

## **British Virgin Islands most efficient battery storage**

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The Premier, while delivering the 2022 Budget Address, referenced the contract signed between the Anegada Hybrid Renewable Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Project that is anticipated to reduce fossil fuel usage on Anegada by 95 percent during the first quarter of 2023.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Communications and Works, Honourable Kye M. Rymer, has said that the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project is long overdue as the Virgin Islands continues to move towards energy resiliency and energy security.

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Work has begun on Anegada's Hybrid Renewable Energy & Battery Storage System in the British Virgin Islands (BVI), which, upon completion in November of this year, would harness solar energy to power the island of Anegada.

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In July 2020, BVIEC announced that the Anegada Hybrid Renewable Energy & Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project was awarded to Power52 Clean Energy Access LLC; with a projected completion date of November 2021.

After nearly 16 months following the awarding of the Anegada Hybrid Renewable Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Project to Power52 Clean Energy Access, the BVI Electricity Corporation and the American-based solar energy company officially inked a 300-page contract.

The Anegada Hybrid Renewable Energy and Battery Energy Storage System (Bess) Project is estimated to be 40 percent complete. This is according to the Deputy General Manager of the BVI Electricity Corporation (BVIEC) Symorne Penn who confirmed the latest stage of the project in a recent interview with 284 Media.

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generation times to be saved and used later, ensuring a stable and continuous power...

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