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#### **Utility Solar Market Trends**

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#### **Presentation Overview**

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#### About SEPA

- Formed in 1992 as the Utility Photovoltaic Group
- Educational non-profit organization with 263 utility and 600 non-utility members
- Provides unbiased solar information, services and events with a utility focus





## **PV Technologies & Efficiency**

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Projected Module Efficiency by Technology

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### **PV Market Applications**

**Residential:** 

- Small (<10 kW) systems, roofmounted
- Space-constraints meaning preference for higher efficiency and aesthetics
- c-Si dominates, but higherefficiency thin film has opportunities

#### **Commercial:**

- Ranges from 10 kW 2 MW, also roof-mounted
- No clear technology niche







## **PV Market Applications**

#### Utility-scale:

- Large (> 5 MW), ground-mounted systems; no space constraints
- All technologies currently deployed, but special area of focus for thin film companies
- c-Si often uses tracking systems to enhance output

#### **Special applications:**

 Building-integrated PV (BIPV): PV element integrated into building fabric (curtain wall, façade, shingle)







#### **CSP** Technology Types

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Source: DOE/NREL



#### Annual Installations - 2009

Solar Megawatts (MW-ac)



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### **Cumulative Installations**

Solar Megawatts (MW-ac); data as of 12/09



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#### Largest Projects in 2010

MW **Owner/Offtaker** Project Tech. Martin Solar Center CSP 75 MW Florida Power & Light (FL) 1 **Copper Mountain** Pacific Gas & Electric (CA) 2 48 MW ΡV 3 Cimarron 1 Solar 30 MW ΡV Tri-State G&T (CO) 4 **Greater Sandhill** 16 MW ΡV Xcel Energy-CO (CO) 5 Blue Wing Solar 14.5 MW ΡV CPS Energy (TX) Jacksonville PV ΡV JEA (FL) 12 MW 6 Davidson (Phase 2) Duke Energy Carolinas (NC) 7 Wyandot Solar Farm 10.1 MW ΡV Ohio Power-AEP (OH) Space Coast Solar 10 MW ΡV Florida Power & Light (FL) 8 9 **Exelon City Solar** 8 MW ΡV Exelon (IL) 10 CalRENEW-1 5 MW ΡV Pacific Gas & Electric (CA)





#### Largest Existing Projects

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	Project	MW	Tech.	Utility Owner/Offtaker
1	SEGS VIII (1990) SEGS IX (1991)	80 MW	CSP	Southern California Ed. (CA)
2	Martin Solar Center (2010)	75 MW	CSP	Florida Power & Light (FL)
3	Nevada Solar One (2007)	64MW	CSP	NV Energy (NV)
4	Copper Mountain (2010)	48 MW	PV	Pacific Gas & Electric (CA)
5	Cimarron 1 Solar (2010) SEGS II (1986) SEGS III (1987) SEGS IV (1987) SEGS V (1988) SEGS VI (1989) SEGS VII (1989)	30 MW	PV CSP CSP CSP CSP CSP CSP	Tri-State G&T (CO) Southern California Ed. (CA) Southern California Ed. (CA) Southern California Ed. (CA) Southern California Ed. (CA) Southern California Ed. (CA)
6	DeSoto Solar Center (2009)	25 MW	PV	Florida Power & Light (FL)
7	FSE Blythe (2009)	21 MW	PV	Southern California Ed. (CA)
8	Greater Sandhill (2010)	16 MW	PV	Xcel Energy-CO (CO)
9	Davidson 1 & 2 (2010)	15.5 MW	PV	Duke Energy (NC)
10	Blue Wing (2010)	14.5MW	PV	CPS Energy (TX)









Data and Maps Available Online: http://tinyurl.com/sepadatamap



## **Evolving Solar Markets**

#### Three U.S. solar market stages:

- 1. <u>Customer-driven</u>: customer owned, net metered
- 2. <u>Industry-driven</u>: third-party owned, net metered
- 3. <u>Utility-driven</u>: scale and utility value
  - Utility Solar Procurement

Utility Solar Business Models

**SEPA Focus Area** 

As solar markets evolve, new opportunities for expansion result.



## **Utility Ownership**

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www.tinyurl.com/SEPADataMap

- Select Utility Ownership Programs
  - APS: 100 MW
  - Pacific Gas & Electric: 250 MW
  - Southern California Edison: 250 MW
  - San Diego Gas & Electric: 26 MW
  - Public Service Electric & Gas: 120 MW
  - Duke Energy: 10 MW
  - Florida Power & Light: 110 MW
- Characteristics
  - Majority PV technologies
  - Majority distributed projects
  - Majority IOUs



### **Unregulated Utilities**

- Unregulated Utilities and Utility Holding Companies are making investments in solar...
  - 1. Solar Project Development and Operation
    - Sempra Generation (SDG&E): 48 MW for PG&E
    - PSEG Solar: 10 MW for Ohio Power
    - Exelon Generation 8 MW for ComEd
    - NextEra (FPL): 10 MW for FP&L
    - Duke Energy Generation: 14.5 MW in Texas for CPS Energy
  - 2. Capital Investments
    - PG&E : \$60M financing SolarCity; \$100M financing SunRun





- Fast domestic market growth
- New growth areas in centralized and utility ownership
- 3 market stages, latest being utility driven
  - Procurement for RPS compliance
  - Adding solar value to utilities



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