EDF power solutions Australia acquires Holloway BESS to strengthen grid reliability in New South Wales

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EDF power solutions Australia announces the purchase of the Holloway Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, a 250 MW greenfield battery with up to 4 hours of storage capacity, located near Armidale, New South Wales.

Once operational, the BESS will help capture excess renewable energy when supply is high and discharge it during periods of peak demand, contributing to a more stable, flexible and reliable electricity grid.

Located less than one kilometre from the Armidale Substation, within the New England Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), the Holloway BESS is strategically located to support the energy transition in regional NSW.

The acquisition of the Holloway battery from SynCo Global strengthens EDF Australia's growing portfolio of renewable energy and storage projects. It demonstrates the company's continued investment to enable the Australian energy transition. It also highlights the critical role battery storage plays in Australia's evolving energy system.

"The acquisition of the Holloway BESS represents an important step in EDF Australia's commitment to delivering the infrastructure needed for a cleaner, more reliable electricity system," said Mr James Katsikas, CEO of EDF Australia.

"Located in the New England REZ and in close proximity to key grid infrastructure, this project is well placed to support the integration of increasing volumes of renewable energy into the market.

"As renewable generation continues to grow across NSW, projects such as the Holloway BESS are essential to capture excess renewable generation and make that electricity available when homes and businesses need it most."

The Holloway BESS project will have its Environmental Impact Statement on public exhibition in coming months, with a Final Investment Decision targeted for late 2027 and operations to commence in 2029.

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EDF Australia combines this international capability and global buying power with local know-how to deliver renewable generation, energy storage, network and integrated energy solutions.

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