

Does energy storage need a regulatory framework?

Our review demonstrates that no jurisdiction currently provides a comprehensive regulatory framework for energy storage, with the majority of jurisdictions currently allowing storage to be defined as "generation" for the purposes of licensing and other regulatory requirements.

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage has become an area of focus in many jurisdictions across the globe due to its potential to offer a wide range of benefits to electricity systems. This Expert Guide brings together analysis from our legal experts across 22 jurisdictions.

Who can benefit from energy storage?

Energy storage offers a range of opportunities for standalone developers, generators, network operators and consumers (ranging from large energy users through to domestic consumers) and other electricity sector participants. Storage is an increasing focus due to the range of benefits the various technologies can provide.

What is a standalone energy storage project?

Standalone energy storage projects are increasingly utility-scale installations. For example, a battery array can provide a range of services, including ancillary services, to the system operator or network owner. This type of project allows for the deferral of network reinforcement works or islanded networks.

How flexible is energy storage?

The flexibility of energy storage is demonstrated by projects being able to provide some or all of the following to the electricity system: Energy storage may be used in a range of project types, including standalone, co-located, and behind-the-meter projects. Standalone energy storage projects are increasingly utility-scale installations.

Which energy storage technologies are being installed?

As is evident from our survey, a range of energy storage projects have been installed or are due to be deployed in the majority of jurisdictions; and whilst battery technologies are receiving the bulk of industry attention at present, a range of technologies have been, and are due to be, installed, pumped hydro storage in particular.



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