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# Turkmenistan Gravity Energy Storage Project



## Overview

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The project, revealed by Energy Minister Annageldi Saparov on November 3, 2025, marks the nation's strategic pivot beyond traditional natural gas exports toward processed electricity generation along its Caspian coastline. How does gravity power repurpose abandoned mines?

Gravity Power Company introduced a GES method in 2011, as illustrated in Fig. 6 (a), which effectively repurposes abandoned mines. The operational process involves pumping excess electric energy into the deep underground using a water pump. During the lifting of the piston, energy is stored. Fig. 6.

How much does gravity power cost?

According to Gravity Power, the project aims to return energy to the power grid at a rate of \$37.44/MWh, which is less than half the cost of lithium-ion batteries, inclusive of the energy loss during the round trip, and the project is designed to last more than 40 years.

What is gravity energy storage?

In a broad sense, gravity energy storage (GES) refers to mechanical technologies that utilize the height drop of energy storage media, such as water or solid, to realize the charging and discharging process of energy storage. Pumped energy storage is also a form of GES.

Can gravity energy storage replace pumped Energy Storage?

China, abundant in mountain resources, presents good development prospects for MGES, particularly in small islands and coastal areas. In mountainous regions with suitable track laying and a certain slope, rail-type gravity energy storage exhibits significant development potential and can essentially replace pumped storage.

What are the different types of gravity energy storage?

These forms include Tower Gravity Energy Storage (TGES), Mountain Gravity

Energy Storage (MGES), Advanced Rail Energy Storage (ARES), and Shaft Gravity Energy Storage (SGES). The advantages and disadvantages of each technology are analyzed to provide insights for the development of gravity energy storage.

How can gravitational potential energy be stored underground?

The key to storing gravitational potential energy is the creation of height differences. To mitigate challenges related to high-altitude work and minimize interference from the external environment, researchers have proposed developing gravitational potential energy underground, termed as SGES.

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