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Overview

Can battery energy storage help the Irish electricity sector?

We find that battery energy storage can become one of the cornerstones of the energy storage portfolio in Ireland and also one of the few options which can enable the Irish electricity sector to access the required domestic flexibility resources.

How much battery storage does Ireland have?

There is just under a gigawatt of battery storage on the grid operating today. In addition to the almost 1 GW of BESS, Ireland also has 292 MW of pumped hydro at the Turlough Hill site in County Wicklow, which has been operating since the 1970s.

Will battery storage help Ireland generate 80% renewable electricity by 2030?

Ireland has set a target of generating 80% renewable electricity by 2030. Deployment of battery storage will be capable of responding in milliseconds to frequency changes, importing or exporting electricity from the grid as needed, and helping efficiently stabilise the grid, while guaranteeing reliable electricity supply for users.

Is energy storage a problem in Ireland?

“A lot of energy storage has crept under the radar so far in Ireland,” he told ESS News. Developers secure planning quite easily but the route to market is a challenge. Energy storage has the opposite problem to the wind industry where planning is an obstacle but the route to market is there.

Why do we need long-duration energy storage units in Ireland?

Based on Ireland's renewable targets, Irish power system requires long-duration energy storage units in order to cost effectively capture full economic benefits of a de-carbonized electricity sector. To this end, policies should be directed in a way that incentivize investors to expand long-duration energy

storage units.

Who regulates energy storage units in Ireland?

CRU as the regulatory authority in the republic of Ireland, is assigned through the climate action plan 2021, to review the regulatory treatment concerning the licensing, charging/discharging, and market incentives for the energy storage units.

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