

Can Thailand use energy storage?

Although Thailand is a regional leader in renewable energy, its use of energy storage is nascent. EGAT undertook some studies on the potential for energy storage and is piloting three battery energy storage installations. One is located alongside a solar project in Mae Hong Son Province to improve power supply stability.

Does Thailand have a plan for renewable-plus-storage in 2023?

In April 2023, Thailand awarded project rights for 1GW of solar capacity paired with one-to-four-hour storage. However, only 0.3GW has been commissioned to date. While the draft PDP2024 has ambitious battery capacity targets, Thailand has not clarified the mechanism to support deployment of renewable-plus-storage.

What is Thailand doing to manage grid volatility?

Thailand is currently carrying out pilot projects for the development of an advanced grid system to better manage the grid volatility that accompanies the introduction of renewable energy. The private sector is also pursuing opportunities to develop projects with battery energy storage system (BESS) technologies.

How can Thailand manage its energy transition?

Thailand can manage its energy transition and solve the energy trilemma of sustainability, security and affordability by accelerating renewable power additions and grid capacity expansion, while limiting new thermal power capacity addition.

What technologies are being used to facilitate Thailand's energy transition?

Other energy and energy related technologies being sought to facilitate Thailand's energy transition are Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS), hydrogen, Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs), grid modernization and digitalization, power system operation and management, and Small Modular Reactors (SMR).

How can Thailand improve its energy security?

By adding more renewables to its power system, Thailand can dramatically reduce the need to run gas power plants as baseload generators, thus reduce annual gas consumption (Figure 38 and Figure 39). This will in turn strengthen Thailand's energy security and reduce exposure to volatility of global LNG prices.

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