

Megawatt Energy Storage Frequency Regulation Project in Barcelona Spain





Overview

How does Spain regulate electric power storage facilities?

Regulation of Electric Power Storage Facilities: In 2020, Spain introduced a specific regulation (Royal Decree 1183/2020) that defines the administrative procedures for the deployment of storage systems, including BESS. This decree aims to streamline the permitting process, addressing the complexities and delays previously encountered.

What is energy storage in Spain?

It targets large-scale energy storage projects in Spain. It focuses on technologies like standalone battery energy storage systems (BESS), pumped hydro energy storage (PHES), and thermal energy storage. The program supports hybrid projects, which combine storage with renewable energy, such as solar or wind farms.

Why do we need battery energy storage systems in Spain?

Due to the large capacity of installed hydroelectric and thermal storage systems and the resilience of the Spanish power grid, the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Spain has been relatively low. The lack of a clear regulatory framework for BESS has also hindered its development in Spain so far.

What is Spain's regulatory framework for energy storage?

Spain's regulatory framework for BESS is set in its Strategy for Energy Storage. The Strategy identifies the required regulatory measures – such as grid access, market structure, and addressing double tolling – that are currently needed to ensure the deployment of a solid energy storage market.



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