

Will Puerto Rico's solar energy projects boost energy security?

By Timothy Gardner WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Energy Department said on Thursday it is offering a conditional loan guarantee of up to \$861 million for two utility-scale solar-energy projects in Puerto Rico that are expected to boost energy security after recent hurricanes severely damaged the U.S. territory's grid.

When will a solar project start in Puerto Rico?

The project, inaugurated on November 1 in Salinas, Puerto Rico, is expected to begin operations at the end of 2024. DEPCOM developed, procured, and is managing the installation of the 90 MW solar project. It includes a 51.5 MW on-site battery energy storage system (BESS).

Where will solar panels be built in Puerto Rico?

The projects will be built in the coastal communities of Salinas and Guayama in south Puerto Rico. The projects comprise 200 megawatts of photovoltaic solar panels and up to 285 MW of stand-alone battery energy storage capacity. The solar arrays will power about 43,000 homes, it said.

How much solar power does Puerto Rico have?

Puerto Rico has also reached 680 MW of distributed-generation solar capacity, according to a US Department of Energy study - triple the amount of two years ago.

Could rooftop solar provide 75% of Puerto Rico's power?

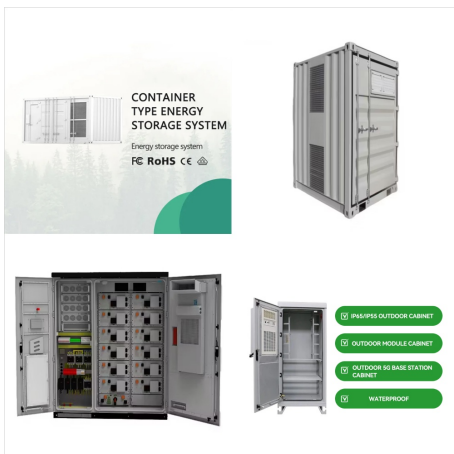
Rooftop solar and storage could provide 75% of Puerto Rico's power, a report by nonprofit groups Cambio and IEEFA found in 2021. The report said that distributed solar and storage should be the focus for \$9.6 billion in US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds allocated for Puerto Rico's grid reconstruction.

Does Puerto Rico have a solar energy Resilience Fund?

Besides financing aid, the Energy Department also has a \$1-billion Puerto Rico Energy Resilience Fund that President Joe Biden signed into law in late 2022 to supply rooftop solar panels to the territory.



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Puerto Rico added more rooftop solar per capita than any U.S. state last year, said PJ Wilson, president of the Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico (SESA-PR), on a webinar. The U.S. territory has ???



The Puerto Rico Energy Public Policy Act (Act 17) requires Puerto Rico's utility to cease all coal-fired energy generation by 2028 and shift to a 100% renewable energy mix by ???



4 ? In recent years, the U.S. government has announced millions of dollars for other projects including solar farms and the installation of solar panels on low-income homes in ???



With Puerto Rico's glacially slow grid updates, what could a decentralized power system look like across the entire island? For organizations like Casa Pueblo, Queremos Sol, and Solar United Neighbors, that picture is ???



Annually, the solar PV installations will produce approximately 460,000 MWh of energy, enough to power approximately 43,000 homes, and enhance Puerto Rico's grid reliability and energy security. The co-location of the new solar and ???



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Then, on January 7th, 2020, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck southwestern Puerto Rico, knocking out power in my area for 3 days. It was time to dust off the solar panels and give the kit a real-world test! personal solar ???



P.J. Wilson, president of the Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico, whose group the Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico is a participant in the "PR100" initiative that ???



SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO ??? The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced a slate of solar companies and nonprofits selected to install rooftop solar and battery storage systems for vulnerable households in ???