

# Related policies for the energy storage industry

What are the different types of energy storage policy?

Approximately 16 states have adopted some form of energy storage policy, which broadly fall into the following categories: procurement targets, regulatory adaptation, demonstration programs, financial incentives, and consumer protections. Below we give an overview of each of these energy storage policy categories.

What are energy storage policy tools?

In general, policies are designed to establish boundaries and provide regulatory guidelines. According to the Energy Storage Association (ESA), the policy tools fall under three categories which are value, access and competition.

What is a storage policy?

All of the states with a storage policy in place have a renewable portfolio standard or a nonbinding renewable energy goal. Regulatory changes can broaden competitive access to storage such as by updating resource planning requirements or permitting storage through rate proceedings.

Does the energy storage strategic plan address new policy actions?

This SRM does not address new policy actions, nor does it specify budgets and resources for future activities. This Energy Storage SRM responds to the Energy Storage Strategic Plan periodic update requirement of the Better Energy Storage Technology (BEST) section of the Energy Policy Act of 2020 (42 U.S.C. § 17232 (b) (5)).

Is energy storage a distinct asset class within the electric grid system?

The authors support defining energy storage as a distinct asset class within the electric grid system, supported with effective regulatory and financial policies for development and deployment within a storage-based smart grid system in which storage is placed in a central role.

How does ESS policy affect transport storage?

The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that in the first quarter of 2020, 30% of the global electricity supply was provided by renewable energy. ESS policy has made a positive impact on transport storage by providing alternatives to fossil fuels such as battery, super-capacitor and fuel cells.



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