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### 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 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%.

### 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.

#### What does NREL stand for?

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### Can Montserrat become a net energy exporter?

According to the Energy Task Force Report,"Montserrat has the potential to emerge as a net energy exporterthrough the aggressive development of its geothermal resources." A significant barrier highlighted in the 129-page document, is the lack of financing for project implementation.

#### How much does electricity cost in Montserrat?

Montserrat's utility rates start at \$0.53 per kilowatt-hour(kWh) for residential customers, which is above the Caribbean regional average of \$0.33/kWh. Like many island nations, Montserrat is almost entirely dependent on imported fossil fuels, leaving it vulnerable to global oil price fluctuations that directly impact the cost of electricity.

#### 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: -

The Cabinet of Montserrat has requested that the Energy Task Force shorten its timeline for the island's electricity generation to be 100% powered by renewable energy. With one exception, the Cabinet has approved ...

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