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Unleashing Local Dispatchable Solar San Diego Energy District 2020 Virtual Symposium



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Local solar constraints & assumptions



- Solar siting opportunities in any urban & suburban areas will predominantly be on built-environments like rooftops, parking lots, and parking structures
 - Planning will be greatly informed by surveying associated solar siting potential.
 - Hence, the Clean Coalition conducted a Solar Siting Survey (SSS) for the City of San Diego.
- Achieving 25% local renewables will require unleashing Wholesale Distributed Generation (WDG)
 - Only proven approach is a Feed-In Tariff (FIT).
 - Hence, the Clean Coalition designed a FIT for the City of San Diego.
- Achieving renewables-driven resilience will require high penetrations of local renewables that are dispatchable
 - Hence, the FIT includes a mechanism for ensuring that energy storage is deployed in a manner that makes renewable energy available whenever needed, not just when the sun is shining or wind is blowing etc.



Wholesale Distributed Generation (WDG) is the market segment that is primed to truly unleash local solar.

FITs address the WDG market segment

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FITs proliferated WDG solar in Germany



Solar Markets: Germany vs California (2002-2012)



Germany deployed over 10 times more solar than California in the decade from 2002 — despite California having 70% better solar resource.



Solar Siting Survey (SSS) for City of San Diego



SSS is performed manually through a multi-step process:

- **Set** a minimum project size for the SSS.
- Scan the target region via Google Earth Pro for prospective solar sites on built-environments (rooftops, parking lots, and parking structures) that meet the minimum project size.
- Measure the usable surface area and eliminate obvious portions that are not viable due to setbacks, obstructions, and/or shading.
- Assess the probable solar generation density against the minimum project size threshold (1 MWac for this SSS).
- Where sensible, aggregate campus-type structures that are likely to have common ownership into a single site (examples being parking lots and rooftops in a shopping center, industrial park, or school campus).
- Capture the details, including the interconnection hosting capacity.
- Map the results.



- Over 490 MW of <u>technical solar siting potential</u> was found on built environments that can support projects sized at least 1 MW.
- 75% of the potential is in parking lots and parking structures.
- Extrapolations to lower minimum project sizes:
 - Total potential doubles to 1 GW if project limit set at 500 kW.
 - Total potential doubles again to 2 GW if project limit set at 100 kW.

Overview of SD SSS sites

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Over 490 MW of Solar Siting Potential identified

- Sites >1 MW
- On built-environments



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Potential PV Capacity: 1,190 kW

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Sears Outlet 960 Sherman St San Diego, CA 92110

PV Area: 170,000 sqft Structure Type: Flat Roof PV Density Potential: High

ICA Data

1,400 kW

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Item	Data	UoM
Substation ID	Old Town	
Feeder ID	100	
Distance	-	ft
PV Minimal Impact	1,460	kW
PV Possible Impact	9,750	kW

Directions: To here - From here

SD feeder map

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SD substation & feeder hosting capacities



PV Sites		ICA		
Substation Name	Substation Survey Siting Potential [MW]	Substation Minimal Impact [MW]	Substation Possible Impact [MW]	
Feeder ID	Feeder Survey Siting Potential [MW]	PV Feeder Minimal Impact [MW]	PV Feeder Possible Impact [MW]	
Artesian	6.52	1.23	8.18	
1104	3.36	0.88	5.27	
1100	1.39	1.23	8.18	
1102	1.76	1.23	8.17	
Bernardo	22.98	1.75	11.65	
534	2.95	1.75	11.65	
537	4.33	1.46	9.75	
292	1.79	1.27	8.47	
543	7.48	1.49	9.90	
540	0.00	1.44	9.60	
577	3.86	1.48	9.90	
575	2.58	1.50	10.00	
Border	52.59	1.46	9.76	
533	30.61	1.35	8.99	
534	5.63	1.03	6.87	
535	5.01	1.41	9.40	
1160	11.34	1.46	9.76	
Chicarita	3.51	1.08	7.19	
500	2.43	1.04	6.91	
910	1.09	1.08	7.19	
Chollas West	6.14	1.23	8.19	
164	6.14	1.23	8.19	
Clairmont	8.55	1.32	8.77	
274	6.92	1.17	7.78	
277	0.74	1.27	8.47	
279	0.89	1.32	8.77	
Division	3.67	1.50	10.00	
48	3.67	1.50	10.00	



Feed-In Tariff for City of San Diego



FITs are unparalleled in unleashing cost-effective, commercial-scale renewables

FITs keep things simple



 Standardized and guaranteed contract between the solar or solar+storage facility and the Load Serving Entity (LSE) with a long-term, predefined rate paid for energy produced



FITs efficiently open the WDG market segment



- FITs offer clear guidance to the market through predefined terms and prices, thereby allowing project developers to qualify their planned projects before undertaking significant investment in siting, interconnection, etc.
- A clear, predictable purchase offer and a simple, standardized contract for use between a LSE and energy generators — streamline the development of clean local energy. Not only does this approach nearly eliminate speculative projects, but it also drives down renewable energy development costs.
- FITs secure projects that will be built immediately and proven to deliver power within 12 to 18 months.
- Avoid limitations associated with Net Energy Metering (NEM).
- Avoid issues associated with solicitation processes.

