



# Energy storage investment depreciation

Are IRA tax benefits a viable option for energy storage facilities?

While the vitality of the IRA tax benefits in their current form is currently subject to uncertainty given the results of the 2024 federal general election, the existing market practice for financing energy storage facilities since the IRA's passage continues to evolve in reaction to the act's new requirements and opportunities.

Does the IRA cover energy storage projects?

According to Cavan the tax credit will now cover interconnection, microgrid controllers and a broader scope of components often used in clean energy systems. To maximize tax credits under the IRA, energy storage projects must meet two labor requirements.

How has the energy storage industry progressed in 2024 & 2025?

The energy storage industry has continued to progress over the course of 2024 and into 2025, buoyed in significant part by the federal income tax benefits in the form of tax credits enacted under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).

Should a business deduct a depreciable basis over 5 years?

Allowing businesses to deduct the depreciable basis over five years reduces tax liability and accelerates the rate of return on a solar investment. This has been a significant driver for the solar industry and other energy industries.

What are the New IRA rules for energy storage?

Energy storage was one of the major beneficiaries of the IRA's new rules on both the deployment and manufacturing sides. The IRA enacted the long-sought investment tax credit (ITC) under Section 48 and 48E of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) for standalone energy storage facilities.

Are battery storage systems eligible for a tax credit?

For the first time, standalone storage systems will be eligible for a 30 percent investment tax credit (ITC) -- and up to 70 percent with additional incentives. "It's a really big deal," said Peter Cavan, Director of Market Development for battery storage developer Convergent Energy and Power.

In most markets nationwide, residential energy storage does not make economic sense from a pure return on investment (ROI) basis. If this ruling does ultimately become ...

The market certainty provided by MACRS allows businesses in a variety of economic sectors to continue making long-term investments and has been found to be a significant driver of private ...

The Treasury Department and IRS released long-awaited proposed regulations regarding the investment tax credit under Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code.



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IR-2024-150, May 29, 2024 -- The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service today issued proposed regulations under the Inflation Reduction Act for owners of qualified ...

In brief What happened? The IRS and Treasury on January 15 published final regulations on the Section 45Y clean electricity production tax credit and the ...

Tax Mechanism: Investment tax credit New or Modified Provision: Modified and extended to include standalone energy storage with capacity of at least 5 kWh, biogas, microgrid controllers ...

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS have issued Final Regulations regarding the investment tax credit (ITC) for Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code. The ...

Let's face it - talking about energy storage system depreciation sounds as exciting as watching battery cells charge. But what if I told you this financial rabbit hole ...

Image: Eolian The investment tax credit (ITC) for standalone energy storage is an undoubted game changer for the US industry, but it isn't easy or cheap to capture its ...

A depreciation method of the battery energy storage system cost in the whole life cycle of the present invention, comprising: reading the battery energy storage system parameters;...

Final rules will provide additional clarity and certainty for project developers, helping to produce more clean power, build a strong clean energy ...

The IRA expanded the investment tax credit by eliminating the requirement that a storage system be charged by solar and including stand-alone energy storage systems ...

When the ITC is claimed, the accelerated depreciation rules allow for the full tax basis less half the ITC to be depreciated [4]. Energy storage is eligible for the ITC so long as it is >5 kWh and ...

A depreciation method for battery energy storage system cost in the whole life cycle technical field The invention relates to a depreciation method, in particular to a depreciation method within ...

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Battery energy storage systems (BESS) have received significant advancement in the United States due to the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act ...

For purposes of section 46, except as provided in paragraphs (1) (B), (2) (B), and (3) (B) of subsection (c), the



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energy credit for any taxable year is the energy percentage of ...

**Background** The U.S. Treasury Department and IRS on December 4, 2024, released final regulations (T.D. 10015) relating to the investment tax credit (ITC) for energy property under ...

Any facility that qualifies for the Clean Electricity Production Credit and any qualified property or grid improvement property in the Clean Electricity ...

In the case of any qualified investment with respect to any qualified facility or energy storage technology the construction of which begins before June 16, 2025, 40 percent ...

**Overview** The solar investment tax credit (ITC) is a tax credit that can be claimed on federal corporate income taxes for 30% of the cost of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system that ...

**Profitability Indicator: IRR** is a widely-used metric to assess the financial viability of energy storage projects, serving as a basis for investment decisions. Typical IRR Ranges: ...

This guidance has provided welcome clarity for sponsors, investors, lenders, credit buyers, equipment vendors, service providers, and ...

Businesses rely on policy certainty to make long-term investment decisions. SEIA supports smart tax policy that drives continued innovation in the solar industry. Depreciation is one aspect of ...

Investments in renewable energy are more attractive due to the contribution of two key federal tax incentives. The investment tax credit (ITC) and the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery ...

**Image: Eolian** The investment tax credit (ITC) for standalone energy storage is an undoubted game changer for the US industry, but it isn't ...

By including battery storage in your solar installation, you also make these assets eligible for depreciation under MACRS, further enhancing ...

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) says MACRS is "a significant driver of private investment for the solar industry and other ...

Learn how your business can maximize 2025 solar tax incentives before they phase out. Get the latest on the federal Investment Tax ...

The financial health of renewable energy assets is closely intertwined with the political environment, particularly through legislation that ...



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The Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) is a tax depreciation system that allows businesses to recover the value of certain ...

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (the OBBB), which significantly rolls back many of the core tax incentives that ...

The energy storage capacity,  $E$ , is calculated using the efficiency calculated above to represent energy losses in the BESS itself. This is an approximation since actual battery efficiency will ...

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