

Energy-Storing Batteries Will Boost Grid Reliability

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd., a developer of clean-energy projects, is building battery storage units near Chicago that will boost grid reliability, reports Bloomberg News.

The company plans two 19.8-megawatt storage units, one in West Chicago and another in Joliet, the company's Broomfield, Colorado-based unit said today in a statement. When completed in August, the systems will be the largest on the continent, the company said. Terms weren't disclosed, Bloomberg News reports.

"Storage systems absorb excess energy when there is oversupply and release it when power is needed allowing providers to avoid expensive generators when demand peaks. The units can also store excess power from intermittent sources like wind and solar, allowing utilities to blend renewable energy into their supply," according to the Bloomberg report.

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