



# Choosing the Best BESS for Maximum Profitability

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# The Real Cost of BESS

*spoiler....* It's not just the sticker price.

- ✓ Hidden costs often make the “cheaper” option much more expensive
- ✓ Upfront **AND** operational costs must be considered together
- ✓ A poor BESS choice leads to inefficiencies, higher maintenance and downtime ... which means less revenue

## Traditional BESS ✗

- ✗ Delays in delivery & commissioning
- ✗ Unplanned system downtime due to balancing & maintenance
- ✗ Not sure of actual energy available to make a bid

“I didn't make the return I was expecting ...”

“It took over A YEAR to resolve a warranty claim ...”

“I'm not going to use THEM again!”

# Uncover Hidden Costs



Consider both up-front & operational cost factors.

## HIDDEN COSTS

Hidden Cost Factor	Impact on Profitability
✓ Land requirements	– Footprint impact on cost & scalability
✓ EPC (engineering, procurement & construction)	– Project engineering, management & integration expenses
✓ Site work	– Foundation, trenching, wiring needs
✓ Transportation and handling	– Logistics & site-specific challenges
✓ Installation complexity	– Labor & time required to ready for commissioning
✓ Software & controls	– Cost of licensing, updates & customizations

# Maximizing Revenue

It's not just cost — it's revenue too!

HIDDEN COSTS

REVENUE

Revenue Maximizing Features	Impact on Profitability
✓ Usable lifespan	– Longevity impacts ROI
✓ Depth of discharge (DOD)	– Do you have access to all the capacity you paid for?
✓ Round-trip efficiency (RTE)	– Higher RTE means more profit!
✓ Operational reliability	– Minimizing downtime for maximum revenue capture
✓ Accurate SOC/SOH measurement	– Precision in energy management & confidence in bidding
✓ Safety features	– Insurance costs
✓ Warranties	– Coverage & replacement policies
✓ Time from delivery to commissioning completion	– Fast-tracking revenue generation, speed-to-market

# The Case for All-in-One Systems



The **smarter investment** is a system engineered, manufactured, managed and supported as one.

## Traditional BESS ❌

- ❌ Multiple components sourced separately
- ❌ Higher installation & integration costs
- ❌ Long commissioning time
- ❌ Complex site prep
- ❌ Additional software & EMS integration
- ❌ Lower efficiency due to subpar integrations
- ❌ Limited scalability, challenging to expand
- ❌ Higher operational & maintenance costs
- ❌ Downtime & performance issues

## All-in-One Factory Built BESS ✅

- ✅ Fully integrated, pre-engineered system
- ✅ Lower overall system cost, no hidden extras
- ✅ Quick installation & commissioning
- ✅ Arrives as a ready-to-go building block
- ✅ Built-in energy management system (EMS)
- ✅ High RTE with optimized design
- ✅ Easy expansion
- ✅ Factory-built, reliable, lower maintenance
- ✅ Proven reliability

# Framework for BESS Decisions



Maximizing profitability requires a smarter decision-making approach.

## Key Factor

## Why It Matters

Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)



Levelized Cost of Usable Storage

A low sticker price is misleading – factor in hidden costs like installation, site prep, integration and long-term maintenance.

Look at the **LCUS**! The true cost per MWh of usable energy over the system’s lifespan – from procurement all the way through EOL.

Performance Metrics & Guarantees

Look for high round-trip efficiency (RTE), 100% depth of discharge (DoD) and accurate state of charge (SOC) & health (SOH) tracking.

Uptime & Reliability

Every hour of downtime is lost revenue—factory-built, all-in-one solutions minimize failures and maximize operational efficiency.

Time to Revenue

Faster commissioning means revenue starts flowing sooner—systems that install in hours or days provide a huge financial advantage.

Increased Revenue Opportunities

High-density, scalable designs with advanced EMS unlock new revenue streams.

A truly profitable BESS investment isn't just about upfront costs—it's about maximizing revenue, minimizing risk and ensuring long-term financial returns. The right decision-making framework ensures you capture the full value of energy storage.

## PRICE

Priced right  
Highly competitive

## INSTALLATION

Fastest time to install  
Lowest cost to install  
Get to commercial operation sooner

## OPERATION

Best output  
Lowest operational costs  
Bid in confidence  
Run more days/year

## OWNERSHIP

Safety  
Performance guaranteed  
Warranties  
Peace of mind



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