

Montserrat solar connection

Why do we need solar panels in Montserrat?

The use of Solar Panels meets one of the Governments priority needs which is to improve energy security by slowly transitioning to renewable energy. The incorporation of Solar into the Grid on Montserrat, resulted in a 13% renewable energy input on the grid, which is 3% above the European Union's key performance indicator (KPI) of 10% .

Who has installed a 250kW solar PV project in Montserrat?

The awarding of a contract to Salt Energy Company for the installation of a 250KW Solar PV Project in 2018 as the first phase 250KW Solar photovoltaic (PV) Project. The solar PV system was successfully installed and commissioned by the Salt Energy Company and handed over to the Government of Montserrat in March of 2019.

What is Montserrat's energy policy?

The first Energy Policy was approved in 2008 by the Government of Montserrat. The policy was then revised and updated in 2016 to include Government incentives and to update the policy with appropriate targets. The new Energy Policy (The Power to Change) that is currently being implemented runs from 2016 to 2030. Progress made so far includes: -

Why should Montserrat buy a new electric vehicle?

The purchase of the vehicle supports the Government's aim to promote the development of electric, hybrid electric and advance vehicle technologies for Montserrat. A pilot project was commissioned to review the performance of the technology under local conditions and get feedback of driver's acceptability.

The solar photovoltaic (PV) project is the first phase of two planned renewable energy projects to reduce the dependence on fossil fuel for power generation on Montserrat. The rooftop solar project will provide 10% of the grid's peak daytime demand.

Salt Energy of Florida has won the contract to install a 250 kilowatt Solar photovoltaic and battery storage project for the Government of Montserrat. The Ministry of Communications, Works, Labour and Energy said Thursday the contract installation is valued at EC\$1.89 million dollars.

Montserrat inaugurated a major solar PV project, with the Premier saying the island would continue to develop both solar PV and geothermal energy projects. The 250KW solar PV plant has entered into commission, and will deliver 10% of Montserrat's load demand.

With the Government of Montserrat's Solar PV farm now producing 1MW of power, could harnessing the sun be the way forward for a 100% renewable energy-powered nation? The EDF11-funded solar farm is split between a 750kWh plant in Lookout and a 250kWh system atop the government buildings in Shinlands.

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