

Overview

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What are the potential services and impacts of pumped storage hydropower?

These potential services and impacts are discussed in this section. Fig. 4: Economic and environmental factors and impacts. Pumped storage hydropower provides energy storage for power systems, ancillary grid services and water management, but also has economic and environmental impacts. GHG, greenhouse gas; VRE, variable renewable energy.

Hydropower supporting energy storage power station

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