DEPLOYING STORAGE FOR POWER SYSTEMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

POLICY AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS





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ABOUT THE RECENT REPORT

- Prepared under the umbrella of **Energy Storage Partnership** by ESMAP in collaboration with:
 - International Energy Agency (IEA)
 - International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRE)
 - China Energy Storage Alliance (CNESA)
 - European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE)
 - United States National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
 - South Africa Energy Storage Association (SAESA)
- Report provides guidance on:
 - Determining the value of storage from a system perspective and aligning with investors' perspective
 - Policy, market and regulatory considerations to facilitate storage deployment

Deploying Storage for Power Systems in Developing Countries Policy and Regulatory Considerations







WHY STORAGE POLICY AND REGULATION MATTERS

- Energy storage is one of the flexibility tools in power systems
 - Deployment is increasing rapidly (in particular for batteries) and this trend is bound to continue
- Storage can make a substantial contribution towards cleaner and more resilient power systems
 - Particularly well suited to developing countries' power system needs that often lack sources of flexibility; report focused in particular on weak grids (e.g. islands, Sub-Saharan Africa, etc.)
- Storage need is new in many systems and therefore policy, market and regulatory frameworks often lack storage-specific provisions
 - Policy makers and regulators need to establish robust remuneration mechanisms that accurately reflect its value to the system
 - Removing non-economic barriers must also be a priority





VARIABLE RENEWABLES LEAD TO NEW SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS



PHASE CHARACTERISTICS FROM A SYSTEM PERSPECTIVE

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Substituting other fuels in areas that cannot be electrified directly

Absorbing large volumes of otherwise surplus VRE generation

Ensuring robust power supply during periods of high VRE generation

Accommodating greater variability of net load and changes in power flow patterns on the grids

Minor changes to operating patterns of existing power systems

KEY TRANSITION CHALLENGES

Large scale use of green hydrogen and its derivatives across end use sectors, including reconversion to electricity

Electrification of transport, heating; large-scale interconnection for continental balancing

Advanced technology to increase stability, digitalization and smart grid technologies, energy storage, DSR, flexibility from VRE

Plant retrofits for flexibility, improved grid infrastructure, interconnections, effective short-term wholesale markets

> Improve VRE forecasting, economic dispatch

FLEXIBILITY OPTIONS TO ENABLE TRANSITION



ENERGY STORAGE – DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES AND USE-CASES



Note: CAES = compressed air energy system; SMES = superconducting magnetic energy system; T&D = transmission and distribution

Storage can provide a multitude of services for power systems. Use-cases capture these different services.





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DEFINING USE-CASES

- A **use case** is defined as a specific power system need, which occurs frequently in most system contexts, and which is significant enough to justify the deployment of a technology solution tailored to meet it.
 - As an example, the provision of frequency control services constitutes a use case.
- Use cases *do not* imply a specific technology solution, (i.e., energy storage may or may not be the best suited option for a particular use case).
- However, there are certain use cases where storage offers distinct advantages over alternative options.





USE-CASES ARE THE BASIS FOR STORAGE POLICY AND REGULATION

	Short-Term Flexibility			Medium-Term Flexibility	Long-Term Flexibility		
Timescale	Sub- seconds to seconds	Seconds to minutes	Minutes to hours	Hours to days	Days to months	Months to years	
Relevant asset characteristic	Response latency Capacity / Energy		Energy		Large energy volume		
Use Cases	Generation Based						
	 Frequency and voltage control Short circuit current VRE ramp control 		 Frequency control VRE forecast error correction Firm capacity VRE generation time shift 	 Black start Firm capacity 	 Balancing seasonal and inter-annual variability 		
	Customer Based						
	 Uninterruptible power supply 		 VRE self-consumption optimization Demand response Time of use optimization Network charge reduction Micro grid islanding 	 Backup power / Micro grid islanding 	 Backup p islanding 	ower / Micro gri	
	Network Based						
	Grid congestion relief & T&D avoidance / deferral						

Use cases cover generation based, customer based and network based applications across a wide range of time-scales.





RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYSTEM NEED, USE-CASE, APPLICATION-CASE



The combination of use-case and system specific factors (technical, regulatory) defines an application case. The application case is the basis for a concrete project.





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ALIGNING ECONOMIC SYSTEM VALUE AND FINANCIAL PROJECT VALUE

- Economic system value:
 - Net benefit for entire power system
 - Factors include: saved CAPEX, OPEX, increased reliability, reduced load shedding etc.
 - Assessed via modelling tools
 - Includes comparing storage to alternative options
- Financial project value :
 - Value of the project for investors
 - Strongly depends on policy, market and regulatory framework



Policy, market and regulatory frameworks need to align system value and financial project value.





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REMUNERATION MECHANISMS FOR ENERGY STORAGE



- There are three basic models to remunerate storage
- Which model is best suited depends on the specific use-case and overall power system governance structure
 - Different models can be used in the same system for different use-cases (e.g. network services use "non-market" while firm power can be procured through "single-buyer" under a PPA)
- For developing countries, the non-market and single-buyer market models are particularly relevant

Note: Contract arrows illustrate different possible constellations. Full market transactions are frequently handled via a clearing house (exchange).





