chemical reactions, even when it is not connected to a load or in use.

What is a battery energy storage system?

Enter battery energy storage systems (BESS). When intermittent energy sources like wind and solar go offline, batteries can release stored energy and provide greater reliability and stability to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) system.



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