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Should South Africa consider alternative energy options for the telecoms network?

International case studies indicated that South Africa is not unique in considering alternative energy options for the telecoms network when the national electricity grid is unreliable, with hybrid renewable systems potentially a more cost-effective and greener option.

Where does South Africa's electricity come from?

South Africa's electricity generation comes from Eskom, Independent Power Producers (IPP), and regional imports. Currently, Eskom holds a monopoly in transmission and, to some extent, distribution, which is occasionally done by municipalities. Eskom manages the grid through load shedding, which is done manually through a planned schedule.

How do network operators secure electricity supply in South Africa?

Due to the distributed nature of telecommunication network infrastructure, network operators will secure their electricity supply through agreements with various municipalities and, in some instances, directly with Eskom.

Figure 4: Grid Supply in South Africa Source: CSIR Statistics of utility-scale power generation in South Africa in 2021

How does energy supply affect South Africa's corporate landscape?

The corporate landscape in South Africa has been marked by uncertainties in energy supply, which have significant economic repercussions for the country's ability to realize its industrial objectives. Hours of consistent load shedding bring to a standstill productive capacity and services not backed by uninterrupted power supplies.

This paper presents the solution to utilizing a hybrid of photovoltaic (PV) solar and wind power system with a backup battery bank to provide feasibility and reliable electric power for a specific remote ...

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