

Long-Duration Energy Storage: Policy Gaps, Regulatory Changes & Business Opportunities



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Topics I will be covering today.

- 1. How does LDES "fit" into a broader market landscape?
- 2. What are the policy gaps that create barriers for LDES?
- 3. What can regulators do to address these gaps & barriers?
- 4. How is Sandia National Labs assisting state regulatory commissions?

Setting the stage for LDES' (future) prominent role.

- Costs for fossil fuels remain volatile and costs for renewable energy technologies are falling.
- 14 states have now adopted 100% clean / renewable energy goals, with aggressive timelines. **Decarbonization** by definition includes a comprehensive move away from fossil fuels and toward renewables and clean energy.
- The intermittency / non-dispatchability of renewables drives a need for LDES.
- **Resilience and reliability** concerns are also driving a need for localized power supply, which will depend on energy storage /LDES.
- Electrification will increasingly become a driver for LDES. The EIA projects that electric vehicles will 31% of the global fleet by 2050. If these projections are correct, LDES will be needed to support this large increase in electrification.

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STATE	DEADLINE	GOAL	CLEAR ROLE FOR ES?
AZ	2070	100% carbon-free electricity	NO
СА	2045	100% carbon-free electricity	Somewhat
СО	2050	100% carbon free electricity	Somewhat
СТ	2040	100% carbon-free electricity by	NO
HI	2045	100% renewable energy	Somewhat
IL	2050	100% carbon-free electricity	Emerging; policy being shaped by leg requirements
LA	2050	Net zero greenhouse gas emissions	NO
ME	2050	100% clean energy	NO
MA	2050	Net-zero greenhouse gas emissions	NO
MI	2050	Economy-wide carbon neutrality	NO

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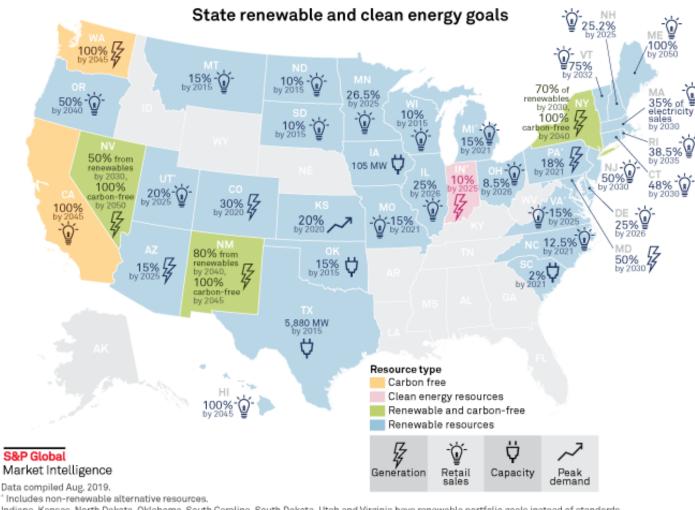
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STATE	DEADLINE	GOAL	CLEAR ROLE FOR ES?
NV	2050	100% carbon-free electricity	Somewhat
NJ	2050	100% carbon-free electricity	NO
NM	2045	100% carbon-free electricity	NO
NY	2040	100% carbon-free electricity	Somewhat
OR	2040	Greenhouse gas emissions reduced 100 percent below baseline emissions	Somewhat
RI	2030	100% renewable energy	NO
VA	2045	100% carbon-free electricity	NO
WA	2045	100% zero-emissions electricity	Somewhat
WI	2050	100% carbon-free electricity	NO

The future need for LDES appears self-evident, but remains undefined.

New large-capacity, longduration energy storage solutions are needed to ensure grid performance* with increasing intermittent renewables and threats that current ES technologies (e.g., pumped hydro, batteries) alone cannot economically address.

*Stability, reliability, and resilience



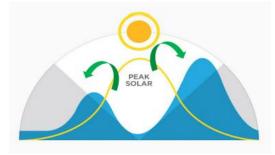
Indiana, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Virginia have renewable portfolio goals instead of standards. Virginia's RPS goal is based on the volume of electricity sold in 2007.

Map credit: Ciaralou Agpalo Palicpic

Sources: S&P Global Market Intelligence; Sierra Club; Union of Concerned Scientists; Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency; and state public utility commission websites

LDES can be supported by various technologies.

As non-programmable renewables increase, the need for long duration (>4-6 hours) is becoming a critical topic for the balancing of electric systems

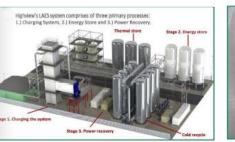


Currently, about 95% of the LDES in the U.S. consists of pumped-storage hydropower, but opportunities are limited by geography.

