

Mexican regulation of energy storage

How does Mexico regulate energy storage systems?

The Mexican government recently issued general guidance to regulate energy storage systems. These rules outline the process and rules for integrating storage systems with different types of facilities, including power plants, behind-the-meter installations, load centers and distributed generation projects.

What is Mexico energy storage?

Mexico Energy storage was first included as part of Mexico's long-term policies in the Transition Strategy to Promote the Use of Cleaner Technologies and Fuels published by SENER in 2016.

Should energy storage be a priority in Mexico?

If energy storage deployment is considered a priority in the following years, Mexico could accelerate investments through a mix of storage procurement targets and financial incentives. A strong storage market can also be built over time by offering rebates, loans, investment grants, tax credits or other financial incentives.

How can Mexico promote energy storage?

To accelerate investments and promote the formation of a storage market, Mexico should introduce technology-push and market-pull policies simultaneously. Procurement targets could be used if policymakers decided that energy storage is a short-term priority, as in the case of the US.

Should energy storage be considered a transmission and distribution asset in Mexico?

In Mexico, defining energy storage as a generation or a transmission and distribution asset is not only critical to establish revenue streams, but also to determine whether EST will be able to operate under a regime of free competition.

Will Mexico start energy storage RD&D projects?

The roadmap suggests developing regulations and promoting research, development and demonstration (RD&D) projects, but these proposals have not yet been adopted as a formal policy guideline. Nevertheless, Mexico is expected to start energy storage RD&D projects in the next years.

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