

Economic and technical evaluation indicators of microgrids

Does a microgrid installation benefit from economies of scale?

Economies of scale While making a commercial decision regarding renewable energy microgrid installation, the life cycle cost is not the only concern; whether an installation can benefit from economies of scale is also critical. The effect of savings due to economies of scale is usually measured by the economies of the scale factor.

Do economic analyses of microgrids have a broader focus?

To date, economic analyses of microgrids have adopted a broader focus, mainly due to greater data availability.

Are microgrids a facilitator of renewables integration?

The environmental benefits focus primarily on the avoided social costs of carbon, generally estimated between \$20 and \$50 per ton. Studies addressing microgrids as facilitators of renewables integration include ABB (2015), Industrial Economics Inc. (2015), and Morris, Bogart, Dorchak, and Meiners (2009).

Why are microgrids difficult to commercially evaluate?

Microgrids have seen as challenging to commercially evaluate for several reasons. Firstly,a microgrid represents a series of assets and infrastructure that come from different value streams,and during operation,a microgrid may go through several phases (generation,control,independence) but these phases are not distinct and often overlap.

What is a microgrid and how does it work?

Microgrids can be seen as a way to connect a number of independent and heterogeneous renewable energy systems to form a complex and dynamic integrated energy system, essentially a system of systems. The simplified general structure of a microgrid comprises of generators (renewable or non-renewable), storage systems, and loads.

Are microgrids sustainable?

While examining the sustainability of a microgrid, it is best that all costs and benefits that microgrids incur and bring are considered. It has been suggested that investment in a microgrid can result in manifold benefits, such as enhanced energy efficiency and integrated renewable power generation.

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