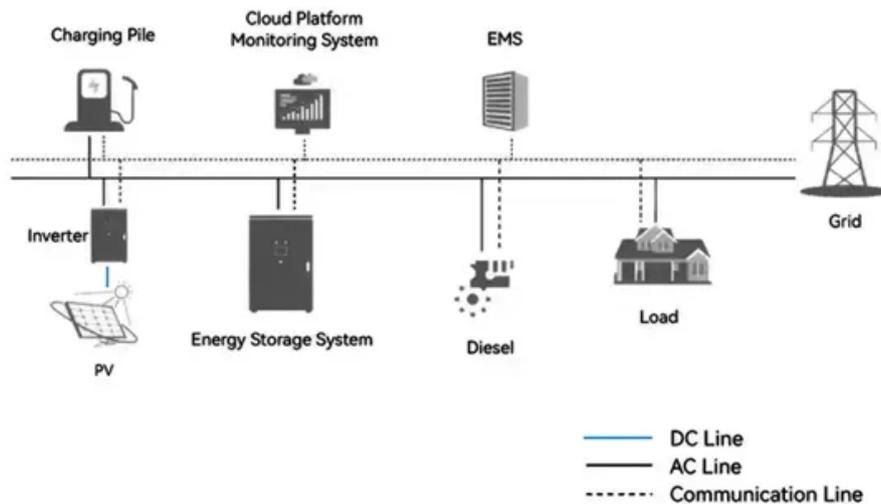


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System Topology



Overview

Why is the electrification rate so low in Congo?

According to the World Bank, nearly half of the Congolese population does not have access to electricity. Congo is one of the top five oil producers in Sub-Saharan Africa. But despite its rich energy resources, the electrification rate is low, especially in rural areas, mainly because of a lack of electricity infrastructure.

How will rising demand affect electricity service in Kinshasa?

If this rising demand is not met with an increase in supply and improvements to electricity infrastructure, it will lead to further deterioration of electricity service. In Kinshasa, while 60% of the population has access to electricity, service quality and reliability is very poor.

Is Snel still a key contributor to electricity access in Kinshasa?

SNEL, the national utility, remains a critical contributor to electricity access, in particular in Kinshasa, but is caught in a vicious cycle of mounting commercial losses, deteriorating assets and mounting debt.

How much electricity does Kinshasa use?

Residential electricity consumers are concentrated in Kinshasa and a few other large cities in the South or along the Eastern border with Rwanda and Uganda. Average annual demand per capita in Kinshasa is estimated at around 380 kWh, compared with around 330 kWh in Southern cities and 290 kWh in Eastern cities.

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