



Energy and water supply systems in remote regions considering renewable energies and seawater desalination

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Shaker Verlag Jun 2013, 2013. Buch. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Islands and remote regions often depend on the import of fossil fuels for power generation. Due to the combined effect of high oil prices and transportation costs, energy supply systems based on renewable energies are already able to compete with fossil-fuel based supply systems successfully. A limiting factor for development in arid regions is the fresh water scarcity resulting from low natural water stocks and excessive groundwater usage. How seawater desalination and remote island-grids with a high share of renewable energies can benefit each other, is still not sufficiently investigated. To answer this and related research questions, a model for optimizing self-sufficient energy and water supply systems has been developed, using the modeling language GAMS. Based on sets of hourly data various scenarios implementing energy conversion technologies, energy storage systems and desalination processes have been simulated and technoeconomic optimizations accomplished. A global sensitivity and real option analysis addresses optimal system designs and finance strategies taking uncertain demand and price developments into consideration. Key findings reflect that the integration of renewable energies is beneficial. On the Cape Verde island Brava, that has been chosen as a case study in the framework...



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