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Can Tunisia build an energy storage power station



Overview

Tunisian utility STEG is planning to build a 400-600MW pumped hydro energy storage plant, for a 2029 commissioning date. Will the GOT build a power plant in Tunisia in 2024?

In 2024, the GOT is also expected to launch a tender for the construction of at least one 470-550 MW combined-cycle power plant in Skhira (south Tunisia) as an IPP. In May 2018, the Ministry of Energy and Mines published a call for private projects to build renewable power plants with a total capacity of 1,000 MW (500 MW wind and 500 MW solar).

How much electricity does Tunisia get from renewable sources?

Tunisia aims to generate 30% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030. The country currently gets only 3% to 6% of its electricity from renewable sources, mostly from wind and hydro. Solar energy capacity is at 35 megawatts (MW). In addition to wind and hydro, the Tunisian government plans to use biogas to produce renewable energy.

Who produces electricity in Tunisia?

State power utility company STEG controls 92.1% of the country's installed power production capacity and produces 83.5% of the electricity. The remainder is imported from Algeria and Libya as well as produced by Tunisia's only independent power producer (IPP) Carthage Power Company (CPC), a 471-MW combined-cycle power plant.

What are Tunisia's energy projects?

One third of the projects will be for wind farms and two thirds for solar photovoltaics. Tunisia's national grid is connected to those of Algeria and Libya which together helped supply about 12% of Tunisia's power consumption in the first half of 2023.

Does Tunisia have a power grid?

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Where does Tunisia's power come from?

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