

# Chile energy storage integrators

Are battery energy storage systems a viable alternative for Chilean power producers?

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How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale projects Latin America projects with an energy storage component under development are in Chile, including 32 out of 71 of the region's early works projects. The storage technologies either in use or being considered include:

How much battery storage capacity does Chile have?

According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64 MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64 MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations.

What kind of energy does Chile use?

Chile has the potential to run exclusively on renewable generation, with an estimated energy mix of 46% solar, 31% wind, 12% hydroelectric, and 8% flexible natural gas power plants, as well as 23% of battery storage capacity. The remaining 2% is split between biomass, geothermal, and other less common energy sources.

How much energy does Chile need to replace coal?

In addition, Chile will need an estimated 9.5 GW of new flexible capacity over the next decade to fully replace coal and to achieve a significant drop in emissions necessary to meet the government's climate goals.

Which energy storage companies are awaiting DS 62?

All Chilean energy storage players, ranging from IPPs to PCS providers, are now closely awaiting the publication of the capacity market decree (DS N 62) expected in Q2 of 2024.

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Innergex Chile wanted to provide PV Salvador with energy storage capabilities by integrating a Battery



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Energy Storage System (BESS). This would be Innergex's first BESS project in Chile and one of the first such projects in the entire country.

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BESS can store surplus energy produced by renewable sources during periods of high generation and release it at peak demand, during low production, or whenever there is available grid capacity. Thus, BESS ensures reliable power supply and eases the integration of renewable generation facilities into the market.

Energy storage is a "force multiplier" for carbon-free energy. It allows for the integration of more solar, wind and distributed energy resources, and increases the capacity factor of existing plants to avoid the need for new thermal generation. AES's contributions in energy storage have enabled hundreds of utilities worldwide to reduce ...

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