

Chile energy storage applications

In coordination with the Ministry of National Assets, the programme aims to allocate energy storage capacity across four regions – Arica and Parinacota, Tarapaca, Antofagasta and Atacama.

During president Gabriel Boric's administration, the country has awarded 32 licenses to renewable projects, which are expected to add 6.5GW of capacity, said the minister of National Assets, Marcela Sandoval.

"We hope to achieve an equally successful situation in the case of this application to promote energy storage in our country," said Sandoval.

The bidding opened on 13 May as applications are only open until Thursday 23 May, in two days' time.

Presented in November, the "Promotion Plan for the Development of Storage Systems" aims to allocate publicly owned land for projects starting operations in 2026. Projects must be operational by 30 June 2027, while the land license will last up to 40 years.

Developers will be able to apply for the direct allocation of land for storage projects in areas defined in partnership with the Coordinador Eléctrico Nacional (CEN), an independent body which helps to coordinate the electricity system in Chile.

Standalone projects have started to emerge more, as is the example of this programme, with developers and independent power producers adding capacity as Chile decommissions its remaining coal capacity. Last month, utility Engie announced it was to build a 116MW/660MWh battery energy system storage at the former site of a coal plant it operated in the northern region of Antofagasta.

Moreover, energy storage is being added to existing solar PV projects to reduce high levels of solar curtailment and negative pricing.

For more information regarding the process and how to participate, you can access Chile's Ministry of Energy page [here](#) (in Spanish).

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