Sample PPA Structure Using a Time of Use Based Multiplier for Two Selected Months



Time-of-use PPAs can align system and project value by paying a higher price when electricity is needed most (e.g. evening peak in most developing countries)





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COMING SOON: BUSINESS CASE INVENTORY FOR STORAGE DEPLOYMENT

- **Objective**: Provide concrete guidance and examples of innovative approaches for establishing business models for energy storage.
- **Output**: Extensive power point presentation that
 - Provides classification of different use cases
 - Summarises experience on innovative business models for energy storage
 - Highlights country contexts where a particular business model is particularly well-suited

• Approach:

- Initial round of country-screenings and information gathering
 - Desk research of existing literature
 - Interviews with World Bank staff and experts on the ground (Caribbean, Tanzania, China)
 - Development of a country / business model template for main phase
- Main phase of business model collection and screening
 - Expand country coverage to 6-8 countries covering diverse regulatory and system contexts
 - Summaries most relevant business models according to use-case and country context





EXAMPLE 1: MARKET-DRIVEN-ACCESS VIA PAY-AS-YOU-GO MODELS

- System challenge and use-case:
 - Energy access in off-grid areas; use-cases: VRE generation shift, micro-grid islanding in community projects
- Innovation: Apply prepaid billing to electricity access
 - Remove up-front cost barrier to customer
 - Use existing payment channel for mobile phone
 - Provide service only if customer has sufficient balance in pre-paid account
- Key actors:
 - Energy service provider: system procurement, customer acquisition, technical and commercial management
 - Mobile network operator: payment service provider
 - Financiers: provide funds to cover up-front costs for energy service provider
- Applicable in countries that
 - feature remote communities without grid-access
 - medium- to long-term energy access strategy is consistent with offgrid and mini-grid solutions







EXAMPLE 2: INNOVATIVE PPA-STRUCTURES

- System challenge and use-case:
 - Reliable and affordable low-carbon power; use-case: VRE generation shift, micro-grid islanding
- Smart contract structure: reliable offtake and possibility to sell to grid
 - Bankable PPA for micro-grid developers
 - Reliable, low-carbon power at competitive rates for customers
 - Electricity sales to main power grid
- Key actors:
 - Developer: project development, financing, operations
 - Energy authority: provides bankable PPA
 - Local utility: sells power to customers in micro-grid area
- Applicable in countries that
 - suffer from unreliable main grid
 - allow regulated retail activities from local utilities and provide options to setup long-term PPAs









PROJECT EXAMPLE: ZANZIBAR

- Power System Background:
 - Unguja interconnector (IC) only main source of electricity for Zanzibar's main island (apart from local, unreliable Diesel backup at Mtoni substation)
 - Island peak demand is expected to exceed IC capacity of 100MW by 2022/23
 - Challenge to integrate solar PV on the island due to lack of flexible resources
- Energy storage use-cases:
 - Transmission investment deferral
 - Frequency control
 - Renewable energy generation time shift
 - Micro-grid islanding
- System value and business model challenge
 - Very high system value due to possibility to implement multiple use-cases
 - Funding provides for EPC costs and first three years of O&M
 - Revenue gap for operation of facility after initial O&M contract expires

Unguja IC connecting Zanzibar to Tanzania







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TACKLING NON-ECONOMIC BARRIERS IS A PRIORITY

• Definitions and standards:

- Storage must be considered as its own legal and regulatory category, definitions should not arbitrarily place storage into existing categories.
- Permitting, commissioning and grid codes:
 - Storage may not yet be subject to established rules for permitting, and existing technical codes may be poorly adapted for energy storage.
 - Under such circumstances permitting agencies and system operators should not impose excessive requirements on developers.
- Taxes, surcharges and levies:
 - Establish a level playing field for energy storage projects that reflects the value of storage from a system perspective.





ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS IN ENERGY STORAGE ROLL-OUT

Energy ministries	• Articulate an overall strategy for energy storage within the countries' broader energy strategy and policy goals	
Regulators	• Proactively update regulations to remove barriers to storage and enable fair remuneration of services that could be offered by storage	
System planners	•Assess different use cases in which energy storage can help reduce overall system costs	
System operators	• Balance obligation to ensure security of supply with recognition of the futur contribution that storage can bring to meeting systems needs	
Permitting entities	•Learn from international best practice and where possible consolidate the number of required permits (a "one-stop shop" approach)	
Manufacturers	• Consider to specific requirements of developing countries and adapt product specifications and characteristics in line with countries' needs.	





SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Energy storage is growing rapidly; it can make a substantial contribution towards cleaner and more resilient power systems
 - Facilitate rapid uptake of variable renewable energy
 - Support reliability and energy access in developing countries
- Establishing enabling frameworks for storage requires understanding costs and system benefits of energy storage
 - Role of energy storage depends on system needs, which vary across countries
 - Robust and detailed power system models can help identify best use-cases
- Energy storage is usually not the only option to meet power system needs
 - Analysis should benchmark against alternatives (grids, demand response, generation)
- Policy makers and regulators need to establish robust remuneration mechanisms that accurately reflect storage's value to the system
 - Three remuneration models possible depending on use-case and system contexts
 - Removing non-economic barriers to storage deployment must also be a priority





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