





KEPCO ESS

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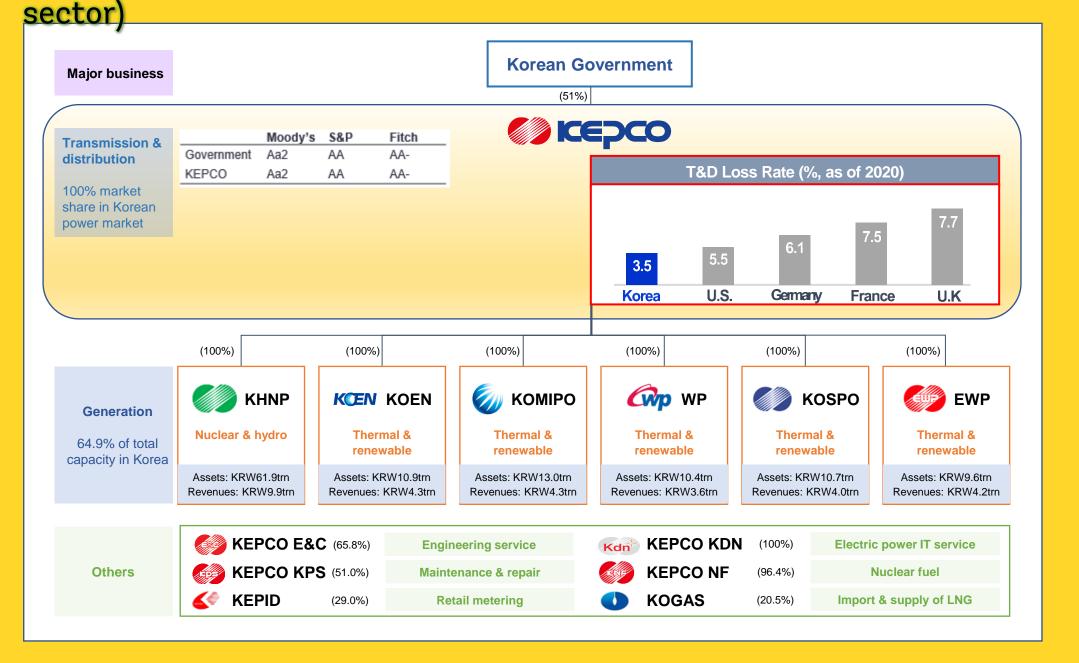
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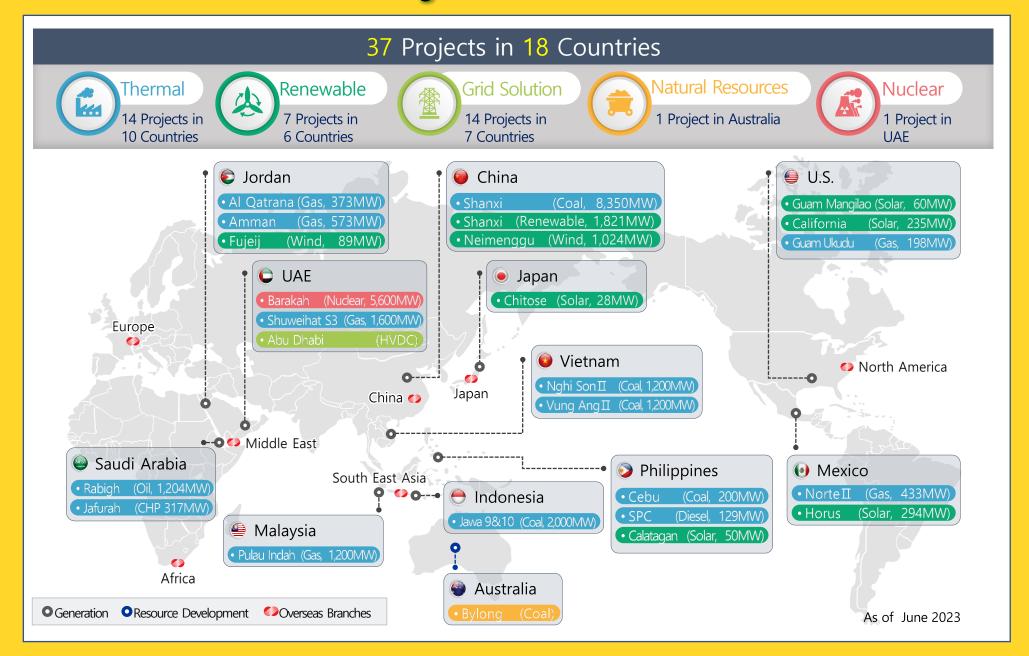
Dominant player in Korea (Monopolistic position in the T&D





KEPCO's Global Projects





ESS initial ESS: FR(Frequency Regulation)



