

Tuvalu energy storage project costs







Overview

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What is the Tuvalu solar power project?

The Government of Tuvalu worked with the e8 group to develop the Tuvalu Solar Power Project, which is a 40 kW grid-connected solar system that is intended to provide about 5% of Funafuti 's peak demand, and 3% of the Tuvalu Electricity Corporation's annual household consumption.

What is the cost of electricity in Tuvalu?

The cost of electricity in Tuvalu is currently \\$0.29/\<\textbf{kWh}\> for the first 50kWh (known as the 'lifeline tariff'), \\$0.38/\<\textbf{kWh}\> for the next 50kWh, and \\$0.55/\<\textbf{kWh}\> thereafter and for commercial and government users. The average revenue is \\$0.48 per \<kWh\>. Without subsidies and using current generating systems, Tuvalu may soon have the highest energy costs in the Pacific.

Where does Tuvalu electricity come from?

Tuvalu's power has come from electricity generation facilities that use imported diesel brought in by ships. The Tuvalu Electricity Corporation (TEC) on the main island of Funafuti operates the large power station (2000 kW).

What is Tuvalu doing with the ADB?

Tuvalu, an island country midway between Hawaii and Australia, has commissioned a new solar and storage project with the ADB, featuring a 500 kW on-grid solar rooftop array and a 2 MWh BESS in the capital, Funafuti. "The project is under the Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Facility and has a \$6 million support.



What is Tuvalu's energy policy?

Tuvalu commits to reduction of emissions of green-house gases from the electricity generation (power) sector, by 100%, ie almost zero emissions by 2025. Tuvalu's indicative quantified economy-wide target for a reduction in total emissions of GHGs from the entire energy sector to 60% below 2010 levels by 2025.

What is ADB's new solar project in Tuvalu?

"The project is under the Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Facility and has a \$6 million support. It is ADB's first for Tuvalu's energy sector," the ADB said in a statement. "The project also installed solar PV in the outer islands of Nui, Nukufetau, and Nukulaelae."



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