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### New Financing & Ownership Strategies for Solar+Storage in Low-Income Communities

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## Who We Are

Evolution of a New Clean Energy Strategy

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to Meet Severe Weather Threats

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Fostering sustainable communities in the United States

### **Resilient Power Project**

- Increase public/private investment in clean, resilient power systems
- Engage city officials to develop resilient power policies/programs
- Protect low-income and vulnerable communities
- Focus on affordable housing and critical public facilities
- Advocate for state and federal supportive policies and programs
- Technical assistance for pre-development costs to help agencies/project developers get deals done
- See <u>www.resilient-power.org</u> for reports, newsletters, webinar recordings



### **Resilient Power Project:** Supporting More than 50 Projects Across the Country

#### Leadership and Technical Assistance Grant Awardees



### **The Clean Energy Divide**



- Hundreds of solar and storage projects
- Mainly to reduce electric bills
- Tesla/SolarCity and others target this sector
- Will grow exponentially like solar

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- Too few projects in housing/communities
- Need greater than in high end
- Unequal distribution of incentives
- Need targeted LMI strategies



### Marcus Garvey Apartments (East Brooklyn)

- Year Commissioned: 2017
- Services Provided: Demand management, Demand response, Backup power
- *Solar:* 400kW
- Storage: 300kW/1200kWh
- Project Partners: L+M Development Partners, NYCEEC, Demand Energy, Con Edison
- *Revenue* from Con Edison:
  - Capacity payments
  - Performance payments (demand response events)



### **NYCEEC Financing (Marcus Garvey)**

- *Borrower:* Demand Energy SPE
- *Loan Amount:* \$1.25 million (total battery project: \$1.32 million)
- Loan type: Construction/term loan
- Loan Term: 10.5 years
- Use of proceeds: Battery storage equipment purchase & installation
- *Collateral:* Battery storage equipment, storage-related incentives
- Primary sources of repayment: BQDM incentives (ConEd), demand response payments, peak shaving utility savings

## Parkway Overlook (DC Housing Authority)

- Largest solar+storage project in multifamily affordable housing in U.S.
- Services provided: Frequency regulation, back-up power
- Public-private financing closed in February 2018
- \$82MM redevelopment, 220 units in 8 buildings, plus community center
- LIHTCs, solar+storage ITCs, tax-exempt bond, solar RECs, Housing Production Trust Fund Ioan, DC solar+storage grant
- 717 kW solar PV, 600 kW of battery storage
- Produces a third of electricity to be used by the housing complex
- Energy resilience: Back-up power for on-site community center and leasing office (2 buildings)



## A Resilient Power Capital Scan

- Commissioned by The Kresge Foundation, Surdna Foundation and The JPB Foundation
- Identified 5 key barriers and more than 50 recommended grant, PRI, and MRI investment opportunities in the resilient power solar and storage space.



A REPORT TO THE KRESGE FOUNDATION, SURDNA FOUNDATION, AND THE JPB FOUNDATION

### A RESILIENT POWER CAPITAL SCAN

How Foundations Could Use Grants and Investments to Advance Solar and Storage in Low-Income Communities

Robert G. Sanders and Lewis Milford, Clean Energy Group February 2017



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### **Owning the Benefits of Solar+Storage**

- "Owning the Benefits of Solar+Storage: New Ownership and Investment Models for Affordable Housing"
  - $\circ~$  Immediate direct ownership
  - Third-party ownership flips
  - CivicPACE with third-party ownership
  - Third-party ownership under a utility-contracted payment for services agreement

#### OWNING THE BENEFITS OF SOLAR+STORAGE

New Ownership and Investment Models for Affordable Housing and Community Facilities

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# SOLAR + STORAGE FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES

### **NHT-Ingenuity Power Solar Partnership**



#### <u>Urban Ingenuity</u>: Project oversight, Legal, Energy & Financial Underwriting



**National Housing Trust:** Lead developer, Debt origination, Strong balance sheet



- Co-development with housers
- Treats solar as a development project
- Benefit streams allocated based on risks / reward
- Building a scalable platform in DC, CA, CO, NY, NJ, and more

### **Enterprise & NHT Renewables Track Record**

Project	Scope	Enterprise Role	NHT Role
NHT Renewable DC 5 (2014)	<ul><li> 500 kW</li><li> \$1.5 M investment</li></ul>	Debt and grant funding	Sponsor equity, ownership, guarantees, installation, and ongoing operation
Channel Square Renewable (2016)	<ul><li> 500 kW</li><li> \$1.5 M investment</li></ul>	Tax equity and debt	Sponsor equity, ownership, guarantees, installation, and ongoing operation
Nixon Community Solar (2016)	<ul><li>800 kW</li><li>\$1 M investment</li></ul>	Tax equity	Debt
Denver Housing Authority Community Solar (2017)	<ul><li> 2 MW</li><li>\$3 M investment</li></ul>	Debt	Co-developer (with housing authority)
LINC Housing Solar (2018)	<ul><li> 2 MW</li><li> \$2 M investment</li></ul>	Debt	Developer

