

Norway independent energy storage project





Overview

Will Norsk Hydro build a 84 GWh pumped storage project?

(Photo: Narrativ/Hydro) Norsk Hydro, a Norwegian aluminum and renewable energy company, is planning a 84 GWh pumped storage project in Luster Municipality, Norway. The Illvatn project, with an estimated price tag of NOK1.2 billion (US\$113 million), is expected to begin construction in 2025, targeting 2028 or 2029 for full operation.

Is stationary energy storage a good idea in Norway?

Electric cars now account for 79 per cent of new cars sold in Norway, and the MS Medstraum was recently launched as the world's first electric fast ferry. In a global report on lithium-ion batteries, Norway ranked first in sustainability. These are impressive records. Even so, stationary energy storage is beginning to steal the limelight.

Is Norsk Hydro planning a new pumped storage power plant?

In April 2020, the Norwegian Ministry of Energy granted Norsk Hydro a concession to develop the Illvatn pumped storage power plant. An application for a plan change is being processed by the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE).

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