
The cost of solar plus energy storage

What is solar-plus-storage?

For solar-plus-storage--the pairing of solar photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage technologies--NREL researchers study and quantify the unique economic and grid benefits reaped by distributed and utility-scale systems. Much of NREL's current energy storage research is informing solar-plus-storage analysis.

How does solar-plus-storage affect energy systems?

Solar-plus-storage shifts some of the solar system's output to evening and night hours and provides other grid benefits. NREL employs a variety of analysis approaches to understand the factors that influence solar-plus-storage deployment and how solar-plus-storage will affect energy systems.

How much does solar energy storage cost?

Adding solar energy storage typically costs between \$12,000 and \$20,000. For example, a Powerwall battery costs about \$15,500 fully installed by Tesla, whereas a Panasonic EverVolt battery would be closer to \$18,000.

Is energy storage a viable option for utility-scale solar energy systems?

Energy storage has become an increasingly common component of utility-scale solar energy systems in the United States. Much of NREL's analysis for this market segment focuses on the grid impacts of solar-plus-storage systems, though costs and benefits are also frequently considered.

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New Ember analysis shows battery storage costs have dropped to \$65/MWh with total project costs at \$125/kWh, making solar-plus-storage economically viable at \$76/MWh ...

With the cost of storing electricity at \$65/MWh, storing 50% of a day's solar generation for use during the night-time hours adds \$33/MWh to the total cost of solar. The ...

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