

# **Does the electricity generated by the power plant have energy storage**





## Overview

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How can energy storage be used in a power plant?

For example, wind farms often generate more power at night when winds speeds are high but demand for electricity is low. Electric energy storage could be used to shift this output to periods of high demand. Similarly, storage could capture excess overnight generation from a baseload nuclear power plant.

What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system (ESS) for electricity generation uses electricity (or some other energy source, such as solar-thermal energy) to charge an energy storage system or device, which is discharged to supply (generate) electricity when needed at desired levels and quality. ESSs provide a variety of services to support electric power grids.

Why do we need energy storage systems?

When you turn on a hairdryer in your home, somewhere, an electricity generation plant is turning up just a tiny bit to keep the grid in balance. Energy storage systems allow electricity to be stored—and then discharged—at the most strategic times.

Can electricity storage be developed?

The extent to which electricity storage can be developed will determine the extent to which those intermittent renewable sources can displace dispatchable sources, taking surplus power on occasions and bridging intermittency gaps. There are questions of scale – power and energy capacity – which are indicated below in particular cases.



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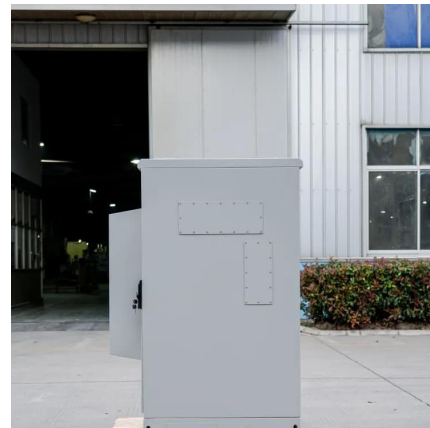


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