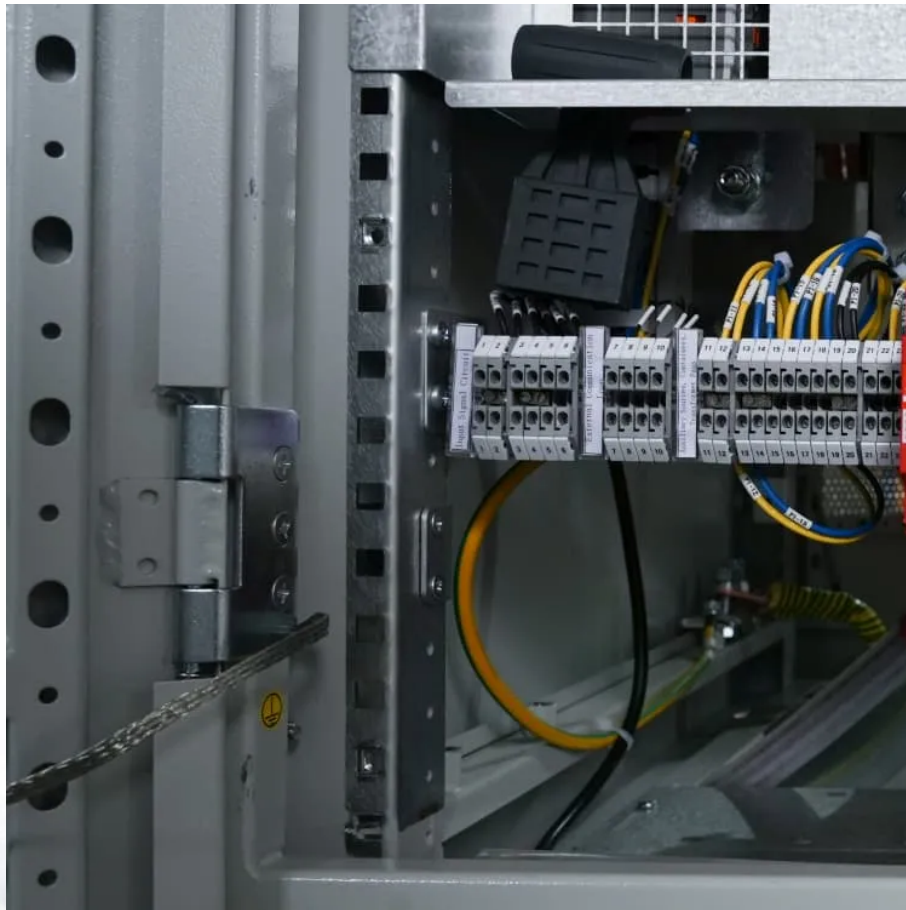


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A solar plus storage system combines solar panels for electricity generation with battery energy storage, allowing excess energy to be stored for later use. This setup ensures greater energy independence and grid resilience. Is energy storage a viable option for utility-scale solar energy systems?

Energy storage has become an increasingly common component of utility-scale solar energy systems in the United States. Much of NREL's analysis for this market segment focuses on the grid impacts of solar-plus-storage systems, though costs and benefits are also frequently considered.

What is solar-plus-storage?

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How does solar-plus-storage affect energy systems?

Solar-plus-storage shifts some of the solar system's output to evening and night hours and provides other grid benefits. NREL employs a variety of analysis approaches to understand the factors that influence solar-plus-storage deployment and how solar-plus-storage will affect energy systems.

How has solar-plus-storage helped keep the lights on?

Adding 19 GW of solar and 6.2 GW of storage since 2019 helped keep the lights on – an 800% increase in solar and 5,500% increase in battery storage over that period. Solar-plus-storage is solving demand growth by providing reliable power when the grid needs it most – during peak hours.

Can solar-plus-storage meet rising demand without gas?

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This document provides a detailed analysis of these aspects, helping readers make informed decisions about the viability of solar plus storage systems for their specific needs.

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