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Electric energy storage transmission and distribution costs



Overview

This data-file evaluates transmission and distribution costs, averaging 7c/kWh in 2024, based on granular disclosures for 200 regulated US electric utilities, which sell 65% of the US's total electricity to 110M residential and commercial customers. Costs have doubled since 2005. How much money is spent on electricity transmission systems?

Transmission Spending on electricity transmission systems nearly tripled from 2003 to 2023, increasing to \$27.7 billion. Electricity transmission systems consist of the wires and structures required to transmit high-voltage power long distances from the generator to the neighborhood, lower-voltage distribution grid.

How much did energy storage cost in 2022?

Although energy storage remains a relatively small portion of the total budget for distribution infrastructure, spending increased from \$97 million in 2022 to \$723 million in 2023.

Why do we need electric energy storage systems?

A confluence of industry drivers—including increased deployment of renewable generation, the high capital cost of managing grid peak demands, and large capital investments in grid infrastructure for reliability—is creating new interest in electric energy storage systems.

How are distribution costs treated in a large-scale energy system analysis?

In large-scale energy system analyses, the most rigorous treatment of distribution costs comes from Larson et al. (2020), who model capital expenditures in the distribution system as the sum of the capital invested in new capacity and the cost of replacing depreciated assets.

Do distribution systems cost more than other utilities?

Our analysis shows that distribution system costs vary widely throughout the

country and between utilities. This finding implies that the cost competitiveness of distribution systems compared to other utilities may differ.

How has electricity spending changed over the last two decades?

Distribution Capital spending on the distribution system, responsible for delivering electricity to end users, was the main driver of electricity spending increases over the last two decades. Capital investment in distribution infrastructure increased by \$31.4 billion, or 160%, from 2003 to 2023.

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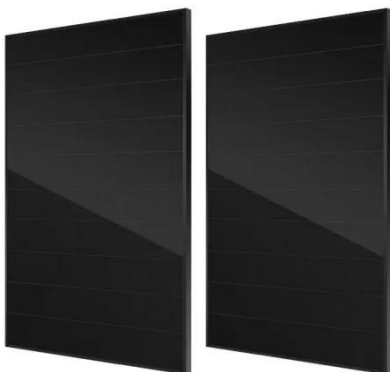
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Transmission system definition Electric power transmission is the bulk movement of electrical energy from an electricity generating site to distribution network.

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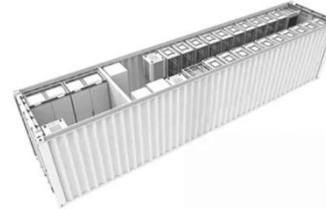


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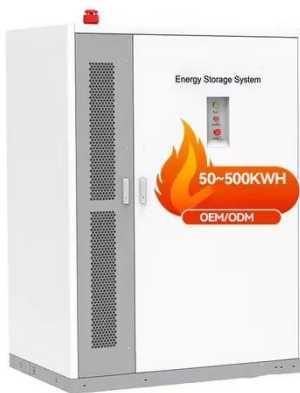
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