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## **Battery Energy Storage Helped Keep the Lights on During Recent Heat Wave in Los Angeles County**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY, Calif., Aug. 28, 2026** — As temperatures climbed as high as 111°F in parts of Los Angeles County this week, battery energy storage helped California meet soaring electricity demand without any power disruptions. This is a sharp contrast to past heat waves when the electric system struggled under heat-driven demand.

At the peak of the heat wave, battery energy storage delivered approximately 6,000 megawatts (MW) of electricity to homes, businesses and critical facilities in Los Angeles and throughout the state.

"This week's heat wave showed why battery energy storage has become an essential part of California's energy system, and why we need more of it," **said Scott Murtishaw, Executive Director of the California Energy Storage Alliance.** "Battery energy storage captures clean energy when it's available and delivers it when Californians need it most, helping ensure reliable electricity during periods of extreme demand."

### **Why Battery Energy Storage Matters**

California has strengthened its power grid by adding thousands of megawatts of battery energy storage capacity, recently [announcing](#) the state surpassed a major milestone of 21,000 MW of storage. This week's performance shows battery energy storage provides clean, on-demand power exactly when Californians need it most. Battery energy storage plays a key role in keeping power reliable during extreme heat, and continued growth will be critical as California's electricity needs increase.

### **This Week, By the Numbers**

- **Peak electricity demand:** 46,615 MW at 6 p.m. on Aug. 26
- **Battery energy storage used at peak:** 6,000 MW, enough power to serve over 6 million homes
- **Highest share of demand supplied by battery energy storage during peak hours:** 25% of total supply at 7 p.m. on Aug. 26

"Keeping the lights on during extreme heat isn't just good energy policy. It's good economic policy," **said Alex Jackson, Director of American Clean Power California.** "Continued investment in battery energy storage strengthens California's electric system, supports businesses and communities, and ensures the state can continue to meet growing energy demand. This week demonstrates what's possible when California invests in the infrastructure to power its future."

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