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Once the new 750kW 2000-panel solar power grid goes live, critical facilities in the North of the island will have electricity if and when Montserrat Utilities Ltd.'s main station goes offline. This was disclosed by Owen Lewis, project manager for the second phase of the solar power project, which is expected to be completed at the end of ...

The Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor, SALT Energy, employed local subcontractors to install and wire an 824-solar panel PV system across five slopes of three buildings. The integration of this new power source means the citizens of Montserrat can expect greater savings on their electricity bills, greater fuel savings ...

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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.

Montserrat's current solar prospective was split into two phases. Phase one being the 250kW PV system that was commissioned in March 2019 and the second phase, totaling 750kW with 1.088 MWh battery storage is now underway. The system will provide 44% of the island's peak demand and just over 13% of total annual electricity generation.

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.

The Government of Montserrat's vision of 100% renewable energy by 2020 is in progress but is it doable without private sector involvement? The plan as outlined by the national energy policy for 2016 - 2030 presents a strategy for utilising solar and geothermal with diesel energy as a backup.



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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% [1] .

RMI provided project development and project management assistance to the Government of Montserrat and the utility company in the installation of a 750 kW ground mount solar system and 1 MWh of battery energy storage, powering 300 households. This system helped bring Montserrat to 50 percent renewable energy in terms of installed capacity.

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