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Storage, Hybrid Projects Emerging as Renewable Energy Post-OBBBA Winners: LevelTen Energy

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Vaughn Morrison, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Energy Industry Group, was quoted in the November 25, 2025 *Utility Dive* article, "[Storage, Hybrid Projects Emerging as Renewable Energy Post-OBBBA Winners: LevelTen Energy](#)."

The number of projects that qualify for tax credits before the accelerated phase-out under OBBBA could grow in the coming months and years, according to Vaughn Morrison, a partner in the energy transactions group at Troutman Pepper Locke.

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New renewable generation will continue to play a prominent role in the post-OBBBA energy landscape, given large load projections and the strong demand for new renewable generation from hyperscalers, Morrison said. But while there have been a few requests by hyperscalers for energy storage proposals, the hyperscalers themselves haven't to date shown much interest in owning energy storage projects.

"If someone could figure out how to make energy storage part of the reliability factor for data centers, you could unleash a lot of potential development that way," Morrison said.

Rather, the growing focus on energy storage seems to stem from developers' increased comfort level with the technology, and especially with lithium-ion battery storage, which continues to dominate the market, according to Morrison. Developers who add a storage component to their wind and solar projects can divvy up each component of the project among different offtakers.

Hyperscalers may be interested in a power purchase agreement to offset their carbon emissions, Morrison said, and then developer can pursue merchant or tolling agreements to monetize the storage component.

While tax credits for energy storage emerged from OBBBA mostly unscathed, they can't be applied to a wind or solar project just because developer added a storage component, Morrison said. That suggests to him that market dynamics are driving a greater portion of developers' plans than tax credits.

However, the continuation of tax credits for standalone energy storage under OBBBA has signaled that energy storage could enjoy a more certain policy landscape going forward, he said.

The number of wind and solar projects expected to qualify for tax credits could also increase in the months to come as developers get a better line of sight on their construction plans for 2029 and 2030, Morrison said.

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