Conclusion

Based on compared costs, combined with a study of state geography, it was decided that Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) was the most feasible and also the most cost effective storage technology available.

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Problem

Due to the effects of climate change, a system of electrical production incorporating Wind Turbines, Nuclear Power Plants, and a Power Storage System is needed to reduce carbon emissions in the city of Chicago.

Objectives

- Propose a solution that would supply Chicago electricity need without carbon emission.
- Evaluate Chicago electricity needs and determine the most cost efficient power production and storage technology to meet the demand

Available Storage technologies

Adiabatic Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) consist of storing energy by compressing air during off peak hours.

Pumped Hydro Storage (PHS) consists of storing energy in form of water at high elevation during off peak hours.

Batteries (Lead Acid, Nickel Cadmium, etc) convert stored chemical energy into electrical energy.

Flow Batteries (Vanadium Redox, etc) convert stored chemical energy into electrical energy.

Thermal Energy Storage convert and store electrical energy into heat using resistors.

System Breakdown

The system would operate with 80% entirely nuclear baseline, and the remaining 20% would be supplemented by wind and storage.

Cost of different technologies

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Rejected Storage systems

- Flywheel.
- Capacitor and Super capacitor
- Thermal Energy System (TES)
- Fuel cells
- Solar fuel