RETA's Role in Energy Storage Deployment

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RETA's Mission

The New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) facilitates planning, financing, developing and acquiring high-voltage transmission lines **and energy storage** projects to promote the expansion of carbon-free renewable energy use in state and regional markets and enhance economic development in New Mexico.

RETA's Transmission Projects:

- **Pattern Energy:** Western Spirit and SunZia
- **NextEra Energy Transmission:** Crossroads/Hobs/Roadrunner
- **Southwestern Power Group:** RioSol, Hidden Mountain, and Eastern NM Connector
- **Ameren Transmission:** Lucky Corridor Mora Line
- **Invenergy Transmission:** North Path

RETA projects must transmit or store at least 30% of their energy from renewable resources. Most of RETA's current projects are planned to have 100% of their energy originate from renewable resources.

How can RETA help a project get built?

RETA's Benefits for Developers are Critical

- **Tax incentives**
  - Gross receipts and compensating tax deductions
  - Property tax exemption for real property and improvements
- **Assistance with permitting and siting**
  - Government-level relationships with State Land Office, Department of Transportation, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, other state and local agencies
  - Streamline permitting, without skirting environmental requirements
  - Powers of eminent domain (used as a last resort)
- **Bond financing**
  - Available for developers needing financing support (not often used)
- **Reduced regulatory burden**

2027 Comprehensive Energy Storage Legislation

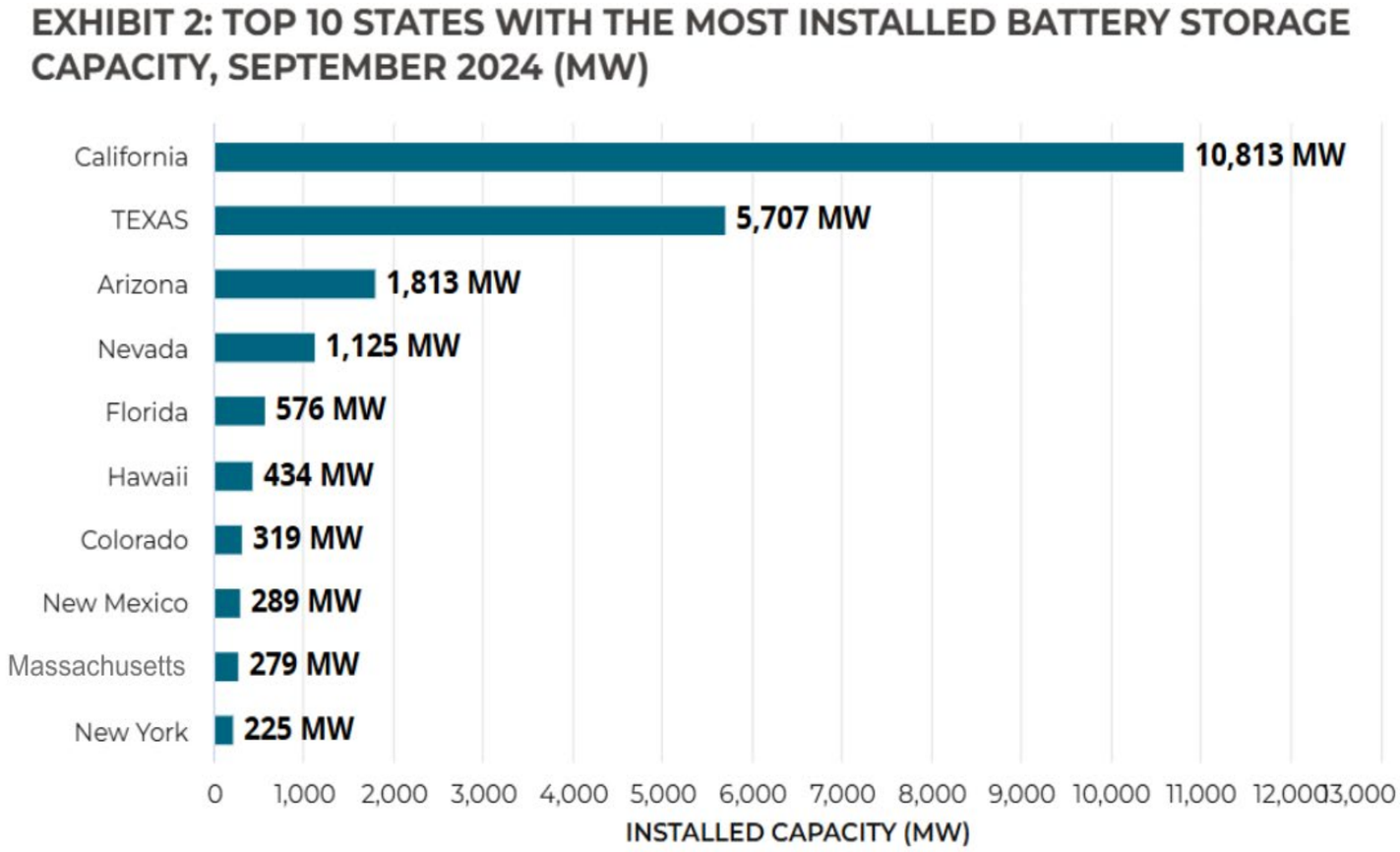
I. **Procurement Targets for IOUs:** set specific energy storage capacity requirements, building off SB 456 (2023, Stefanics & Dixon)
   - **Regulatory Adaptations:** update regulations to make it easier for storage to participate in markets (e.g. setting resource planning requirements or enabling utility ownership of storage)

