





PV Solar Power for the Santo Domingo Tribe's Community Water Pump and Treatment Facility

Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands, DE-FOA-0001021

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Santo Domingo

- The Santo Domingo Tribe (traditionally known as the Kewa Pueblo) is a federally recognized tribe with a reservation located between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 5th largest tribe of the 19 New Mexico Pueblos
- The Pueblo is home to approximately 5,027 tribal members and residents.
- The Tribe has no Casino,
- In 2012, 45 percent of the Pueblo community lived below the government's poverty level and unemployment was 41 percent.
- It is one of the most traditional Pueblo Tribes





Economic Context

- Traditionally, the Tribe prospered from the irrigated cultivation of maize, squash, and beans, jewelry making and pottery.
- Sale of jewelry and pottery, while economically important to Tribal members, not as lucrative as one would like to support a family and the necessities of life.

The primary business of the Tribe is the Kewa gas station with

modest returns.





Opportunity in the Sun

- Although the Tribe is economically disadvantaged, the Tribe recognizes that it is rich in natural resources, in particular, sunlight.
- The Tribe has more than 800 acres of tribal Trust lands rich with solar energy potential and ready access to regional energy markets with lines on and near the Pueblo.
- The Tribe has an interest in exploring alternative (solar) energy production as a keystone for economic development.
- A good first step is to implement a "small-scale" system:
 - Produce financial benefits to the Tribe in the near term
 - Reduce GHG/carbon footprint
 - Training and development of institutional capacity for larger projects.

Overview

- The Tribe was awarded DOE implementation Grant to use solar for the Pueblo's largest energy needs and generate savings in GHG emissions and energy costs.
- The community water pump and treatment facility (WPT facility) is one of the largest electrical demands on the reservation. Small building near Route 25 and Route 22.
- The WPT facility provides potable water to the Pueblo community of approximately 5,027 tribal members and residents.
- The PV power system planned for the community WPT facility will be connected to the Public Service of New Mexico (PNM) electrical grid.

Project Objectives and Benefits

- Reduced reliance on fossil fuels and environmental impacts and cost savings
- Reduce tribal energy costs
 - The community WPT facility has one of the highest electrical bills of the buildings on the reservation
 - Over the life of the project, the WTP facility PV power system is estimated to save the Tribe approximately \$20,000 per year in electricity costs. It is expected to lower the average cost of electricity from the current \$0.1265/kWh to a levelized cost of

\$0.0713/kWh. 6 year return on investment with DOE match.

An Important Step

As the Tribe's first renewable energy project, the Project will serve as a model for future renewable development on the reservation and potential economic development for Tribe.



Competitive Procurement

- Developed list of potential bidders for distribution of RFP.
- Distributed RFP to 18 firms and trade groups
- Also published the RFP in local newspaper for 2 week period and solicited offers
- Site visits: requested by 3 firms
 2 firms actually conducted site visit, third firm satisfied with pictures
- Received 5 offers within 2 week period



Competitive Procurement

Request for Procurement Key Elements

Design PV system that best fits two key objectives:

- Maximize the financial "income" from the PNM net-metering and Renewable Energy Credit (REC) programs
- Off-set the maximum amount of electricity taken from the power grid.

Install the system and ensure meeting operational goals.

Train tribal staff in O&M

Evaluation Process

Technical qualifications

- Ability of the contractor to meet the project objectives
- Ability of the contractor to meet project specifications
- Experience in PV system design and installation
- Ability and/or prior experience working with PNM

Price

- Bidder availability and ability to complete the project according to the project schedule; and
- Efficacy of the project approach

Evaluation based on consideration of factors providing "best value" to Santo Domingo

Award Selection



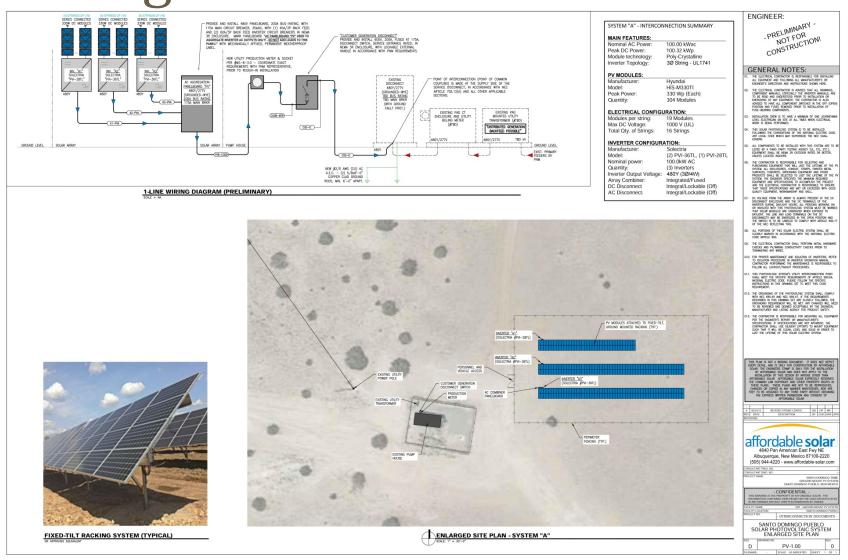
- Affordable Solar selected
- Best Value qualified contractor with lowest price
 - Lowest cost with greatest benefit
- Pricing: \$2.83/W installed



Design Specifications

- 100 kW DC system determined to be best approach
- 25-year warranty
- Net-metering available on a month-to-month basis allows customer to offset solar power produced during peak hours with electricity used during peak hours
- System produces ~70% of its power during on-peak time and ~30% during off-peak times.
- The WTP currently uses about 37% of its electricity during onpeak time and the majority of electricity during off-peak.
 - PNM compensates any overproduction at the rate of avoided cost, which varies depending on the time of year and time of day, but averages about \$0.0284/kWh.

