

How much does a solar power plant cost in Chile?

Because of its good solar resource several international companies have bid record low prices for solar thermal power plants in Chile, including the Copiapó Solar Project bid at \$63/MWh by SolarReserve in 2017. If realized this would have been the lowest ever price for a CSP project in the world.

Why is solar power important in Chile?

Solar power in Chile is an increasingly important source of energy. Total installed photovoltaic (PV) capacity in Chile reached 8.36 GW in 2023. Solar energy provided 19.9% of national electricity generation in Chile in 2023, compared to less than 0.1% in 2013.

What is Chile's largest solar plant?

Its PV capacity was 2137 megawatt and it increased to 3104 megawatts by July 2020 with yet another 2801 Megawatt to be added recently. The photovoltaic plant's construction began in January 2015, and it began its operation in June 2016 with 160 Megawatt of panels, making it Chile's largest solar plant at the time.

How much solar energy does Chile need?

Chile's DNI is 3,800 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> in the Atacama desert, the world's highest solar resource for CSP projects. The region is not subject to sandstorms. Variable renewables, PV and wind, increasingly supply the grid, and to complement these renewables, flexible dispatchable generation, such as is provided by CSP with thermal energy storage, is needed.

When will Cerro Dominador solar thermal plant open?

Construction of the photovoltaic plant commenced in January 2015 and the plant began operating in June 2016 with 160 MW of panels, the largest solar plant in Chile at the time. By the end of 2020 the project was fully erected under the name Cerro Dominador Solar Thermal Plant and is expected to fully operate in 2021.

When did SolarPack start supplying power to Chile?

In March 2020 PV Magazine reported that Solarpack had begun providing power on 2 March 2020, to the Chilean grid from its 123 MW Granja project, 10 months ahead of the contracted date of 1 January 2021. With that, Solarpack raised its total operating capacity in Chile at the time to 181 MW.

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Chile has become a leader in Latin America in using renewable energies, especially solar energy. Its privileged natural resources put the country in an enviable position to transform its energy matrix. But the boom in solar projects is ...

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