

Economic Evaluation of Microgrids

Does a microgrid installation benefit from economies of scale?

Economies of scale While making a commercial decision regarding renewable energy microgrid installation, the life cycle cost is not the only concern; whether an installation can benefit from economies of scale is also critical. The effect of savings due to economies of scale is usually measured by the economies of the scale factor.

Why are microgrids difficult to commercially evaluate?

Microgrids have been seen as challenging to commercially evaluate for several reasons. Firstly, a microgrid represents a series of assets and infrastructure that come from different value streams, and during operation, a microgrid may go through several phases (generation, control, independence) but these phases are not distinct and often overlap.

What are the benefits of microgrids?

The benefits of microgrids can be assessed using the three pillars of sustainability: social, environmental, and economical. For social benefits, microgrids, as a localized electrification solution, can provide electricity to remote areas, enhance energy security, and prevent blackouts.

What is a microgrid and how does it work?

Microgrids can be seen as a way to connect a number of independent and heterogeneous renewable energy systems to form a complex and dynamic integrated energy system, essentially a system of systems. The simplified general structure of a microgrid comprises of generators (renewable or non-renewable), storage systems, and loads.

Are microgrids sustainable?

While examining the sustainability of a microgrid, it is best that all costs and benefits that microgrids incur and bring are considered. It has been suggested that investment in a microgrid can result in manifold benefits, such as enhanced energy efficiency and integrated renewable power generation.

How much does a microgrid cost?

The investment cost and operating cost are calculated to be 2135 USD/kW and 0.066 USD/kWh respectively, both figures being higher than those of pulverized-coal and natural gas. It is projected that by 2025 the costs of renewable energy microgrids will begin to be competitive with non-renewable energy generation.

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