

Announcement of the competition for pumped energy storage

What is pumped storage hydro?

As a result, pumped storage hydro is a critical enabling technology for the wider deployment of the renewable energy the UK needs. SSE Renewables is progressing a development pipeline of pumped storage hydro projects in the UK.

Where is SSE's pumped storage hydro project located?

Located on the shores of Loch Lochy in the Scottish Highlands, between Fort William and Inverness, SSE's proposed Coire Glas pumped storage hydro project would be the first such scheme to be built in the UK in 40 years.

Could pumped hydro storage be Britain's biggest natural battery?

"The flagship project in the Scottish Highlands can shift the dial on pumped hydro storage - harnessing the power of wind and water to become Britain's biggest natural battery, storing excess renewable energy at times of low demand and supporting a future clean electricity system with instant power.

What is a pumped storage plant?

It would be one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Scotland in a generation. Pumped storage plants act like giant water batteries by using reversible turbines to pump water from a lower reservoir to an upper reservoir, which stores excess power from sources such as wind farms when supply outstrips demand.

Will SSE convert Coire Glas to pumped storage hydro?

In addition to Coire Glas, SSE has plans to convert the largest conventional hydro power station in its existing hydro power fleet, the 152.5MW Sloy Power Station in southern Scotland, into a pumped storage hydro scheme. The company is also co-developing a new pumped storage hydro project at Loch Fearn in Scotland's Great Glen*.

Why is long duration energy storage important?

Stephen Crosher, Chief Executive of RheEnergise said: "Over the next decade, Long Duration Energy Storage can make an important contribution to the UK energy market, and indeed globally. Long Duration Energy Storage is a key to delivering the energy transition and will help strengthen the resilience and security of the UK's energy system.

energy storage for electricity systems include mostly the storage effect of reservoir-based conventional hydropower schemes, and pumped hydropower storage. Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is still a technology under development whereas batteries and other technologies offer smaller capacities.

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could deliver up to 30GWh of storage capacity if built, doubling the total electricity ...

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RheEnergise, the UK company that is developing a new and advanced form of long-duration hydro-energy storage system, has been awarded a UK£8.25m small business research initiative (SBRI) contract from the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio (NZIP) to deploy a first-of-a-kind demonstrator of its High-Density Hydro storage system.

Drax's plans to build a new 600 MW pumped storage hydro plant at Cruachan was granted development consent through the Section 36 process from the Scottish Government in July 2023. A report by KPMG for ...

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The British Hydropower Association (BHA) has today welcomed the UK Government's decision to support vital investment in long duration energy storage (LDES) technologies, including pumped storage hydropower. The announcement by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero follows a consultation held earlier this year which proposed a ...

The International Hydropower Association (IHA) has announced the launch of the Global Alliance for Pumped Storage (GAPS) at COP29, bringing together representatives ...

Angus and Perthshire Glens MP Dave Doogan. In March a consultation for a "cap and floor" mechanism for pumped storage hydro concluded, however, supporters of the technology still await results.

"Today's announcement is a critical step forward to removing one of the key hurdles developers face in building a new generation of pumped storage hydro plants. I would like to thank the new Government for moving at ...

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Biden-Harris Administration, through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), today announced nearly \$350 million for emerging Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES) demonstration projects capable of delivering electricity for 10 to 24 hours or longer to support a low-cost, reliable,

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carbon-free electric grid.Funded in part by President ...

The campaign will culminate in a two-day global forum on pumped storage hydropower in Paris in 2025, bringing world experts and leaders together to discuss the critical role of pumped storage hydropower in the future energy mix and present recommendations for enabling its uptake.

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The increasing use of renewable energy sources as solar and wind to meet the global goals for decarbonization of our society and to promote clean energy is often related to higher grid fluctuations and simultaneously a greater need for innovative and flexible energy storage solutions. This study shows that the specific novel design of a CR-RPT especially ...

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