

Energy-saving pricing for off-grid data center EMS systems



AI Overview

Off-grid data center EMS systems can optimize energy use and reduce costs through intelligent battery, solar, and generator management, with typical EMS costs ranging from \$15,000 to \$150,000 depending on scale and features.

EMS Cost Overview

Energy Management Systems (EMS) for industrial or commercial applications vary widely in price. Basic EMS solutions start around \$15,000, while advanced, AI-driven systems for large facilities can exceed \$150,000. Costs are influenced by system capacity, software features, and integration complexity. Retrofitting an EMS into existing solar-plus-storage setups may increase costs by 15-20% compared to new installations. Open-source EMS platforms like OpenEMS provide a cost-effective alternative, offering full control and community-driven updates without licensing fees.

Off-Grid EMS Functionality

For off-grid or weak-grid data centers, EMS systems like Pixii Energy Architect dynamically manage batteries, solar PV, and generators to minimize fuel consumption, extend equipment life, and ensure uninterrupted power. Key energy-saving strategies include:

- Peak shaving:** Reducing demand during high-cost periods.
- Load shifting:** Storing energy when generation is high and discharging during peak demand.
- PV self-consumption:** Prioritizing solar energy use to reduce reliance on generators.
- Revenue stacking:** Participating in frequency regulation, voltage support, or virtual power plants to generate additional income.

Battery Storage Economics

Battery storage costs are a critical factor in off-grid EMS pricing. As of late 2025, utility-scale battery systems cost approximately \$125/kWh, with a levelized cost of storage (LCOS) around \$65/MWh. For off-grid data centers, this translates to incremental energy costs of roughly \$33/MWh when shifting solar generation overnight, making storage econom...

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Off-Grid Microgrids: The Future of Sustainable Data Centres

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Microgrid Energy Management System (EMS) using Optimization

This example walks through the process of developing an optimization routine that uses forecast pricing and loading conditions to optimally store/sell energy from a grid-scale battery system.

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