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#### 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.

#### 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 did the Montserrat Company do?

The Montserrat Company,formed in 1857 under the direction of Joseph Sturge,bought abandoned estates,encouraged the cultivation of limes,and sold plots of land to settlers. Because of those efforts,smallholdings still cover much of the inhabited part of the island.

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.

Montserrat This profile provides a snapshot of the energy landscape of Montserrat, a British overseas territory located in the northern half of the Lesser Antilles. 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

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In the latest joint statement from Governor Sarah Tucker, Premier Joseph Farrell and Deputy Premier Dr. Samuel Joseph, it was revealed that two engineers are currently on island supporting Montserrat Utilities Ltd. with the restoration of continued power.

As outlined in "The Power to Change - Montserrat Energy Policy 2016 - 2030 (MEP 2016-2030)", these solar PV projects are a monumental step towards achieving Montserrat's vision of 100% renewable energy grid penetration.

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Montserrat Utilities Ltd. (MUL) is happy to report the successful commissioning of the new refurbished 2MW High Speed containerised generator, labelled as No. 5B, procured from Ring Power Corporation after significant market engagement earlier this year, is now online and actively generating power to the grid.

The new Energy Task Force Report recommends a mix of renewable energy systems to power Montserrat's needs into the future. What role can individual customers play in contributing energy to the grid?

The Montserrat 750KW Solar PV + 2.5MW / 1.088 MWh Battery Energy Storage System Microgrid Pro- ject (750kw Solar PV Project) is phase 2 of the 1MW Solar PV plus 1MWh Battery Energy Storage Pro- ject funded by the European Union EDF11 Program.

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 and endorsed the recommendations of the Energy Task Force Report, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Communications, Works ...

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