

According to the latest statistics from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Panama had around 570 MWof installed PV capacity at the end of 2023. It installed around 40 MW of new solar last year. This content is protected by copyright and may not be reused.

What is Panama's power system like in 2017?

In 2017,Panama's power system had very large installed hydropower capacity(54% of total capacity) and substantial VRE capacity (45.3%). The generation breakdown was 64% renewable energy (36% run-of-river hydro,18% reservoir hydro,8% wind,2% solar photovoltaics (PV)) and 36% thermal generation (29% oil and 7% coal).

How much energy does Panama need?

Panama expects total energy demand to more than double between 2017 and 2030 (+113%), with peak demand growing from 1.6 GW to 3.5 GW. Panama is currently connected to Costa Rica via a 300 MW transmission line. A 400 MW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnector with Colombia is expected to be commissioned by 2022.

Should energy storage systems be a candidate for investment?

The investment mode was run considering energy storage systems as a candidate for investment. Figure 7 shows that by investing in 1.5 GW (0.7 gigawatt-hours) of energy storage, curtailment decreases to less than 2%, while the VRE share increases from 64% to 66% and the renewable energy share increases from 76% to 78%.

What is the flextool engagement process for Panama?

The FlexTool engagement process for Panama started in October 2017, with a set of discussions during training on power grid studies with large shares of solar and wind.

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additional solar PV capacity and 164+ investmentsMW (82 MWh) of battery storage, increasing the renewable energy share from 58% to 69%. 2 In the case of Panama, the expansion includes solar PV and wind capacity and battery storage. Domestic transmission capacity expansion is not relevant in this case given that it is a single-node model.

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Civic Solar chose Nuvation Energy to provide battery management solutions for Islas Secas, a 100% solar powered island resort off the coast of Panama. The island microgrid is powered by a 355 kW photovoltaic (PV) array.



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Energy storage is a "force multiplier" for carbon-free energy. It allows for the integration of more solar, wind and distributed energy resources, and increases the capacity factor of existing plants to avoid the need for new thermal generation.

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