Direct Relief is a Solar Microgrid showcase



- Resilience is required:
 - 320 kW PV
 - 676 kWh Storage
 - 600 kW diesel
 generator
 - 4000 gallons of diesel fuel
- PV annual generation designed to cover annual consumption.
- Storage designed to timeshift the generation to more valuable times, and provide Resilience.
- Genset provides "back-up to the back-up".
- Direct Relief Microgrid requirement is that the critical loads are operational indefinitely, even through local disasters that causes long-term interruptions to normal electricity service.



NEM limitations create a Stranded Opportunity

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Microgrid only serves Direct Relief needs:

- 70% of roof and 100% of massive parking area solar potential is unused.
- Additional storage not able to be considered due to policy prohibitions around exporting energy from a battery to the grid – even though the energy is 100% stored solar.

Ready to do way more:

- 1,133 kW in total solar siting potential, 427 kW more rooftop and 386 kW in parking lots.
- Existing switch gear is already sized for the expansion and is just awaiting the policy innovation!



City of San Diego FIT program size



 A 50 MW FIT will provide roughly 1.1% of the City of San Diego's annual electric load

FIT capacity	Annual energy production from each kW of FIT capacity	Annual energy deliveries through FIT	Annual LSE energy sales	Percent of total LSE retail sales
50 MW	1,900 kWh	95,000,000 kWh	8,500,000 MWh	1.1%

 Annual production of 1,900 kWh/kWac of FIT capacity is based on solar resource analysis for the City of San Diego, as we expect PV to be the dominant FIT technology

Location	Solar resource quality (kWh/m²/day)	System type	Annual energy production (kWh/kWac/year)
San Diego	5.00-5.50	Fixed rooftop installation	1900
San Diego	5.00-5.50	Single-axis tracking installation	2371

SD FIT Market Responsive Pricing (MRP)



Once baseline pricing is set for the initial FIT tranche, MRP governs baseline pricing, which can never exceed a universal maximum of 11¢/kWh.



City of San Diego FIT pricing adders



- The concept of pricing adders is simple
 - A Load Serving Entity (LSE) identifies the characteristics it would like to see in its FIT projects and then creates adders to its baseline FIT price to incentivize projects with these characteristics.
- The Clean Coalition recommends the LSE implement four pricing adders:
 - F Built-environment adder at 20%
 - Rooftops, parking lots, parking structures, etc.
 - Small project adder at either 10% or 20%
 - 10% for projects larger than 100 kW and less than or equal to 350 kW.
 - 7 20% for projects less than or equal to 100 kW.
 - Community benefit adder at 5%
 - Tax-exempt and/or within Communities of Concern.
 - Dispatchability adder at 15¢/kWh
 - F Eligible for guaranteed daily dispatchable renewable energy at 2-4 hours of nameplate renewable energy FIT project.

Dispatchable Energy Capacity Services (DECS)

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Load Serving Entity (LSE)

- LSE contracts for dispatchable <u>daily</u> cycling of energy capacity (kWh), at a fixed \$/kWh fee, used or not.
- LSE optimizes fully flexible energy capacity, dispatching for any purpose, which could be based on time of day, day of week, season, event, and/or other optimizations over the DECS contract period.
- Initial DECS contracts are priced at Cost of Service (COS) while subsequent DECS contract pricing is adjusted for market response.

Three COS components:

- 1. Net Cost of Energy (NCOE).
- 2. Capital expenditure ("capex").
- 3. Operating expenditure ("opex").



Storage Asset Owner

- Owner retains discretion over any capacity not under DECS contract.
- Owner earns guaranteed \$/kWh payments for the DECS-contracted energy capacity.
- Owner retains discretion over any capacity not under DECS contract.

DECS offers a single <u>bankable</u> <u>revenue</u> stream for energy storage owners and a <u>fully</u> <u>flexible & dispatchable</u> energy source for LSEs available <u>daily</u>.



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