

What is energy storage?

**Basics of Energy Storage** Energy storage refers to resources which can serve as both electrical load by consuming power while charging and electrical generation by releasing power while discharging. Energy storage comes in a variety of forms, including mechanical (e.g., pumped hydro), thermal (e.g., ice/water), and electrochemical (e.g., batteries).

Who can install energy storage at a facility?

This could include building energy managers, facility managers, and property managers in a variety of sectors. A variety of incentives, metering capabilities, and financing options exist for installing energy storage at a facility, all of which can influence the financial feasibility of a storage project.

Will energy storage save the energy industry?

It's generation . . . it's transmission . . . it's energy storage! The renewable energy industry continues to view energy storage as the superhero that will save it from its greatest problem--intermittent energy production and the resulting grid reliability issues that such intermittent generation engenders.

Where can energy storage be procured?

Energy storage can be procured directly from "upstream" technology providers, or from "downstream" integration and service companies (FIGURE 2) Error! Reference source not found.. Upstream companies provide the storage technology, power conversion system, thermal management system, and associated software.

Why is energy storage important?

Like transmission, energy storage can help to manage supply and demand over broad areas of the electric system because it can provide both generation and load by converting excess electric power into another medium to be stored for later use.

Are energy storage systems safe for commercial buildings?

For all of the technologies listed, as long as appropriate high voltage safety procedures are followed, energy storage systems can be a safe source of power in commercial buildings. For more information on specific technologies, please see the DOE/EPRI Electricity Storage Handbook available at: [TABLE 1. COMMON COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGIES](#)

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