

How many people can a lithium battery power Buenos Aires?

The plant will generate 15 megawatts per year, which means it will produce lithium batteries capable of powering 2500 households. The batteries are envisaged for use in rural areas. For example, there is already a Buenos Aires province-backed project to supply the Paulino-Berisso island, home to 70 families who are currently off the power grid.

Where will lithium batteries be made in Buenos Aires?

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Can lithium batteries be used to store energy?

Salvarezza also said that major renewable energy companies are already contacting them to install lithium batteries in their wind and solar farms, since the electrical power grid is saturated. Lithium batteries would thus be a way to store energy until it's ready for distribution.

Will Chile pay a capacity payment for energy storage projects in 2024?

Chile passed an energy storage and electromobility bill in late 2022, making stand-alone storage projects profitable for operators. However, the market is still awaiting new rules regarding a capacity payment for storage projects--expected in 2024.

Does Y-TEC sell lithium in Argentina?

In the case of lithium, Y-TEC signed a contract with American company Livent, which extracts the mineral in Catamarca and, for the first time, sold part of its production in Argentina. According to Salvarezza, for industrialization to grow in scale, part of the production ought to be sold on the local market.

Can artificial graphite be made in Argentina?

Although it is not manufactured in Argentina, Y-TEC is conducting a project for artificial graphite production, using burnt coking coal from the YPF refinery. They took it to the Spain Carbon Institute to see if they could perform a chemical process on it.

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Interested parties are being invited to propose projects encompassing the financing, construction and management of energy storage systems in the wholesale electricity market. The projects could be for optimising generation dispatch, providing power reserve services or other mechanisms proposed.

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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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