Today, lithium batteries represent the state of art for current needs of energy storage: they're fast, flexible, modular, and getting cheaper and cheaper (cost in 10 years is almost reduced by a 10x factor!)

Lab experiments, commercial developments and new market needs support the development of a portfolio of LDES solutions necessary to meet decarb goals.

...Liquid Air..



...Flow Batteries...





...Liquid CO2....



Regardless of technology, LDES continues to face policy challenges.



- Challenge #1: Lack of policy consistency
 - Most states have not developed an LDES policy (CA is an exception)
 - Little agreement about where, how and why LDES will be deployed.
- Challenge #2: It's unclear what LDES should do, and where.
 - Most regions have only adopted a 4 hour-or-less energy storage requirement
 - Currently little need or value beyond 4 hours
- Challenge #3: Little consensus on how LDES should be valued or compensated.
 - In restructured markets, LDES needs to make money.
 - Efforts to define ISO/RTO, utility and customer services remain incomplete.

How LDES is defined varies by jurisdiction. 4+ hours, 10+ hours, seasonal?

The lack of consistency in defining LDES creates policymaking challenges.

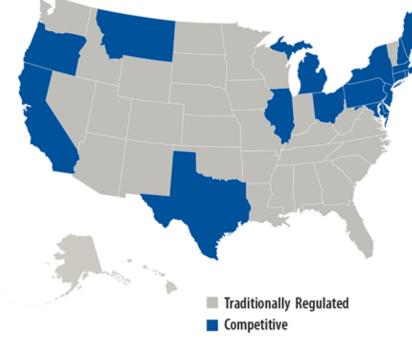
Policy Gap #1: The U.S. market is not homogenous.

Regulated Markets

"Vertically integrated" utility **owns or controls** generation, transmission, and distribution

Regulated by states (public utility commissions) Cost recovery via rates charged to customers

LDES needs to solve grid problem and be reliable, low-risk **Retail Electric Power Markets**



https://www.epa.gov/repowertoolbox/understanding-electricity-marketframeworks-policies

Restructured Markets

Market is competitive

Utilities usually prohibited from owning G&T assets.

RTOS/ISOs responsible for inter-/intra-state T, D and O&M with oversight from FERC

LDES needs to make money

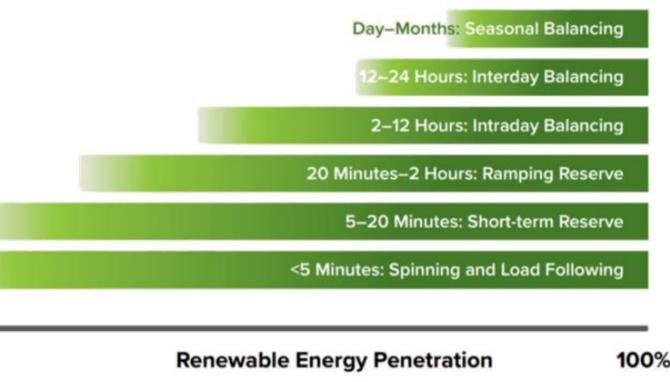
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Policy Gap #2: It's unclear what LDES should do, and where.

How to use LDES is a question for both retail and wholesale markets.

- FERC Order 841 requires RTOs/ISOs to establish market rules, including
 energy storage durations
 to receive full capacity or resource adequacy credit in wholesale electricity markets
 - Nearly all regions adopted 4 hour-or-less energy storage requirement
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Grid economics for LDES require solutions that can deal with multi-day, multi-week and multimonth balancing

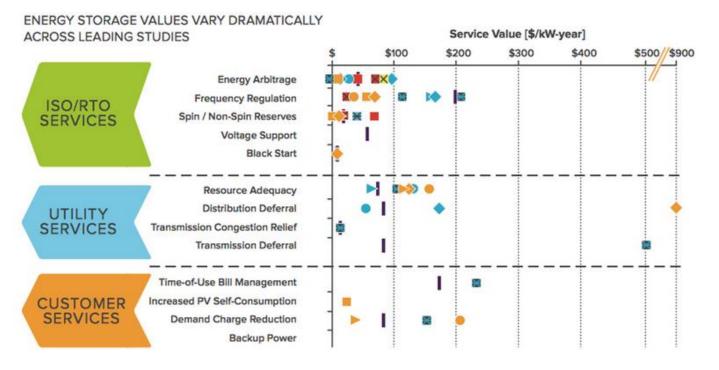


Source: Rocky Mountain Inst.

