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Solar power with grid backup in Puerto-Rico



Overview

What started as a modest pilot program in 2023 has grown into the first operational behind-the-meter virtual power plant in Latin America and the Caribbean, and a crucial support for the territory's dilapidated energy infrastructure, said Javier Rúa-Jovet, chief policy officer of the Solar and Energy Storage Association of Puerto Rico. Does Puerto Rico have a power grid?

Miguel J. Rodriguez Carrillo via Getty Images Nearly every night for the past two weeks, Puerto Rico's grid operator has called on tens of thousands of batteries scattered across the island to overcome energy shortfalls and help deliver power to approximately three million residents — and it's working.

Does Puerto Rico have a solar power plant?

"The only thing that is working consistently in Puerto Rico is solar and batteries," he said. What started as a modest pilot program is now the first virtual power plant of its kind in the region, advocates say.

Has Puerto Rico privatized its energy grid?

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Are solar and storage a necessity in Puerto Rico?

Rúa-Jovet said blackouts have become so routine that solar and storage are now a necessity in Puerto Rico and demand is unlikely to be slowed by changes in federal policy — some of which were enacted through the tax code, which has limited impact on the territory.

Did Puerto Rico have a solar industry before Hurricanes Irma & Maria?

Before Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated Puerto Rico in 2017, the island

had a modest solar industry, driven largely by the desire to save money on power bills through net metering, and “storage was not a thing,” Rúa-Jovet said. What followed the deadly storms was the longest blackout in American history.

What is the first virtual power plant in Puerto Rico?

What started as a modest pilot program is now the first virtual power plant of its kind in the region, advocates say. People in the line wait food on a dark street during a major power outage on December 31, 2024 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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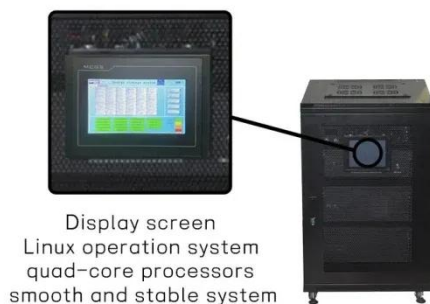


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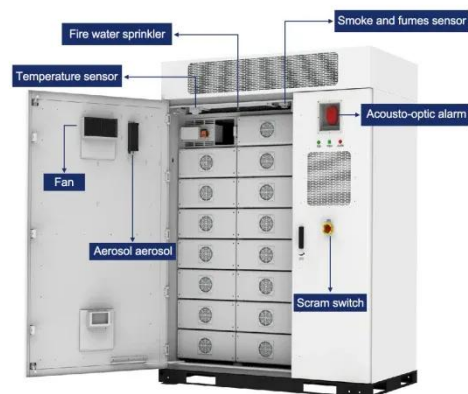
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