

# Containerized microgrid off-grid project cost in New Zealand



Product and application  
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## Overview

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The grids need to be managed to tell solar system where to send power, how much to send, monitor it, and charge the end user for it (if that energy is shared). All that is available now and is operating in NZ, Brendan says. “Microgrids are here to stay and we will be seeing more of them,” he believes.

Are microgrids cost effective?

Our research shows that microgrids, both grid-connected and off-grid, can be cost effective when optimised. In Aotearoa New Zealand, they can be on par or even more cost effective than traditional power. Our case studies from Aotea Great Barrier Island, Rakiura Stewart Island and the town of Ohakune demonstrate this.

How much does it cost to install a microgrid?

This is definitely a sweet spot for smaller village projects, and there’s a definite need for systems that size.” For an average 16 kW of solar / middle-range off-grid microgrid, Nesbit says the cost for a completely installed system, including permitting, is going to run approximately \$80,000 to \$90,000. That also includes a bit of training.

Who develops container microgrids?

Another developer of container microgrids is Arizona State University (ASU) Associate Professor Dr. Nathan Johnson, who heads ASU’s Laboratory for Energy And Power Solutions. Before beginning his faculty position at ASU, Johnson was an NSF Postdoctoral Fellow at HOMER Energy.



What are microgrids & how do they work?

Microgrids are energy distribution systems which only involve a small group of connections. They can operate independently or be connected to a larger grid. Picture, for example, solar panels on a rooftop, accompanied by battery power to store generated energy. That power can then be used by the property owner, and even sold to others nearby.

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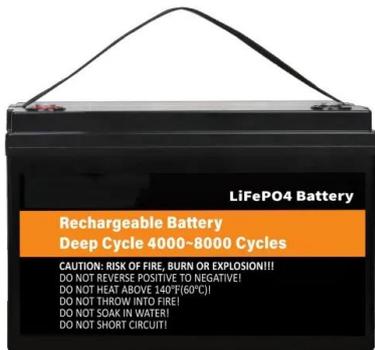


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Abstract Resilience, efficiency, sustainability, flexibility, security, and reliability are key drivers for microgrid developments. These factors motivate the need for integrated models and tools for ...



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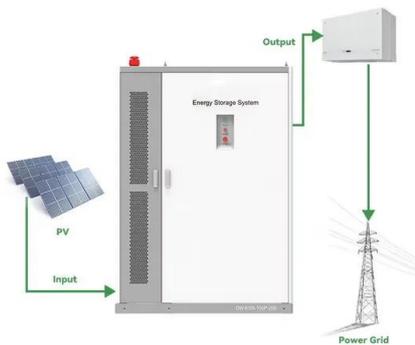
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