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Policy Gap #3: There is a lack of agreement on how LDES **b** should be paid.

"LDES Needs to Make Money"



Results for both energy arbitrage and load following are shown as energy arbitrage. In the one study that considered both, from Sandia National Laboratory, both results are shown and labeled separately. Backup power was not valued in any of the reports.

RMI UC I
RMI UC II
RMI UC III
RMI UC IV
NYSERDA
NREL
Oncore-Brattle
Kirby
EPRI Bulk
EPRI Short Duration
EPRI Substation
Sandia
Sandia: LF

Define & Enable Value Stacking Policies

- ISO/RTO services
- Utility services
- Customer services

Create consistency between distribution/retail and transmission/wholesale value streams.

A number of regulatory changes need to be made to accommodate LDES.

- LDES is not currently valued (or needed) in existing energy markets. Aside from California, most states have given little attention to LDES. Thus, policy gaps persist across the U.S.
- Issues on which policy needs to be created can be organized into the following categories:
 - Defining Policies
 - Business Model Policies
 - Monetization / Valuation Policies
 - Risk Mitigation Policies

Market Defining Policies

Defining an LDES market frequently starts with shaping perceptions:

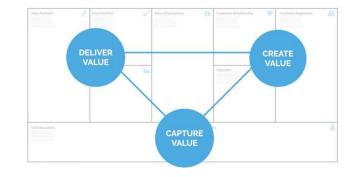
- Determining how LDES will be defined in terms of duration, technologies, applications, etc.
- Including / eliminating key technologies such as include pumped hydro, electrochemical, hydrogen, and thermal storage
- Defining the fundamental market components (e.g., cost, market participation rules, degradation/losses, reliability/materials



Business Model Policies

Creating a commodity market for LDES :

- Define value drivers for LDES
- Adopt relevant components from other commodity markets (e.g., gas, water, agriculture)
- Define ownership models to ensure a level playing field
- Prevent market manipulation
- Create financing opportunities (federal and state)



Monetization / Valuation Policies

- Defining multiple use applications (MUAs)
 - Allowing for both distribution reliability services and market opportunities
 - Consistency between state rules and RTO/ISO rules
 - How should MUAs be prioritized?
- Setting a price value for the following services:
 - Energy market (time shifting, MWh)
 - Capacity market (meeting loads, MW)
 - Transmission asset (prevent thermal overloads)
 - Resilience/insurance (recovering from natural disasters)
 - Elimination of double taxation (consumption and generation)
 - Carbon tax (cost avoidance)



Risk Mitigation Policies

Investment risk in LDES can be addressed through:

- Technology demonstrations
- Pilot programs
- Federal assistance for technology development (e.g., DOE Storage Shot, CSP program, ARPA-E Days)
- State mandates for storage deployment (e.g., California) that include utility cost-recovery provisions



Summary of Policy Issues

- There is an absence of LDES policies in every state / region in the U.S. (California is the exception).
- While there is optimism surrounding LDES' future, there is still little consensus about where and how it can be used, and its value to the grid.
- Policymakers can fill this gap by:
 - Defining fundamental LDES market components;
 - Creating a commodity market for LDES;
 - Creating valuation policies by defining MUAs & setting price values for specific LDES services; and
 - Setting policies that reduce risk for LDES developers

The national labs have an opportunity to help states identify and address these gaps and barriers.

- The momentum has begun and is continuing, as state legislatures and governors have shown an increased interest in pursuing legislation designed to bolster the role of ES in achieving clean energy goals.
- High level goals are frequently handed down to regulatory commissions to implement, but the knowledge gap is steep at many commissions.
- While FERC is driving federal policy at the RTO level (e.g., Orders 841 and 2222) putting "steel in the ground" is often more directly impacted by what is happening at the state level.
- Disconnects between state and federal policy create confusion and will keep barriers in place.
- Lack of uniformity across states can create a "patchwork" marketplace for storage and prevent market developments.

Final Messages

- > Consensus that LDES is the key that will help unlock global decarbonization.
- While there may be widespread agreement that 10-hour + LDES have a plethora of use cases, there is currently no market that reflects this.
- Regulators have the opportunity to create a level playing field for LDES that will be used for the coming decades.
- > Continue to watch California, which is setting some policy precedents for LDES.
 - CPUC requirement that the state's load-serving entities including CCAs, investor-owned utilities and municipal utilities and coops procure sufficient energy to ensure so-called 'Mid-Term Reliability' of the energy system.
 - This includes the requirements for these entities to procure or contract for at least 1GW of LDES.

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