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Distributed battery energy storage power station in Switzerland



Overview

Utility EWS AG and developer MW Storage have completed the expansion of a battery energy storage system (BESS) project in Switzerland from 20MW to 28MW, making it the country's largest. Where in Switzerland will Primeo energy install a battery storage system?

In Kappel, in the canton of Solothurn, we will install one of the largest battery storage systems in Switzerland with a total capacity of 65 megawatt hours. Primeo Energie will use the stand-alone storage system to make energy more flexible and store electricity temporarily and withdraw it again when it is needed.

Which energy storage projects have been commissioned in Switzerland?

Axpo commissioned its BESS in February this year while utility Thurplus commissioned a 3MW system in September last year. But Switzerland was the location for one of the largest energy storage projects commissioned in recent years, a 20GWh pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) unit which started operations in June 2022 in the Canton of Valais.

How will a large-scale storage system help the Swiss power grid?

In this way, the system will help to stabilise the Swiss power grid. With this large-scale storage system, we are making a decisive contribution to the implementation of Switzerland's Energy Strategy 2050, which aims to convert 100 per cent of its energy supply to renewable energies by 2050.

What is the future of electricity storage in Switzerland?

One important pillar of this strategy is the further development of electricity storage capacity in Switzerland. In the next years, three large-scale pumped hydro storage power plants will be connected to the grid. The first, the Limmern pumped storage plant (1 GW), should become operational in 2016.

Is MW storage the country's largest battery storage project?

MW Storage is a developer of BESS projects which is also active in the German market, with a 100MW/200MWh project underway that it claimed is the country's largest. The inauguration ceremony for the BESS project. Image: EWS AG. EWS AG and MW Storage have expanded a battery storage project in Switzerland to 28MW, making it the country's largest.

Does Switzerland support pumped storage operators?

Despite the government's objectives defined in the Energy Strategy 2050, there is currently no direct support via subsidy for pumped storage operators in Switzerland.

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