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Overview

Where is storage located in a power plant?

Storage can be located at a power plant, as a stand-alone resource on the transmission system, on the distribution system and at a customer's premise behind the meter. Do wind and solar need storage?

All power systems need flexibility, and this need increases with increased levels of wind and solar.

Why do we need dedicated energy storage?

The fact that “the wind doesn’t always blow, and the sun doesn’t always shine” is often used to suggest the need for dedicated energy storage to handle fluctuations in wind and solar production. Dedicated energy storage ignores the realities of both grid operation and the performance of a large, spatially diverse renewable energy source.

Why is solar storage important?

It can provide diurnal load shifting to help balance the diurnal production profile of solar. It can provide fast responses such as primary and secondary frequency reserves which help maintain system balance in the seconds to minutes time scale. Storage can also help postpone transmission and distribution upgrades.

Is energy storage flexible?

There are many sources of flexibility and grid services: energy storage is a particularly versatile one. Various types of energy storage technologies exist, addressing flexibility needs across different time scales. What are the benefits of storage?

Storage shifts energy in time.



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