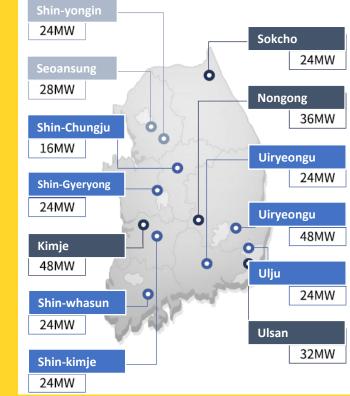
Domestic FR ESS Installation(376MW/154MWh, 13 sites)























Lessons Learned from ESS operation



Fire Hazard

Need to prevent the thermal runaway battery causing fire (e.g., limiting the maximum charging rate to 80%)

Single Source of Responsibility

Components (PCS, battery, PMS, etc.) are manufactured by different manufacturers, hindering swift incident resolution and clear identification of the cause. Need to consider binding one entity External Environment

ESS exposed to the natural elements are likely to suffer deterioration, such as corrosion. Need to consider relocating the ESS placed outdoor to indoor environment - component by component, if necessary.

Stronger Quality Assurance

KEPCO is accumulating field experience and know-how related to manufacturing the PCS for largecapacity ESS and operating ESS better. Need to establish standardized specifications and test & certification methods.

Mid-to-long-term Expectations

- Use of ESS will reduce the investment in new facilities as the availabilities of generation, transmission and distribution assets will be improved and cost of purchasing electricity can be reduced.
- Curtailment imposed to the generation assets can be alleviated by a better frequency management during the grid failure.
- Large scale blackout can be avoided by being able to respond to frequency fluctuation better.

Lessons Learned from ESS operation



Preventative Measures

Recommendations by the

- 1. Protection Compension railure: install the overvoltage protector and the ground fault protector.
- 2. Emergency stop: Install the emergency stop switch in and/or outside the container.
- 3. Battery overcharge prevention: Do not charge more than 80% (indoor) or 90% (outdoor).
- 4. Environment management: Monitor and comply with the manufacturer's recommended temperature and humidity standards at all times.
- 5. Data blackbox: Store all operational data separately for at least 3 years.
- KEPCO's additional steps

The timestamps of PCS and battery.

- 2. OS upgrade: Implemented alarms related to electric protection devices.
- 3. Magnetic switch replacement: Replaced all switches with the ones with stronger insulation performance.
- 4. Additional fire extinguishing system: Installed additional fire extinguishers for the Samsung and

LG batteries.

Current Practice: Grid Stabilization ESS



Grid Stabilization ESS

Purpose

■ Stabilize the grid by alleviating the curtailment caused by delayed transmission line construction

Purpose	Frequency Regulation (for existing facilities)	FR + Alleviation of Curtailment	
Description	Used only for FR※Replaces the frequency regulation function of general generators to a degree	 Used to stabilize the grid ※ FR + curtailment alleviation + response to RE volatility 	
Charging Rate	65%	65%	
Duration	15 minutes	30 minutes	

Overview

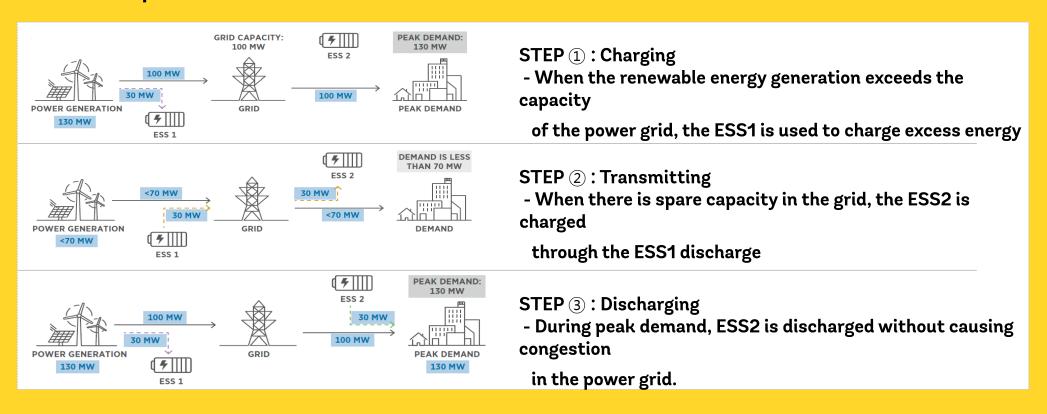
■ Capacity: 1.4GW (12 locations, including Young-ju S/S)

	Grid Stabilization Phase 1	Grid Stabilization Phase 2	Total
Capacity in MW	500 (7 locations)	900 (5 locations)	1,400 (12 locations)
Year of completion	2023	2024~	USD 856.bn

Outlook (Research Plan)



- Research
- Frequency Regulation by Super-Capacitor ESS ⇒ Replace
- Lithium Battery NTAs(Non-Transmission Alternatives)
- ESS NTAs Operation









Thank you!

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