



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **South Ossetia BESS outdoor base station power supply**



## Overview

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Do I need backup power for a Bess auxiliary load?

For certain projects, backup power must be provided for the BESS auxiliary load as required by the BESS supplier or fire codes. Some BESS suppliers mandate uninterrupted power to maintain the operation of thermal management systems, ensuring battery temperatures remain within desired limits to minimize degradation.

Does Bess require uninterrupted power?

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What are Bess auxiliary loads?

BESS auxiliary loads typically fall into the following three categories:

- Control and communication equipment, such as the battery management system and network switches;
- Thermal management systems, such as HVAC or chillers;
- Fire safety systems, such as fire alarms, control panels and gas ventilation systems (if present).

Who is responsible for the electricity costs associated with Bess auxiliary loads?

Project owners are also responsible for the electricity costs associated with the BESS auxiliary load during operation. The electricity cost for auxiliary loads depends on the energy consumption (kWh) and the pricing structure set by independent system operators or utilities. For example::

What if a Bess product does not meet backup power requirements?

If a BESS product cannot meet these backup power requirements as

mandated by the code or the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), an external backup power source needs to be provided. Options for backup power include local distribution network feeders (if available with sufficient kVA rating) or backup generators.

Why is auxiliary power important in Bess project design & development?

As discussed above, auxiliary power is a vital consideration in BESS project design and development. While it is an important aspect, a comprehensive approach, such as the total cost of ownership method, should be used for BESS product evaluation and selection.

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