KEY INSIGHTS ON ENERGY STORAGE

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UTILITY OF THE FUTURE

Understanding how distributed energy resources are changing the provision of electricity services Full report available at: http://energy.mit.edu/uof

ENERGY STORAGE CAN PROVIDE MULTIPLE SERVICES



BIG PLAYS ARE CAPACITY PLAYS



STORAGE IS A STRONG SUBSTITUTE FOR PEAKERS



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VALUE OF STORAGE FALLS STEADILY WITH SCALE

2-hour storage, 10-year asset life, Texas case study



Energy Storage Power Capacity (% of Peak Demand)

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A "NON-WIRES" ALTERANTIVE TO NETWORK CAPACITY?

If ideally sited and operated, small reductions in peak net withdrawals can accommodate modest growth in peak demand without any additional distribution network investments. Storage is well suited to this role.



■ HV/MV Substation ▲ MV/LV Substation ● Curtailable Load Level of Curtailment/Generation (MW) 0.01 0.02

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DECLINING MARGINAL VALUE: MORE HOURS

Load duration curve for ISO New England, 2011-2015, all hours.



Source: ISO New England (2015), "ISO New England's Internal Market Monitor 2015 Annual Markets Report."

ECONOMIES OF SCALE STILL MATTER

Economies of unit scale vs locational value

Utility Scale





C&I Scale





Residential Scale





DISTRIBUTED OPPORTUNITY COSTS

Comparison of 2015 estimated incremental unit costs for Li-ion energy storage systems (1:2 power:energy ratio) vs. *hypothetical* locational values.



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Questions

