

Title: Latest Ecuadorian PV Energy Storage Policy

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Will Ecuador's energy shortage cause a recurrence of power outages?

Ecuador's energy shortage could result in a recurrence of power outages, particularly in the dry season of September through December. Ecuador has added minimal generation in recent years. In 2020, the Energy Ministry awarded two projects to the private sector: a 110MW wind farm (Villonaco), and a 200MW solar plant (El Aromo).

How much electricity does Ecuador need?

Ecuador had a peak demand of 5,110 MW in May 2025, and according to CENACE, electricity demand grows by 360 MW every year. Ecuador's energy shortage could result in a recurrence of power outages, particularly in the dry season of September through December.

When will Ecuador start constructing a solar power plant?

In 2023, the Energy Ministry released tenders for a 500 MW renewable block (wind, biomass, solar), 400 MW Natural Gas Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCCP), and a Northeast Transmission System to supply the Ecuadorian oil system. From these tenders, only the Villonaco project has started construction as of August 2025.

Why is Ecuador vulnerable to power disruptions in 2024?

Chronic underinvestment in the electricity sector has made Ecuador vulnerable to power disruptions. During a prolonged dry season in 2024, Ecuador's over-reliance on hydropower (78 percent of total generation) resulted in daily blackouts of up to 14 hours, hurting economic activity.

On 27 October 2024, the National Assembly unanimously approved the Organic Law to Promote Private Initiative in Energy Generation, aimed at boosting private investment in the electricity ...

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