

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Microgrid construction costs

50KW modular power converter



### Flexible Configuration

- Modular Design, Expanding as Required
- Small&Light, Wall Mounted
- Installed in Parallel for Expansion



### Powerful Function

- Support PV+ESS
- Grid Support, Equipped with SVG Technology
- On-Grid and Off-Grid Operation



### Reliable Protection

- Outdoor IP65 Design
- Sufficient Protection Functions Equipped



## Overview

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A commonly quoted price range for a microgrid is \$2 to \$4 million/MW. But the figure requires extensive footnoting. What is a microgrid cost model?

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory was commissioned by the U.S. Department of Energy to complete a microgrid cost study and develop a microgrid cost model. The goal of this study is to elucidate the variables that have the highest impact on costs as well as potential areas for cost reduction. This study consists of two phases.

Why do microgrids cost so much?

Location and size of the microgrid also play a role, Adams says. Cost can add up for a microgrid if it's located in a place where construction isn't easy, like a dense urban environment, especially if a lot of distribution reconfiguring is necessary. Scale influences price – although not always as one might think.

What does Phase 2 of a microgrid project involve?

In a microgrid project, Phase II uses the results of Phase I to gain an initial indication of the costs that might be driving the cost of development the most. Cost information for 80 microgrids was collected through a survey by directly contacting industry members and microgrid owners and from publicly available information.

How much does a microgrid controller cost?

Controller costs per megawatt range from \$3,500/MW to nearly \$600,000/MW (excluding outliers), with a mean of \$85,000/MW. The analysis shows that controller costs as a percentage of total microgrid costs are relatively similar among the projects in our database and the NY Prize data despite the wide variety of system sizes, types, and uses.

How much does energy storage cost a microgrid?

In commercial and industrial microgrids, energy storage represents 15% and

25% of the total costs per megawatt, respectively. In commercial microgrids, soft costs account for 43%, while in community microgrids they account for 24%.

What is the DOE's microgrid cost study?

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) microgrid cost study is identifying the costs of components, integration, and installation of U.S. microgrids; project cost improvements; and technical accelerators during the next 5 years and beyond.

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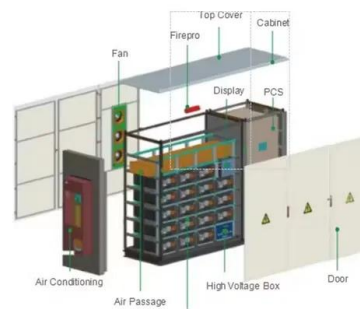


### Phase I Microgrid Cost Study: Data Collection and Analysis of Microgrid ...

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### Integrated Models and Tools for Microgrid Planning and Designs ...

Goal 3: Decrease microgrid capital costs by 15% by 2031, while reducing project development, construction and commissioning times by 20%. Building blocks for microgrids 4. Microgrids ...



### [What Is a Microgrid?](#)

This can result in lower energy costs; for example, Pittsburgh International Airport's switch to a solar and natural gas microgrid led to a reported USD 1 million in savings in its first year. 2 And a California winery built a microgrid ...



### Cost-effective and optimal pathways to selecting building microgrid

A new strand of literature discussing the flexibility, reliability, and resilience of solar PV-based and grid-connected building microgrids emphasises the integration of Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) for ...



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### **Microgrid Costs, How to Lower Them and What They ...**

Factors like generation choice, battery size and interconnection upgrades affect microgrid costs, but there are ways to manage them so projects can move forward with satisfied customers, according to panelists at a ...



### **What's a microgrid? , Microgrid Resources**

Microgrids provide efficient, low-cost, clean energy, enhance local resiliency, and improve the operation and stability of the regional electric grid. Building temperatures generally move slowly, and by "smart" management of thermal ...

## Microgrid Costs, How to Lower Them and What They

Several factors affect the ultimate price of a microgrid, including how much generation and battery storage is used and whether upgrades need to be made to meet electrical safety codes, said panelist John Westerman, ...



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