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New Energy Storage in London



Overview

Could a new energy storage scheme help the UK achieve energy independence?

The UK is a step closer to energy independence as the government launches a new scheme to help build energy storage infrastructure. This could see the first significant long duration electricity storage (LDES) facilities in nearly 4 decades, helping to create back up renewable power and bolster the UK's energy security.

What if the UK has a strong energy storage industry?

If the UK establishes a strong domestic energy storage industry, it can export storage capacity and technologies. Storage would reduce the UK's dependence on costly, polluting and uncertain fossil fuel imports. Great Britain currently has 2.8 gigawatts (GW) of LDES across four Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH) facilities in Scotland and Wales.

Could long duration electricity storage be the UK's first energy storage facility?

This could see the first significant long duration electricity storage (LDES) facilities in nearly 4 decades, helping to create back up renewable power and bolster the UK's energy security. These technologies work like giant batteries by storing renewable energy and releasing it onto the grid and into homes when needed.

Is the UK ready for a new pumped storage hydropower facility?

"This is a historic moment for the UK's energy system. We've not built a new Pumped Storage Hydropower (PSH) facility in nearly 50 years, but with over 10GW and 200GWh of shovel-ready projects, the Hydropower sector stands ready to deliver.

How many battery storage projects are there?

The pipeline of battery storage projects has continued to grow steadily again,

from 84.4GW in December 2023 to 95.5GW in May 2024. This edition of the EnergyPulse report on Energy Storage shows there is 8.7GW of batteries in operation and under construction and more than 30GW projects have now been consented.

What is long-duration electricity storage (LDEs)?

Long-Duration Electricity Storage (LDES) refers to energy storage systems that can store and release electricity for long periods, typically eight hours or more. These systems help balance the supply and demand of electricity, especially when using renewable energy sources like wind and solar, which can be unpredictable.

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