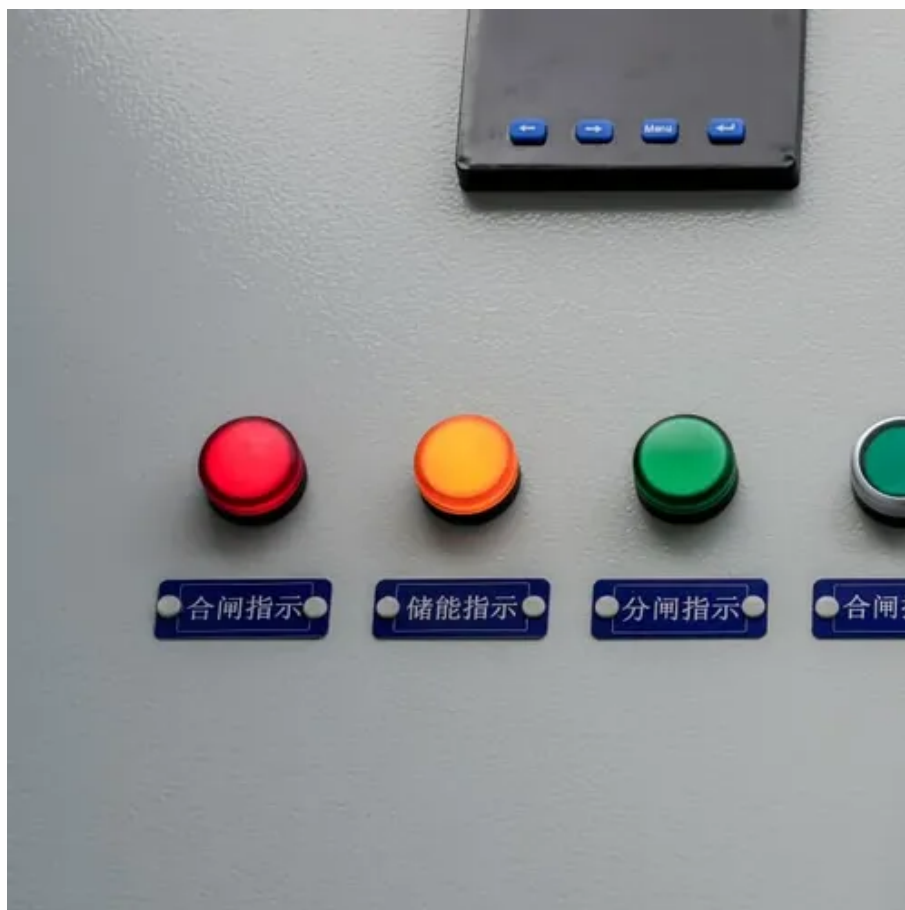




Price of electricity per kilowatt-hour for 5G base stations in Italy





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Massive 5G electricity costs are in focus ahead of the global build-out

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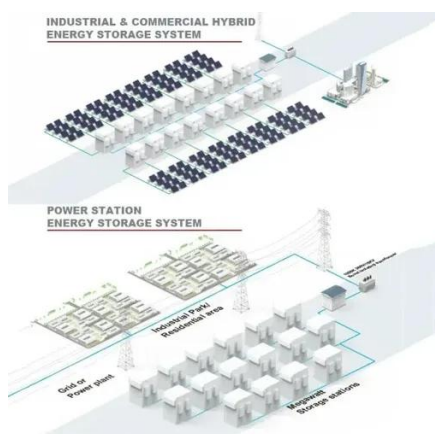


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