

Does California have a solar power glut?

Solar power glut boosts California electric bills. Other states reap the benefits Westlands Solar Park, near the town of Lemoore in the San Joaquin Valley. In the last 12 months, California has curtailed production of enough solar energy to power 518,000 homes for a year.

How does the solar glut affect California's electricity bills?

The solar glut also means higher electricity bills for Californians, since they are effectively paying to generate the power but not using it. California's electric rates are roughly twice the nation's average, with only Hawaii having higher rates.

Why are California's solar farms halting production?

In the last 12 months, California's solar farms have curtailed production of more than 3 million megawatt hours of solar energy, either on the orders of the state's grid operator or because prices had plummeted because of the glut, according to an analysis of data by The Times.

What if California didn't pay utilities for solar power in 2021?

The amount of curtailed solar power has more than doubled from 1.5 million megawatt hours in 2021, state records show, and is up eight times from levels in 2017. The waste would have been even larger if California had not paid utilities in other states to take the excess solar energy, documents from the state's grid operator show.

Should California stop producing solar energy?

California is now producing so much solar energy that the state must increasingly ask solar farms to stop producing to prevent overloading the electric grid. In the last 12 months, power that would have fueled 518,000 California homes for a year has been curtailed or thrown away.

Will California's solar energy plan work?

Solar is the linchpin of California's plan to generate all its electricity from carbon-free sources by 2045, but some energy experts question the feasibility of the plan given the state's inability to use its existing solar capacity.

University of Chicago Professor Andrew Chien weighs in on California's solar glut and the role of battery storage. California is making so much solar energy that large ...

The reason that California is seeing an 80% reduction in solar adoption is not at all because there is a glut of solar in the grid, but because profit-driven investor-owned utilities ...

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A controversial proposal is being floated in Sacramento that would, once again, change the rate owners of rooftop solar are compensated for the excess energy they produce.

In recent years in California, the duck curve has become a massive, deep canyon -- and solar power is going unused. In 2022, the state wasted 2.4 million megawatt-hours of electricity, 95 ...

The news comes in a Los Angeles Times report which also says in the past 12 months California has forgone enough solar energy to power 518,000 homes for a year (three ...

With a glut of solar power at times, CAISO has two main options to avoid a system overload: order some solar and wind farms to temporarily halt operations or divert the excess ...

As California works towards its ambitious clean energy vision, an almost counterintuitive challenge has emerged: The state is, at times, generating more solar than it ...

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NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (Xinhua) -- California is making so much solar energy that large commercial operators are increasingly forced to stop production, raising questions about ...

To the editor: Every month, California throws away enough solar and wind energy to power half a million homes -- not because we don't need it, but because our system is designed to waste it ...

Negative wholesale electricity prices and renewable curtailment sure seem alarming. According to a recent article, Solar power glut boosts California electric bills. Other ...

California, known for palm tree-lined boulevards and the iconic Hollywood hills, is adding another claim to fame: renewable energy. And the Golden State could offer a glimpse into the crystal ball ...

The solar energy glut was one reason the California Public Utilities Commission, whose members are appointed by the governor, voted in late 2022 to slash financial incentives ...

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Solar power is critical to meeting California's ambitious requirement to switch to 90% carbon-free electricity in 2035 and 100% in 2045. Large-scale and rooftop solar is projected to provide more than half of the ...

SOLAR: Data show California curtailed more than 3 million MW of solar production over the last year and

paid neighboring states to take additional excess generation, raising ...

Why does California produce so much solar energy? The reasons behind this expansion lie both in climatic conditions and in government policies geared toward renewable energy. California, a sunny state for much of the ...

Utilities in California and nationwide are fighting rooftop solar, the major threat to their effective monopoly on the electricity market, said the California Solar and Storage Association (CALSSA).

The Desert Sunlight Solar Farm in California's Mojave Desert uses about 8.8 million panels and generates 500 megawatts of electricity. (Photo: J R/Flickr)

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