



# The cost-effectiveness of energy storage batteries in the Republic of South Africa

In South Africa, battery storage is increasingly seen as a key pillar to help provide grid stability and integrate variable renewables given its ageing coal-fired power fleet and grid. Utility-scale battery storage could be one pillar to provide additional grid stability by helping to meet peak demand, help integrate variable renewables, and, especially for industrial consumers, provide continuous electricity during load shedding and outages. South Africa is aiming to procure outages known as load-shedding. Increasing the share of renewables in South Africa's electricity grid and commensurate use of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) will be an essential part of solving South Africa's electricity crisis and meeting the country's commitments to decarbonise the slowly gaining pace, approaching the 1 GW mark from a few hundred megawatts just a few years ago. The declining cost and improving viability of battery storage as well as numerous application cases, ranging from generation to behind the meter utilisation, contribute to the uptake of battery storage. South Africa's transition to renewable energy sources (RES), particularly solar photovoltaics (PV), requires robust energy storage solutions to counterbalance intermittency and meet low-carbon objectives. This study offers a comparative techno-economic analysis of three large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS): lithium iron phosphate (LFP), lead-acid (Pb-acid), and vanadium redox flow (VRFB). The government has adopted the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and intends to add more than 20,000 MW of wind and solar energy generation capacity, with their share in the country's energy mix growing from the current 3% to 24% by 2035. Up to now, many renewable energy generators have been curtailed. We have reached a milestone in South Africa's energy journey, reaching just over 230 days since the suspension of loadshedding. Key drivers behind this milestone include energy sector reforms such as the amendments to the Energy Regulation Bill, which opened grid access to Independent Power Producers (IPPs). Utility-scale batteries in South Africa: Improving grid stability and In South Africa, battery storage is increasingly seen as a key pillar to help provide grid stability and integrate variable renewables given its ageing coal-fired power fleet and grid. REGULATORY ASSESSMENT OF BATTERY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY acing a deepening energy crisis. Households and businesses are facing rapidly escalating electricity costs, declining reliability and unpredictable power outages or Policy Hurdles Impeding Battery Energy Storage Deployment The promotion of the energy storage ecosystem, paired with South Africa abundant reserves of key materials for battery storage technologies, such as manganese, vanadium and the Techno-economic analysis of large-scale battery energy storage This study offers a comparative techno-economic analysis of three large-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS): lithium iron phosphate (LFP), lead-acid (Pb-acid), and vanadium redox flow (VRFB). A comprehensive review on the techno-economic analysis of This paper provides a comprehensive overview of the economic viability of various prominent electrochemical EST, including lithium-ion batteries, sodium-sulfur batteries, sodium nickel chloride (SNC) batteries, and zinc-air batteries. Battery Energy Storage Project The Project can store excess renewable energy in low demand periods and release the energy during peak hours, meeting the demand with energy from renewable resources and minimizing the use of fossil-fuel based generation. Opportunities and challenges for Battery Energy Storage With strategic investments in BESS, diversified supply chains, and robust skills development, South Africa can strengthen its energy resilience, reduce emissions, and



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