

# How to make a profit from community microgrids

What motivates a community microgrid?

A few critical motivations for developing a community microgrid are energy security, sustainable electricity, and economic benefits for the community (Gui and MacGill, 2018). In a CBMG, traditional consumers become prosumers with sufficient means of consumption, storage and energy generation (Wang et al., 2020b).

What is a community based microgrid?

Community-based Microgrids provide environmental, economic, and social benefits. Community-based Microgrids represent alternative ways to generate and use energy. Agent-based models help develop strategies for microgrid electricity markets.

How can a community achieve energy security using microgrids?

If a community wants to achieve energy security using microgrids, it first needs to determine the ownership type and the governance structure. For example, Gui et al. (2017) determined four different microgrid ownership and control structures: community, utility, private and hybrid.

Who is collaborating on community microgrid ownership models?

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Should governments encourage new prosumer Community Microgrids?

Therefore, a favourable strategy for governments and energy market operators is to encourage new prosumer community microgrids. MG implementation is a complex subject; however, several authors have examined different strategies to achieve a reliable electrical grid system.

Are community-based multi-user microgrids a viable solution?

In particular, community-based multi-user microgrids are emerging as a viable solution. Community multi-user microgrids are characterized by a set of contiguous loads and energy exporting resources connected using a section of the local utility distribution grid to form a microgrid within a defined electrical boundary.

The objective of the upper level is to share the community profit  $J^*$  among the microgrids, thereby ensuring that none of the microgrids is financially penalized for individual ...

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The upfront costs of building and installing a microgrid can be significant, making it difficult for communities and businesses with limited resources to take advantage of this technology. In ...

The community microgrids would incorporate the solar microgrids that are now now operating in Santa Barbara and those planned for East L.A. Ripe opportunities for solar microgrids To get solar microgrids deployed, the ...

The real trick to opening the floodgates on microgrids is clear regulatory language that allows microgrid developers to serve the needs of an organization or community while also making the local electric utility whole for ...

Community Microgrids incorporate local renewables into the existing utility grid, offering these significant advantages over centralized generation: A stronger local economy: Attract private investment, create jobs, and keep energy dollars ...

