

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.

What are the different types of energy storage policy?

Approximately 16 states have adopted some form of energy storage policy, which broadly fall into the following categories: procurement targets, regulatory adaption, demonstration programs, financial incentives, and consumer protections. Below we give an overview of each of these energy storage policy categories.

Should a solar project include battery storage?

In either a PPA or self-ownership, solar projects that also include battery storage are more complicated than solar-only projects since they need to carefully establish rules for how and when the battery is used. EECBG Program awardees interested in this option, should review the plans early with their local utility.

Can a solar energy storage system be installed in a commercial building?

Just as PV systems can be installed in small-to-medium-sized installations to serve residential and commercial buildings, so too can energy storage systems--often in the form of lithium-ion batteries.

Are solar PPAs viable?

Solar PPAs are also viable when the solar project is not located on a government property, but the government receives the delivered electricity output. These so-called "Off-site" PPAs are popular with large energy users with insufficient space to host large solar arrays. A PPA is typically 15 to 30 years long.

How do I prepare for a PPA or self-ownership of solar?

To prepare for a PPA or self-ownership of solar (or solar + battery storage) project, EECBG Program awardees will need to identify government departments that should be consulted about solar installation projects, such as facilities/public works; finance; legal; procurement; sustainability; and economic development.

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