SOLAR PROGRAMS

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER



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ABOUT CPS ENERGY

- Largest municipally-owned natural gas and electric utility
- Acquired by the City of San Antonio in 1942
- Serves over 1.1 million customers (765k electric and 335k natural gas) in and around a 1,515-square-mile service area
- #1 in Texas and #7 nationally for solar generation capacity
- #1 in Texas for demand response
- Customers' combined (electricity and natural gas) energy bills rank among the lowest nationwide



SOLAR PORTFOLIO

Utility Scale (FY2017)	500 MW
Private Ownership/Net Metering Add'I \$30M authorized 	39 MW ~30 MW
Roofless Solar Pilot	1 MW
SolarHostSA Pilot	<u>5 MW</u>
Total Expected	575 MW
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SOLAR ADOPTION

Median Income:





- Solar DG concentrated in more affluent neighborhoods
- CPS Energy paid out \$50M in rebates & approved another \$30M
- Funding for rebates covered by all customers but used by a select group
- Solar Pilot programs are designed to address these issues



PILOT OBJECTIVES

- Broaden DG availability across San Antonio

 Smart inverters, distribution grid analytics
 Solar benefits to all customers (regardless of income, roof, home ownership)
- Full fixed cost recovery
- Diversify generation portfolio, hedge uncertainties around carbon & other environmental regulations (water)
- More rapid solar expansion with lower, fixed costs
- Reduce cost & complexity for developers

 Provide steady demand for solar DG
 Gain benefits of purchasing in bulk, rather than one-off



NEW OFFER: SOLAR HOST



- No cost to customer
- Local installers
- Developer owns panels and sells power to CPS Energy
- Host fee to customer (cents/kWh) for 20 years
- Customer must own home/premise

- Roof must face south or west and be in good condition
- Developer pays maintenance & insurance
- Open to commercial or residential customers

Program includes the use of smart inverters at every installation & DERMS for ERCOT market integration



NEW OFFER: ROOFLESS SOLAR



- Customer owns panel(s) & gets bill credit for power produced for 25 years
- Open to either owners or renters, commercial or residential customers
- Entry point \$400 (lower after rebates and tax incentives)
- Nothing on your roof; no roof required
- Customer pays no maintenance, insurance, etc.
- Live anywhere in CPS Energy service area
- Sell or gift panels at any time
- Utility-approved siting

- Appeals to traditional private investors + renters
- Resolves net metering concerns for utility

MARKET RESPONSE – SOLAR HOST



SOLAR HOST APPLICATIONS



ROOFLESS SOLAR

- Site mobilization began 3/2016
- Approx. 300kW in subscriptions received thus far; primarily residential
- Rebates applicable
- Marketing effort being ramped up as construction progresses



NEXT STEPS

- Customer surveys
- Program evaluation early summer
- Recommendations mid-summer
- Roll-out full program fall/winter

