

## Montserrat new solar company

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

The awarding of a contract to Salt Energy Companyfor 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.

### 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 securityby 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%.

#### 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: -

#### Who is the new governor of Montserrat?

Andrew Pearce OBE has been appointed as the new Governor of Montserratin succession to Ms Elizabeth Carriere, who will be leaving the Diplomatic Service to take up a post in the private sector.

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.

## Is solar energy a viable option for a future generation expansion?

These two complementing factors, coupled with its ease of installation and modular nature, make solar energy an attractive option meet future generation expansion requirements. The island receives abundant sunshine all year round, resulting in 23.3% capacity for solar installation on the island," the report stated.

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Under the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) 10 th Project Cycle, the BNTF in collaboration with the Montserrat Department of Energy successfully spearheaded the installation of two 4.5kWp hybrid solar PV systems at the Salem and St Peter's Health Centres, and a 9kWp system at St John's Dental Clinic ...

The first phase will account for 250 kilowatts (kW) of solar capacity. Upon completion, the first solar project will generate 11% of the current peak load or maximum electric power needed. The second phase will begin in early 2018 and consists of an additional 750kW of solar and associated battery storage.

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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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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