Design

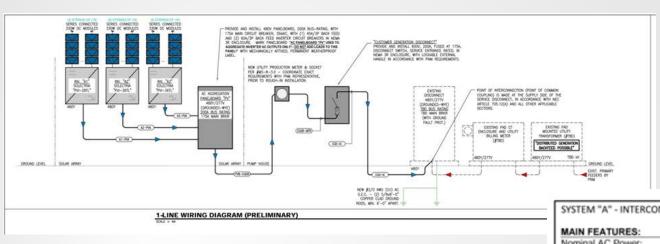


Affordable Solar Installations: One-line and Three-line Electric Diagram

Enlarged Site Plan – System A



System A 1-Line Wiring Diagram



SYSTEM "A" - INTERCONNECTION SUMMARY

Nominal AC Power: 100.00 kWac Peak DC Power: 100.32 kWp Module technology: Poly-Crystalline 3Ø String - UL1741 Inverter Topology:

PV MODULES:

Manufacturer: Hyundai Model: HIS-M330TI Peak Power: 330 Wp (Each) Quantity: 304 Modules

ELECTRICAL CONFIGURATION:

Modules per string: 19 Modules Max DC Voltage: 1000 V (UL) Total Qty. of Strings: 16 Strings

INVERTER CONFIGURATION:

Manufacturer: Solectria

Model: (2) PVI-36TL, (1) PVI-28TL

Nominal power: 100.0kW AC Quantity: (3) Inverters

Inverter Output Voltage: 480Y (3Ø/4W) Array Combiner: Integrated/Fused DC Disconnect Integral/Lockable (Off) AC Disconnect: Integral/Lockable (Off)

Solar Panels



FIXED-TILT RACKING SYSTEM (TYPICAL)
OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT

Where are we now?

- Project specifications submitted to Public Service Co-New Mexico (PNM) for Review
- Applied and received approval from PNM for project's tie-in
- Expect to receive approval from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to move ahead
- Implementation to begin 1st Quarter 2017



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Grid-Connected System: Simulation Parameters Santo Domingo WTP Facility

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	Grid-Cor	nnected System	n: Simulation	parameters		
Project :	Santo Don	ningo WTP Facility	,			
Geographical Site Albuq		erque Intl Arpt [isis]		Country United States		
Situation Time defined as		Latitude Legal Time Albedo Santo Domingo WTP Facility		Longitude 7 Altitude	106.6°W 1619 m	
Meteo data:	Santo Dor			NREL NSRD : TMY2 - TMY		
Simulation variant :	New simu	lation variant				
		Simulation date	10/06/16 10h36			
Simulation parameters						
Collector Plane Oriental	tion	Tilt	30°	Azimuth	0°	
Models used		Transposition	Perez	Diffuse	Imported	
Horizon		Free Horizon				
Near Shadings		No Shadings				
PV Arrays Characteristic PV module Custom parameters definition		of array defined) -mono Model Manufacturer	HiS-S330TI Hyundai Heavy	Industries		
Sub-array "Sub-array #1 Number of PV modules Total number of PV modu Array global power Array operating character	lles	In series Nb. modules Nominal (STC) U mpp	19 modules 76 25.08 kWp 644 V	In parallel Unit Nom. Power At operating cond. I mpp	4 strings 330 Wp 22.57 kWp (5 35 A	50°C)
Sub-array "Sub-array #2 Number of PV modules Total number of PV modu Array global power Array operating character	lles	In series Nb. modules Nominal (STC) U mpp	19 modules 228 75.2 kWp 644 V	In parallel Unit Nom. Power At operating cond. I mpp	12 strings 330 Wp 67.7 kWp (50 105 A)°C)
Total Arrays global po	wer	Nominal (STC) Module area	100 kWp 595 m ²	Total	304 modules	
Sub-array "Sub-array #1 Custom parameters definition Characteristics	": Inverter	Model Manufacturer Operating Voltage	Solectria Renev	Unit Nom. Power		
Inverter pack Sub-array "Sub-array #2	": Inverter	Model	PVI 36TL		20 KWV ac	
Custom parameters definition Characteristics Inverter pack		Manufacturer Operating Voltage Nb. of inverters	Solectria Renev 540-800 V 4 * MPPT 50 %	Unit Nom. Power		
Total		Nb. of inverters	3	Total Power	100 kWac	
PV Array loss factors						

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Grid-Connect	ted System: Simulation para	ameters (continued)			
Array Soiling Losses Thermal Loss factor	Uc (const) 29.0 W/m²K	Loss Fraction 3.0 % Uv (wind) 0.0 W/m²K / m/s			
Wiring Ohmic Loss	Uc (const) 29.0 W/m²K Array#1 308 mOhm Array#2 103 mOhm Global	Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC			
LID - Light Induced Degradation Module Quality Loss Module Mismatch Losses		Loss Fraction 1.8 % Loss Fraction -0.8 % Loss Fraction 1.0 % at MPP			
Incidence effect, user defined profile	0° 30° 50° 60° 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.99	65° 70° 75° 80° 90° 0.98 0.95 0.89 0.76 0.00			
System loss factors					
Unavailability of the system	Wires: 3x35.0 mm ² 64 m 5.5 days, 3 periods	Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC Time fraction 1.5 %			
User's needs :	Unlimited load (grid)				

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