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# Oman distribution network intelligent energy storage device



## Overview

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Which utility-scale energy storage options are available in Oman?

Reviewing the status of three utility-scale energy storage options: pumped hydroelectric energy storage (PHES), compressed air energy storage, and hydrogen storage. Conducting a techno-economic case study on utilising PHES facilities to supply peak demand in Oman.

What is the electricity market structure in Oman?

Electricity market structure in Oman Unlike the electrical energy sources used in traditional power plants, renewable energy sources are not dispatchable and will vary over time; as a result, the energy feed in the network will be intermittent.

Does Oman have a power sector?

In 2015, Oman committed to an unconditional 2% emissions cut by 2030 at the United Nations Climate Change Conference. This target is to be achieved through reduction in gas flaring and increase in the utilisation of renewable energy (Carbon Brief 2016 ). The third challenge of the power sector in Oman is supply mix.

Can PHES facilities supply peak demand in Oman?

Conducting a techno-economic case study on utilising PHES facilities to supply peak demand in Oman. This manuscript proceeds by reviewing the status of utility-scale energy storage options in Section 2. Section 3 presents the status and main challenges of Oman's MIS.

What are the challenges of the power sector in Oman?

The second challenge of the power sector in Oman is subsidies, which include subsidies to electricity customers and fuel subsidies to generating facilities. In 2016, financial subsidies reached OMR 389.9 million (AER 2019 ). As a percentage of the economic cost of electricity, subsidies vary between 48% in

MIS and 85% in RAEC (Albadi 2017 ).

What is Oman Vision 2040?

According to Oman Vision 2040” that was announced in 2019, the contribution of renewable energy should reach 20% and 35–39% of total consumption in the years 2030 and 2040, respectively (Oman 2040, 2019 ). On 17 March 2019, OPWP announced that ACWA-led consortium won the 500 MW Ibri II solar project.

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