



# Tax issues for energy storage companies

Maryland (2017) -- First U.S. state tax credit for energy storage; 30% of the cost of a customer-sited installation; \$750,000 per year available; ... We've also seen a host of energy storage companies get gobbled up by bigger giants eager to get a headstart in the battery game. Enel bought Demand Energy. Wartsila snatched up Greensmith.

We regularly assist our clients with developing, operating, and managing energy storage projects around the globe. We have advised on the development, financing, acquisition, and construction of numerous electric energy storage projects, including flow and lithium-ion batteries, pumped-hydro storage, behind-the-meter, and in-front-of-the-meter energy storage, as well as stand ...

The SEIA, however, has said, on its website, "Beginning in 2025, storage assets will no longer qualify for the [Low Income Communities Bonus Credit Program] benefit, presenting red tape and headaches for residential and community solar companies and storage accessibility issues for solar customers."

**Technology Risks** Lithium-ion batteries remain the most widespread technology used in energy storage systems, but energy storage systems also use hydrogen, compressed air, and other battery technologies. Project finance lenders view all of these newer technologies as having increased risk due to a lack of historical data.

Historically, in the energy storage space, tax credits have been available only for energy storage systems that are paired with renewable energy generation projects. However, with the passage of the IRA, tax credits are now available for stand-alone energy storage systems, and thus lenders may be willing to provide bridge capital that

Tax credit transfers on the other hand are much simpler, and essentially amount to selling a credit to an investor for cash--although it still requires careful planning and due diligence. Early on, some speculated that credit transfers would replace tax equity deals as the main way companies monetized energy tax credits. That hasn't panned out.

Investors and renewable energy companies are allocating significant amounts of capital into battery storage projects. Generating a return on these investments is critical to their financial sustainability and ability to deliver a consistent stream of clean energy to the grid. Two key factors are at play in keeping a battery storage project on ...

On Aug. 16, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), which includes new and revised tax incentives for clean energy projects. ...

About the legislation. The bipartisan Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act (S. 627 / H.R. 1648) makes the ITC available for stand-alone energy storage systems. In addition to putting storage on a level playing field with other energy technologies, an ITC will accelerate the growth of jobs and investment in the



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American energy storage industry, contributing to economic ...

Prior Law -- Investment Tax Credit for Energy Storage Before the enactment of the IRA, the Section 48 investment tax credit (ITC) did not apply to standalone energy storage projects. Energy storage projects could claim the ITC only when installed in connection with a new solar generation facility, and then only to the extent the energy storage ...

Treasury issues proposed guidance on technology-neutral clean energy tax credits The new credits, which cover wind, solar, hydropower, nuclear, geothermal and other technologies, are "one of the ...

The energy investment tax credit (ITC) has been vital to the growth of solar industry and has also aided in the deployment of energy storage in limited cases. The ITC available under Internal Revenue Code section 48 provides a deduction of a certain percentage of the costs of installing a solar energy system from an owner's / investor's ...

Guidance to clarify underlying Investment Tax Credit critical for companies planning clean energy projects WASHINGTON --Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released guidance on the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) under Section 48 of Internal Revenue Code to spur the investment boom ushered in by President ...

The Inflation Reduction Act modifies and extends the clean energy Investment Tax Credit to provide up to a 30% credit for qualifying investments in wind, solar, energy ...

From pv magazine's ESS News. The U.S. Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) has claimed a planned switch from the IRA's Low Income Communities Bonus Credit Program to a "technology-neutral tax credit structure," from Jan. 1, 2025, means energy storage systems will no longer qualify for additional tax credits.

Electric power companies can use this approach for greenfield sites or to replace retiring fossil power plants, giving the new plant access to connected infrastructure. 22 At least 38 GW of planned solar and wind energy in the current project pipeline are expected to have colocated energy storage. 23 Many states have set renewable energy ...

Companies with strong renewable energy investments should stay cognizant of evolving tax rules and regulations to incentivize their renewable energy facilities. ... These programs provide for a reduction in property tax if the company commits to a certain capital spend. Virginia classifies certain solar assets as pollution control equipment and ...

The inflation act offers a 30% tax credit for clean power projects as well as bonus credits for projects that source domestic content or are located either in areas of low income or regions impacted by the energy transition. For the first time, tax credits are also offered to stand-alone energy storage, fuelling a boom in separate utility-scale ...



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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Department of Treasury, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) today announced \$4 billion in tax credits for over 100 projects across 35 states to accelerate domestic clean energy manufacturing and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at industrial facilities. Projects selected for tax credits ...

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, there will be a new personal property tax exemption for the state portion of property tax on all qualified personal property owned by a qualified renewable energy facility. Operators of renewable energy generation or storage facilities must pay new excise taxes based on the generation or storage capacity of the facilities.

An energy storage project is a cluster of battery banks (or modules) that are connected to the electrical grid. These battery banks are roughly the same size as a shipping container. These are also called Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), or grid-scale/utility-scale energy storage or battery storage systems. ...

The deal value of tax credit transactions is estimated to range from \$7 billion and \$9 billion in 2023, according to a market intelligence report Crux released in January. "Tax credit transfer volumes in 2024 may significantly exceed last year," the company said in an April 3 update, noting that buyers placed over \$1.5 billion in bids on its platform in the first quarter of ...

Extension, expansion, and flexibility of current renewable energy tax credit regime. The current tax credit regime is built around specific credits for specific technologies. The Act refreshes and extends the current tax credit regime through the end of 2024, but then pivots to a "technology neutral" tax credit regime through the end of 2032.

Between a rapidly changing planet, generous federal tax incentives, and high demand, wind and solar projects are experiencing a major growth spurt. In the summer of 2010, the United States had a total net capacity of 39,134.5 megawatts in utility-scale wind energy.

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The 2022 tax-and-climate law ushered in new green energy tax credits designed to encourage corporate taxpayers to cut carbon emissions. Now is the time for businesses to re-examine their tax strategy to ensure they're taking full advantage, says Tifphani White-King of Mazars. ... companies that align with their values on issues such as ...

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) changed the game when it comes to battery storage and its qualifications for investment tax credits (ITC). Partners Christine Byrnes and Anne Loomis discuss the eligibility of energy



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storage for ITC, as well as the rules that apply to co-locating energy storage with other energy property or qualified facilities.

Energy storage projects (i) not in service prior to Jan. 1, 2022, and (ii) on which construction begins prior to Jan. 29, 2023 (60 days after the IRS issued Notice 2022-61), qualify for the bonus rate regardless of compliance with the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements.

New Inflation Reduction Act Provisions Allow State, Local, and Tribal Governments, Tax-Exempt Entities, U.S. Territories, Rural Energy Co-ops, and More to Access Tax Credits for Building a Clean Energy Economy WASHINGTON -- Today, as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and ...

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