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What are the challenges of procurement for utility-side storage & solar-plus projects?

The challenges of procurement for utility-side storage and solar-plus projects center largely on early-stage decisions: defining the top-priority use case, but also exploring ways to get more value out of the project and to prepare for market changes over its life.

How do energy storage contracts work?

For standalone energy storage contracts, these are typically structured with a fixed monthly capacity payment plus some variable cost per megawatt hour (MWh) of throughput. For a combined renewables-plus-storage project, it may be structured with an energy-only price in lieu of a fixed monthly capacity payment.

What are the different types of procurement contracts?

There are three key types of procurement contracts--power purchase agreements (PPAs) or energy storage services agreements; engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) agreements; and build-transfer agreements (BTAs)--and several key risks that must be allocated between the parties.

What is a PPA for new energy storage resources?

Some PPAs for new energy storage resources have been structured as capacity-only contracts in which the developer is responsible for the sale of energy and all costs associated therewith--including the costs of the required energy procured from the utility.

Once the SPPA contract is signed, a typical installation can usually be completed in three to six months. An investor provides equity financing and receives the federal and state tax benefits ...

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Solar-Plus for Electric Co-ops (SPECs) was launched to help optimize the planning, procurement, and operations of battery storage and solar-plus-storage for electric cooperatives.

PPAs are long-term contracts where companies buy renewable energy at a fixed price, providing price stability and helping fund new green projects. Learn why they are ideal for large, ...

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Developers can use a variety of contract structures to do so and will often enter into EPC contracts and long-term service agreements with their vendors that will warrant the long-term ...

Decide whether to include solar + storage projects in a procurement based on storage benefits for addressing energy cost savings and/or resilience use cases at specific sites.

This presentation, from a SPECS workshop on summarizes concerns and potential solutions for storage and solar-plus-storage project planners, pertaining to contractual energy storage service agreements.

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