### **Urban Ingenuity Track Record**

Project	Scope	UI Role
DC PACE Program (2013 – present)	<ul> <li>Appx. \$35 M in financing closed to date</li> <li>1 MW+ solar PV installed or in construction</li> <li>First use of PACE for low-income housing and first use of tax-exempt PACE nationwide</li> </ul>	Program administrator; UI helped design and now runs the program under contract to DOEE
DOEE Microgrid Grant	<ul> <li>3-year grant to explore feasibility of district energy across DC</li> <li>Identified and screened 75 candidate sites</li> <li>'Microgrid extension' TA and predevelopment services provided to owners / developers of promising sites</li> </ul>	Lead investigator on grant
TA for Solar + Storage at a DC public housing redevelopment	<ul> <li>Led analysis to design a 700 kW solar + 500 kW / kWh battery system</li> <li>Supported project developer in understanding economics and integrating the solar + battery into overall project financing</li> </ul>	Technical assistance, project management (with design and support from Optony and AF Mensah)



### **Options for Deploying Solar + Storage**

### I. Property-level installation

- 1. Direct purchase by property
- 2. Lease or PPA at property-level
- 3. Fold into a planned recapitalization

### II. Portfolio-scale project development

- 1. Houser ownership with tax equity investor
- 2. Houser Development with NHT-IP ownership



## Purchase vs. Lease: Case Study





PROJECT: St. Denis Apartments
DEVELOPER: NHT/Enterprise
LOCATION: Mount Pleasant, Washington, DC
CERTIFICATIONS: Enterprise Green Communities
NUMBER OF APARTMENTS: 32
SYSTEM SIZE: 15 KW
SYSTEM COST: \$50,000



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## **Purchase vs. Lease: Financials**

Purchasing								
System Size (kW)	15							
Estimated Output (kwh)	20,000							
Power Price / kwh	0.14							
_			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Financials								
Equity Investment		\$	(50,000)					
Federal Tax Credit (30%)		\$	15,000					
Income (Savings and Incentives)				\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Net Cash Flow		\$	(35,000)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
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Leasing								
System Size (KM/)	15							
Estimated Output (kwb)	20,000							
Power Price / kwh	0.14							
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## **Portfolio-Scale Project Development**

- 1. Owning and operating solar across <u>multiple properties</u>
- 2. Setting up <u>standardized leases</u> with the property partnerships
- 3. Opening projects up to <u>new income streams</u>
- 4. Aggregating multiple projects in one financing to access <u>economies of scale</u>
- 5. Potential for <u>development fees</u> makes the benefit worth the brain damage



### **Portfolio Solar Project Ownership**



- Housing owner gets devt fee
- New income + option for tenant benefits
- Housing developer can be in ownership of SPE
  - Makes guarantees
  - Takes on performance risk
  - Puts in equity and gets returns

### **Illustrative Project:** *Portfolio Solar + Battery*

Bldg. Type:	Affordable Multifamily Housing (8 sites)
Solar PV:	1 MW
Battery Size:	350 kW / kWh
Location:	Washington D.C.

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Sources				
Tax Equity	\$	1,200,000.00	10-Year Project	Benefits*
Debt	\$	2,200,000.00	Developer Fees (Y1)	\$400,000
Sponsor Equity	\$	600,000.00	Initial Investment	(\$600.000)
Total Sources	\$	4,000,000.00	Returns on Equity	\$900,000
Uses			Savings	\$625,000
Solar PV	\$	3,200,000.00	*Fees and returns allocation allocation and returns allocation and returns allocation and the set of the set o	ted between
Battery \$800,000		houser and co-develope	r	
Total Uses	\$	4,000,000.00		

### **Illustrative Project:** *Portfolio Solar + Battery*

#### Solar PV + Battery Example

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Income (Energy Payments)		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Income (Solar Credits)		\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000
Income (Ancillary Services)		\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Operating Expenses		\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (100,000)
NOI		\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Debt Service		\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)
DSCR		1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.33
Available for Returns	\$ (600,000)	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Sponsor Equity IRR	12%						

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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Operating Expenses	\$ (110,000)	\$ (110,000)	\$ (110,000)	\$ (110,000)	\$ (110,000)	\$ (110,000)
NOI	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000
Debt Service	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)	\$ (300,000)
DSCR	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
Available for Returns	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000

## **Resilience through Solar + Storage**

**Challenge:** Battery storage can eliminate disruption to entire communities during electricity grid outages, but is too expensive, complex, and physically large for housing owners to routinely use for entire buildings.

**Solution:** Community Resilience Hubs / powering select critical loads

- Practical interim step toward powering every unit in a building
- Smaller battery size and lower cost
- Support common area loads (emergency lighting, elevators, etc.)
- Create cooling / heating shelters in community centers
- Maintain power for site management offices to allow operations to continue



## Solar and Resilience: Case Study

### **Opportunity for Innovation:**

- Large solar PV (multiple rooftops and ground-mount)
- Battery storage
- Larger rehab including many EE measures

### Solving to the Challenge:

- Finance solar + battery as part of 4% LIHTC deal
- How to capture benefits with tenant metering
- Underwriting storage





## **Designing a Resilience Hub**

#### **Project Design**:

- Feasibility analysis and initial design by Optony (solar) and AF Mensah (battery)
- Appx. 700 kW of solar PV
- 500 kW / kWh of battery storage
  - Powers community center and site office during outages
  - Potential for several hours of resilience each day during sustained blackouts.

**Status**: System designs and economics incorporated into project plans prior to closing, construction now underway.



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## How can we help?

- ✓ Provide technical assistance
- ✓ Co-develop solar projects
- ✓ Key role
  - Bring financing and legal structure to deal
  - Library of document templates
  - Tasks lists and deliverables
  - Securing property investors & lender approvals

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