
The price of mandatory solar energy storage

Are solar and energy storage prices about to rise?

Solar and storage prices are about to rise after a year and a half of record lows, according to new data from Wood Mackenzie. Equipment procurement costs for solar and energy storage will jump around 9% starting in Q4 2025, marking the end of the bargain pricing developers have enjoyed for the last 18 months.

Why are solar & energy storage costs rising in Q4 2025?

Equipment procurement costs for solar and energy storage will jump around 9% starting in Q4 2025, marking the end of the bargain pricing developers have enjoyed for the last 18 months. That's because China is changing the rules. Wood Mackenzie points to three major drivers behind the coming spike: Polysilicon consolidation.

Is the energy storage mandate a big change?

This is a big change towards rationalization of renewables but hidden within that is a removal of the energy storage mandate," George Hilton, research and analysis manager at S&P Global, tells ESS News. S&P Global estimates that the storage mandate has driven between 50 and 75% of domestic demand.

How will the energy storage mandate impact China?

S&P Global estimates that the storage mandate has driven between 50 and 75% of domestic demand. With China accounting for around 56% of the global energy storage demand in 2024, the impact of such a policy change will be massive.

That's what navigating energy storage subsidy documents feels like these days. With 26 Chinese provinces rolling out updated policies since 2021 [1] [7], and major shifts like the abolishment ...

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This study explores the challenges and opportunities of China's domestic and international roles in scaling up energy storage investments. China aims to increase its share ...

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New Ember analysis shows battery storage costs have dropped to \$65/MWh with total project costs at \$125/kWh, making solar-plus-storage economically viable at \$76/MWh ...

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Energy storage prices have now fallen for two years running, with costs now low enough to make dispatchable, round-the-clock solar generation financially viable, finds a new ...

Solar and storage developers face a sharp increase in equipment procurement costs from Q4 2025 onwards due to Chinese government policy changes and supply-side ...

Battery storage is profitable, argues CEA For a consumer installing a 3-kilowatt solar power plant, a battery with a capacity of 6 kWh would be required to ensure two hours of ...

Energy storage system prices have fallen to their lowest level on record, dropping to a global average of \$117/kWh in 2025.

Wang Guohong said to the first financial reporter that from the perspective of further adaptation of energy storage and wind power, photovoltaic and other new energy ...

The global average price of solar in 2024 was \$43/MWh. Turning this cheap daytime electricity into a dispatchable profile that is closer to an actual demand profile, would therefore ...

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With low electricity prices during high renewable output periods (e.g., midday solar generation causing price drops) and high prices during times of limited system flexibility (e.g., ...

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