II. **Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Pilot Project:** create a fund to invest in pilot projects for emerging storage technologies

III. **Fire Safety Standards for Storage Projects:** statewide adoption of the most recent edition of the National Fire Protection Association Code (NPFA 855)

- **RETA has formed a coalition for this bill. Stakeholder engagement starts July 20.**

Storage Deployment in the United States



Source: Texas Comptroller, US Energy Information Administration; nameplate capacity. Top 10 states with the most installed battery storage capacity, September 2024 (MW).

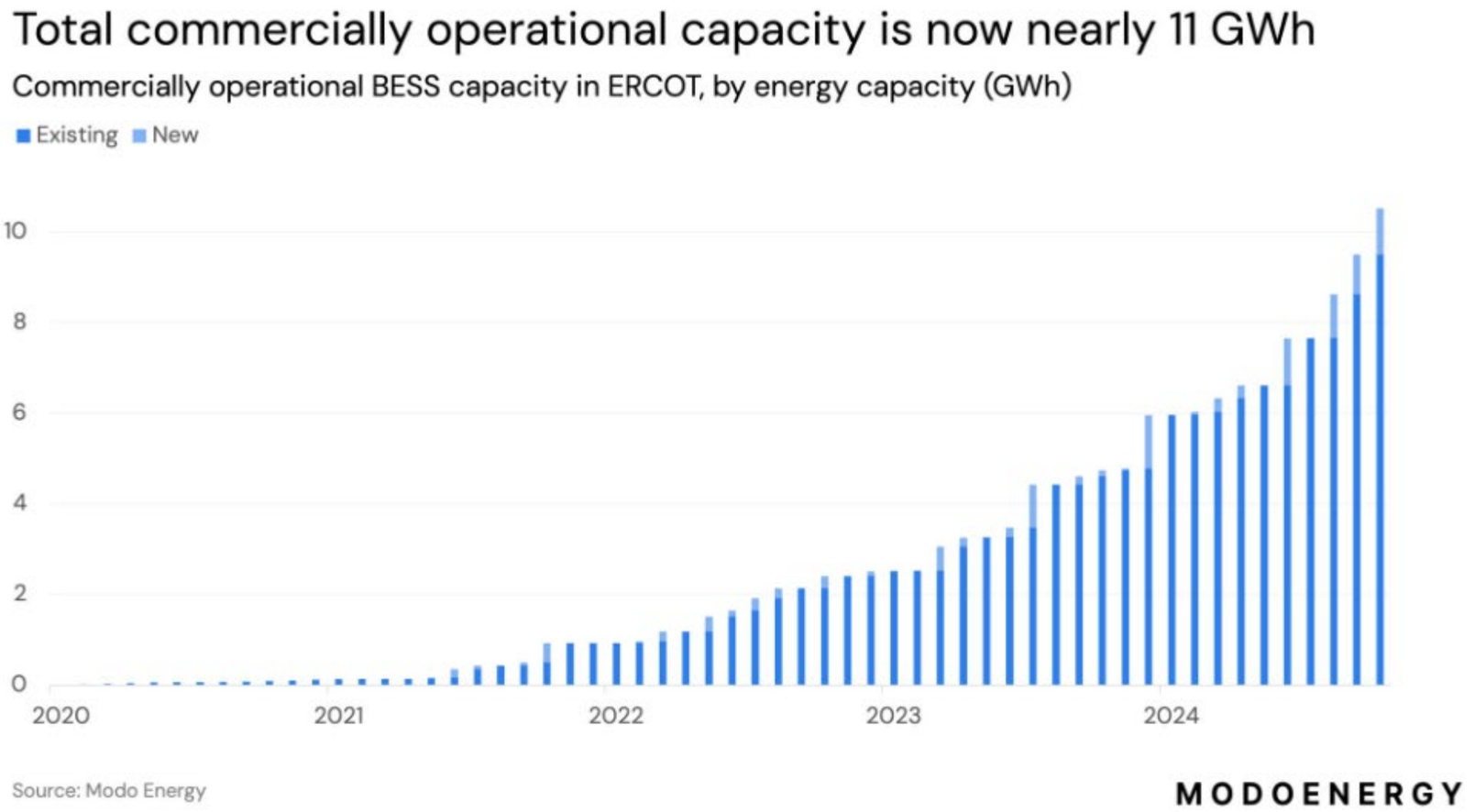
BESS Capacity in ERCOT

American Clean Power Analysis:

Reliable Power: Rapid deployment of energy storage enabled Texas to meet soaring electricity demand and avoid conservation calls, even amid historic peak usage.

Lower Costs: Energy storage contributed $750 million in cost reductions for consumers.

Future-Ready Grid: With more than 4.5 GW under construction and an additional 7.3 GW in the pipeline, Texas stands ready to maintain a more affordable, flexible, and resilient energy grid moving forward.



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