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Are battery energy storage systems a viable alternative for Chilean power producers? With transmission lines at overcapacity and permitting delays slowing the development of new grid infrastructure, battery energy storage systems (BESS) have surged as a profitable alternative for Chilean power producers. How much battery storage capacity does Chile have? According to data from Acera, the Chilean Renewable Energy Association, there are only 64MW of battery storage capacity currently active, representing 0.2% of national capacity. AES Andes, a subsidiary of U.S. company AES Corp. operates all 64MW at their Angamos and Los Andes substations. How can Chile keep up with the changing energy demand landscape? Chile is exploring a variety of solutions to keep abreast of the changing energy demand landscape ranging from BESS to innovative projects using CO<sub>2</sub>. In March, BESS Coya, the largest battery-based energy storage system in Latin America, started operations. Will new solar assets in Chile have storage components? New utility-scale renewable and PMGE assets in Chile (most of which are distributed solar plants smaller than 9 MW) will likely all have storage components moving forward. Can co-located batteries help solar plants capture better power prices? Co-located batteries, like Engie S.A.'s BESS Coya, will help solar plants capture better power prices by charging the batteries during solar hours when power prices are very low and dispatching energy during peak hours when prices are close to USD 100/MWh. How many Bess projects are there in Chile? This momentum is reflected in the data: AMI estimates that there is a 7.7 GW pipeline of BESS projects in Chile, far and away the most advanced front of the meter (FTM) storage market in Latin America. 1 Only 505 MW of BESS projects are currently operational in the entire region. We expect price differentials in Chile to fall as BESS-installed capacity grows and new transmission comes online adding more uncertainty to long term arbitrage revenues. Fitch Ratings-Sao Paulo/New York-01 April : Project finance transactions in Chile are expected to increase due to the recent commissioning of large battery energy storage systems (BESS), Fitch Ratings says. This should balance electricity supply and demand while reducing price volatility for battery storage projects. Chile's high renewable penetration, high levels of curtailment and recent legislation make it the front-runner in the region. A decree establishing a capacity payment for BESS projects (DS N° 62) is expected in Q2 of 2024, which is attracting more coal-fired capacity. In July, AES announced plans to construct a 763 MW solar plant with a 1,063 MW battery offering five-hour storage, as reported in pv magazine LatAm. Construction is expected to begin in April in the Antofagasta region in the north of the country, ahead of an expected commissioning date in Q2. Around Q2/ the LFP cell prices in the Chinese domestic market dropped below \$60/kWh and it is now known that BYD are now driving this prices down to ~\$44/kWh by pressuring the supply chain as well as further utilizing their market position regarding scale and vertical integration. The Q4 Co-located batteries, like Engie S.A.'s BESS Coya, will help solar plants capture better power prices by charging the batteries during solar hours when power prices are very low and dispatching energy during peak hours when prices are close to USD 100/MWh. This momentum is reflected in the data: AMI estimates that there is a 7.7 GW pipeline of BESS



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