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Energy storage supports the grid in multiple ways

• Frequency regulation •

• Time-of-use shifting

Voltage support

## Grid support from storage has broad consumer benefits

- Increased renewable penetration by solving resource intermittency and enhancing ramping
- Reduced need for expensive and polluting "peaker" power plants at times of high demand
- · Elevated resilience including better storm weathering and quicker bounce backs from blackouts

## Energy storage takes many forms



Capacity reserves









Batteries

Pumped Hydro

Flywheels

Compressed Air

Thermal

Deployment is growing

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New U.S. Energy Storage by Year in MW



• 51 new energy storage projects came online in the U.S. in 2018 alone

- 9 of the 2018 projects can output at 10 MW or greater
- 25 of the 2018 projects, or 49%, were paired with renewable generation
- 7 of the 2018 projects, or 14%, were designed for frequency regulation

• None of the 2018 projects were paired with non-renewable generation

## Costs are declining, but storage is not yet competitive



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