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History of Microgrid Development in the United States



Overview

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Conduct comprehensive literature review of U.S. microgrid development in the recent decade. • Discuss U.S. progress on microgrid policies, demonstration projects, control methods, and software tools. • Summarize key successful experience of U.S. microgrid development.

microgrid solutions that apply modern controls and utilize cleaner energy generation sources. Microgrids have been deployed in rural and indigenous communities in Alaska since the 1960s. That six-decade history of innovation in bringing power to remote and underserved.

NATIONAL FORECAST. National renewable asset microgrid capacity is expected to grow 3.5 times, bringing total to 32,470 MW by 2030. Microgrid assets are a powerful engine for change, not only for our environment and for resiliency, but also for our economy. Guidehouse Insights, 2021. Does the US have a role in developing remote microgrids?

The United States Agency for International Development has also taken advantage of DOE-developed expertise in their remote microgrid work in Africa¹, Haiti², and other rural and remote communities, which has provided valuable insight on technical, regulatory, and procedural rollout of microgrids

in the United States.

Where does microgrid development take place?

While the federal programs described above were the main engine of early U.S. microgrid research and development, there has always been significant activity at the state and local levels—often arising from self-generation projects, typically at large commercial, campus, medical, or industrial sites.

What drives microgrid development?

The driving forces in microgrid development at the state and local levels include renewable energy requirements as reflected in renewable portfolio standards (RPS) in 29 states and Washington, DC; renewable portfolio goals in eight states; and increasing concerns regarding power system resilience due to growing extreme climate events [38, 39, 40].

When did OE start a microgrid program?

Figure 1. Select U.S. Federal microgrid assessment and demonstration projects (source: OE) OE's first major program, the Renewable and Distributed Systems Integration (RDSI) program, began in 2008 . The nine projects initiated in 2008 are shown in green on Figure 1*.

How a microgrid is developed in the EU?

In the EU, microgrid development is accompanied with comprehensive R&D efforts supported by a series of EU's Framework Programs (FPs) . Demonstration projects are developed starting in FP 5 to now with focus on island and remote microgrid system, utility scale multi-microgrid, control and operation.

How does government support microgrids?

Support for microgrids comes from research and development (R&D) programs at federal and state levels, software and tools, grants and funding support to incentivize demonstration projects, and tax and financial incentives for the installation of distributed energy , , , .

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This information could then be used by the DOE among others, to develop R& D agendas for the development of the next generation microgrids that provide cost effective, reliable and clean ...



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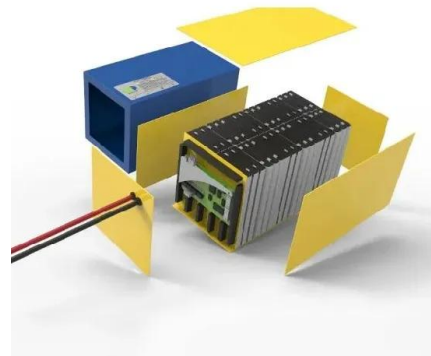


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Continuously increasing demand of microgrids with high penetration of distributed energy generators, mainly renewable energy sources, is modifying the traditional structure of the ...

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