

Title: Energy storage regulation costs

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

Battery storage costs have evolved rapidly over the past several years, necessitating an update to storage cost projections used in long-term planning models and other activities. This work documents the development of these projections, which are based on recent publications of storage costs.

What are storage costs?

Storage costs are overnight capital costs for a complete 4-hour battery system. Figure 9. Comparison of cost projections developed in this report (solid lines) against the values from the 2023 cost projection report (Cole and Karmakar 2023) (dashed lines). Figure 10.

Does battery storage cost reduce over time?

The projections are developed from an analysis of recent publications that include utility-scale storage costs. The suite of publications demonstrates wide variation in projected cost reductions for battery storage over time.

Why are battery system costs expressed in \$/kWh?

By expressing battery system costs in \$/kWh, we are deviating from other power generation technologies such as combustion turbines or solar photovoltaic plants where capital costs are usually expressed as \$/kW. We use the units of \$/kWh because that is the most common way that battery system costs have been expressed in published material to date.

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