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Overview

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To accurately reflect the changing cost of new electric power generators in the Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025), EIA commissioned Sargent & Lundy (S&L) to evaluate the overnight capital cost and performance characteristics for 19 electric generator types. The following report represents S&L's.

However, one crucial question remains: what does it really cost to build an energy storage power station, and what factors drive those costs?

This article takes a closer look at the construction cost structure of an energy storage system and the major elements that influence overall investment.

To develop an energy storage power station, costs vary significantly influenced by several factors. 1. Location: site selection impacts infrastructure needs and regulatory hurdles, 2. Technology: types of storage solutions (like lithium-ion vs. pumped hydro) determine capital expenses, 3. Scale: How much power can a battery storage system provide?

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Will additional storage technologies be added?

Additional storage technologies will be added as representative cost and performance metrics are verified. The interactive figure below presents results on the total installed ESS cost ranges by technology, year, power capacity (MW), and duration (hr).

Are battery storage costs based on long-term planning models?

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What generating technologies are used in a utility-scale generating system?

Table 1 summarizes updated cost estimates for reference case utility-scale generating technologies specifically two powered by coal, five by natural gas, three by solar energy and by wind, two by uranium, and one each by hydroelectric, biomass, geothermal, and battery storage.

What generating technologies are used in the electric power sector?

Table 1 includes our estimates of development and installation costs for various generating technologies used in the electric power sector. Typical generating technologies for end-use applications, such as combined heat and power or roof-top solar photovoltaics (PV), are described elsewhere in the Assumptions document.

What is the energy storage Grand Challenge?

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