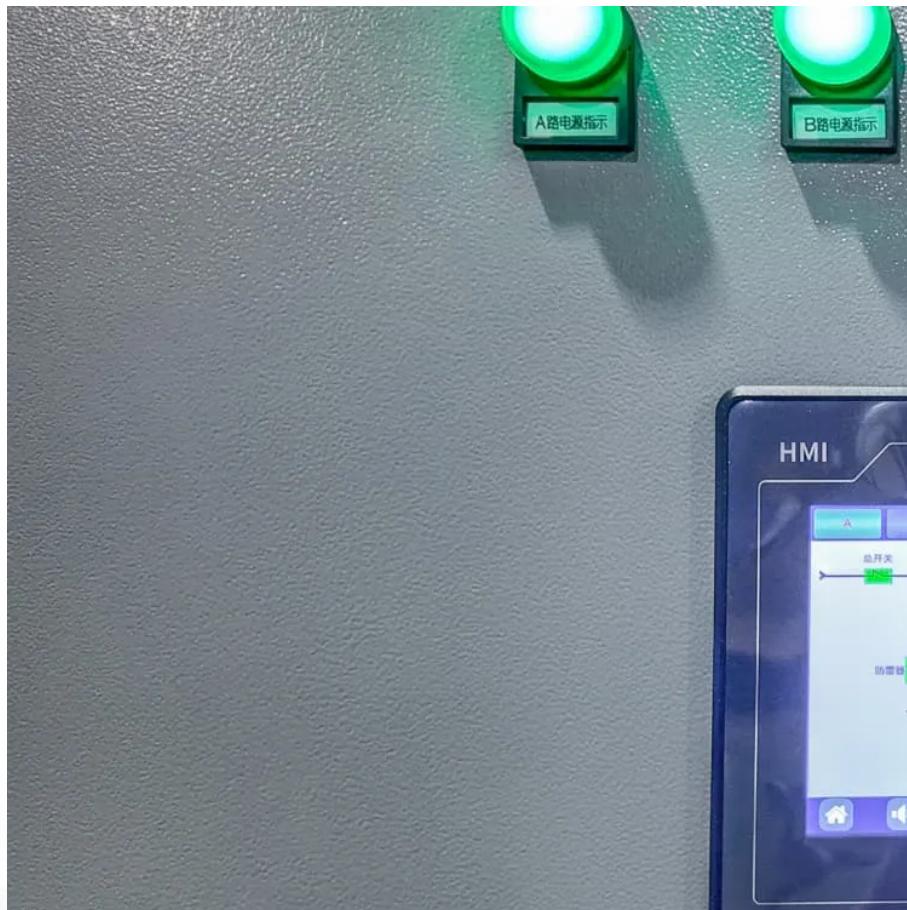




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# Energy storage project suspension





## Overview

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What drives energy storage project development?

Globally, energy storage project development is increasingly driven by the utility-scale segment, with mandates and targeted auctions driving gigawatt-hour projects in markets like China, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Australia and Chile.

Are standalone energy storage projects economically viable?

With the cancellation of mandatory storage allocation, market attention has shifted to standalone energy storage. However, the economic viability of standalone projects remains under pressure. Historically, a major revenue source for standalone energy storage plants has been capacity leasing fees paid by projects coupled with new energy.

Will this notice impact energy storage demand in the short term?

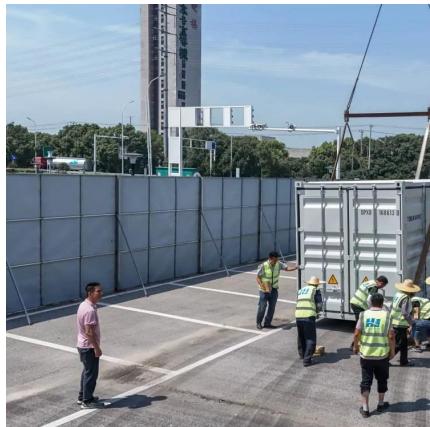
This Notice may impact energy storage demand in the short term. Up until 2024, mandatory storage allocation policies were always the primary driver of China's energy storage market. In 2024, for instance, energy storage installations tied to new energy projects accounted for nearly 40% of total capacity.

Should energy storage be removed from energy grid connection?

For energy storage, the new Chinese policy emphasized the need to remove energy storage as a prerequisite for renewable energy project grid connection, a requirement that has been a major driver for battery build. Nonetheless, BNEF still expects strong demand for batteries, as the policy doesn't explicitly require mandates to stop.



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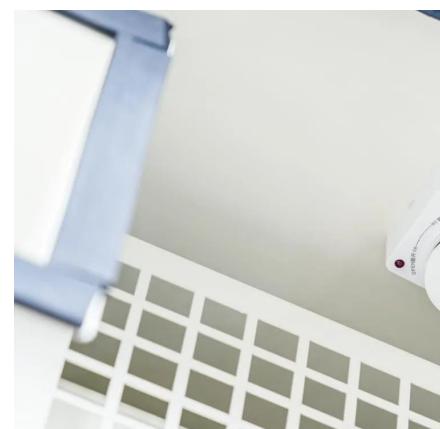


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