

Why is Chile pursuing energy storage in Antofagasta?

Chilean president Gabriel Boric (centre) at the inauguration of an energy storage plant in the northern region of Antofagasta in April 2024. Chile has strong conditions for wind and solar energy, and is pursuing storage to help overcome intermittent supply (Image: Ximena Navarro /Dirección de Prensa, Presidencia de la República de Chile)

How many energy storage projects are in Chile?

Currently, 36 of the 129 large-scale projects in Latin America 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:

Will Chile be able to develop energy storage projects in 2024?

In 2022, Chile passed an energy storage and electromobility bill, which made stand-alone storage projects profitable, but the market is still expecting new rules on capacity payment for storage projects, which are to be approved in 2024. Chile has also put in place an auction procedure to award public land for the development of BESS projects.

Where are Chile's battery energy storage facilities located?

Chile's first battery energy storage projects were commissioned in 2009, and all but two of its 16 administrative regions have facilities in operation, under construction or in the planning stage. The greatest installed capacity is found in the northern regions of Antofagasta and Tarapacá, the country's solar powerhouses.

Is lithium ion battery storage available in Chile?

While many projects are under development, lithium-ion battery storage is still limited. 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.

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The Ministerio de Energía or Ministry of Energy of Chile has announced the application period for developers interested in participating in the Plan de Promoción para el ...

o Chile's strong commitment to renewables combined with the country's poor transmission system generates not only opportunities, but also the need for storage to support the grid by providing ...

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The report notes that Chile is set to become the first country in South America to achieve competitive battery storage pricing within the next decade. The integration of ...

Chile briefly led the world in batteries in 2009. That's when the world's first commercial grid-scale battery storage system was turned on in the Atacama Desert, in the north of the South ...

Energy storage can play an important role in addressing transmission issues, but transmission assets are not currently allowed to simultaneously act as generators in Chile.

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Saesa - which serves more than 15% of Chile's population with electricity generation from various energy sources, including the Cerro Dominador solar thermal plant - ...

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Chile is planning to publish a draft of its new transmission legislation later this year. While welcome, this is an inevitable - and belated - acknowledgement that transmission ...

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