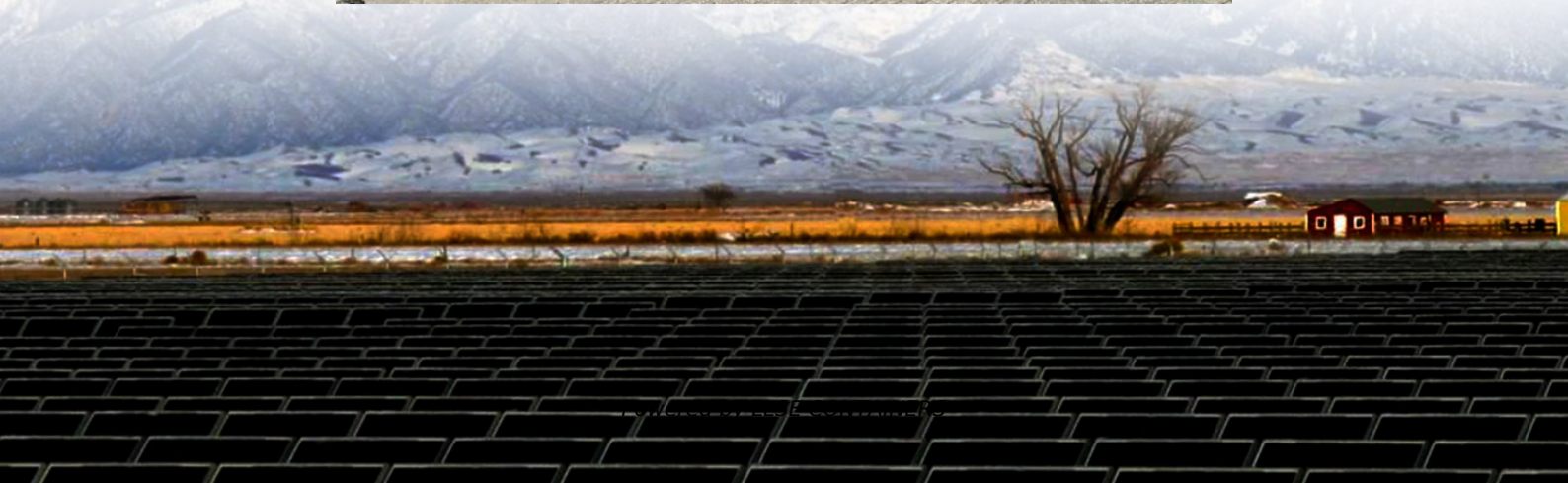


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Overview

Recent pricing trends show 20ft containers (1-2MWh) starting at \$350,000 and 40ft containers (3-6MWh) from \$650,000, with volume discounts available for large orders. Are solar powered cellular base stations a viable solution?

Cellular base stations powered by renewable energy sources such as solar power have emerged as one of the promising solutions to these issues. This article presents an overview of the state-of-the-art in the design and deployment of solar powered cellular base stations.

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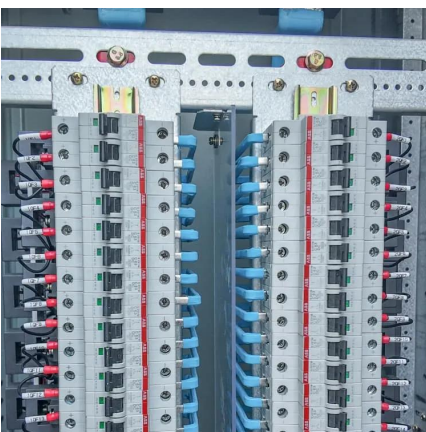
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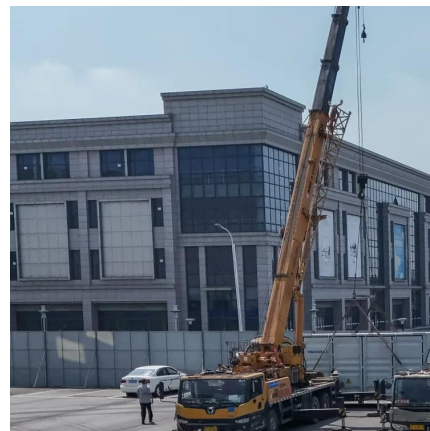


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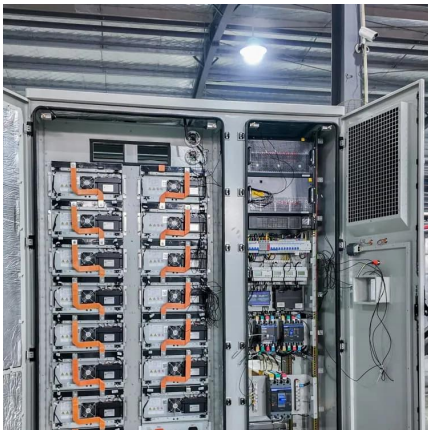
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