



SOLAR PHOTO-VOLTAICS (PV)

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40.8 kWp

Background

What is Solar Energy and How Does Solar Generation Work?

- The sun is definitively the most secure source energy source that exists.
- Solar Photovoltaic (PV) is the conversion of light energy into electricity.
- There has been rapid worldwide growth; with the last 5 years seeing more solar PV installed than in the past 4 decades combined.
- In 2017 global solar capacity is estimated at 400 Gigawatts
- Solar PV generates zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during its lifetime operations.
- The DC power that a solar panel produces must be regulated / converted into a signal that usable with traditional infrastructure.
- Enhances energy diversity and hedges against market price volatility, as well as political and regulatory challenges that are associated with conventional energy generation.
- Solar is a predicable resource with a wealth of historical weather data relating to solar resource.

Applications

- Solar PV Systems have 3 applications:

Off-Grid



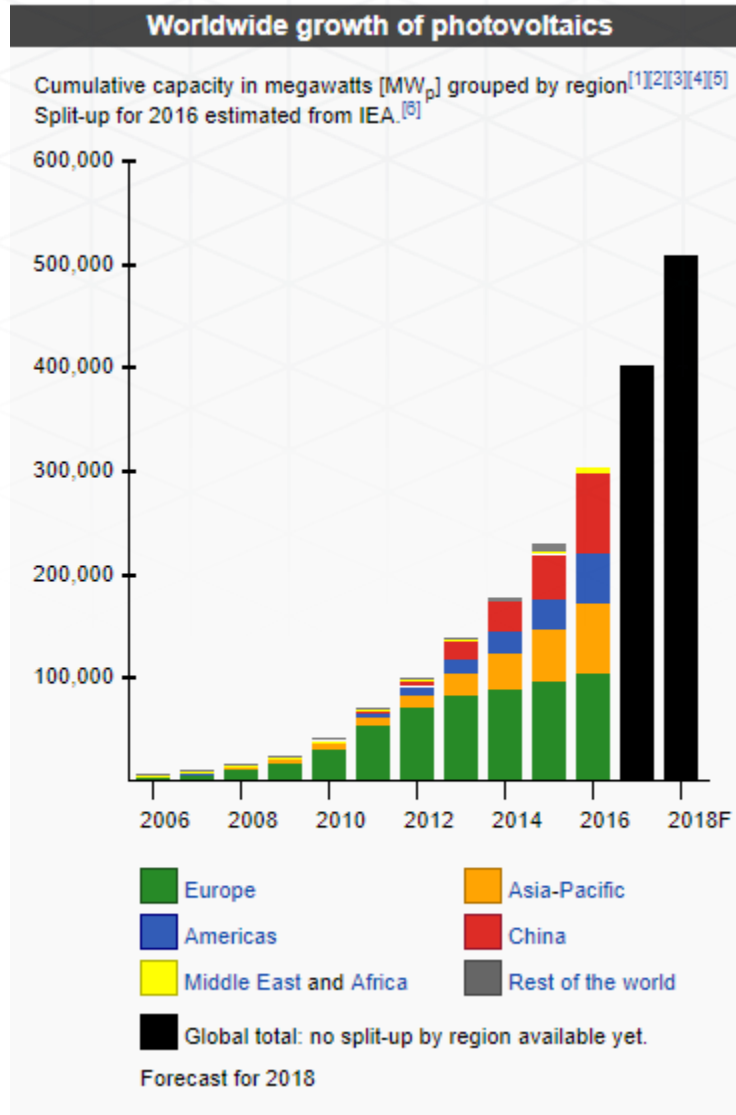
Grid Tied



Grid Tied with auxiliary source



Market Trends



- Deployment of solar electric systems have increased exponentially over the past 10 years
- Cost of PV has reached an all time low
- Utility rates are increasing at a rate that exceeds inflation
- Clean energy technology is beginning to be adopted into regulations

Advantages of Solar Electricity

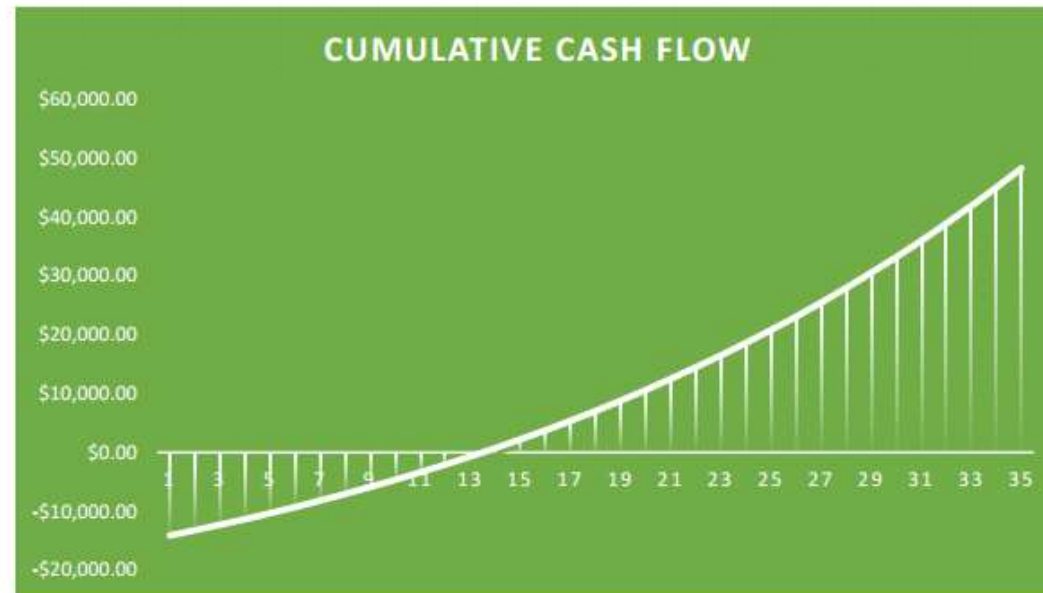
- Environmental
- Energy Independence
- Predictable
- Reliability / Maintenance
- Financial



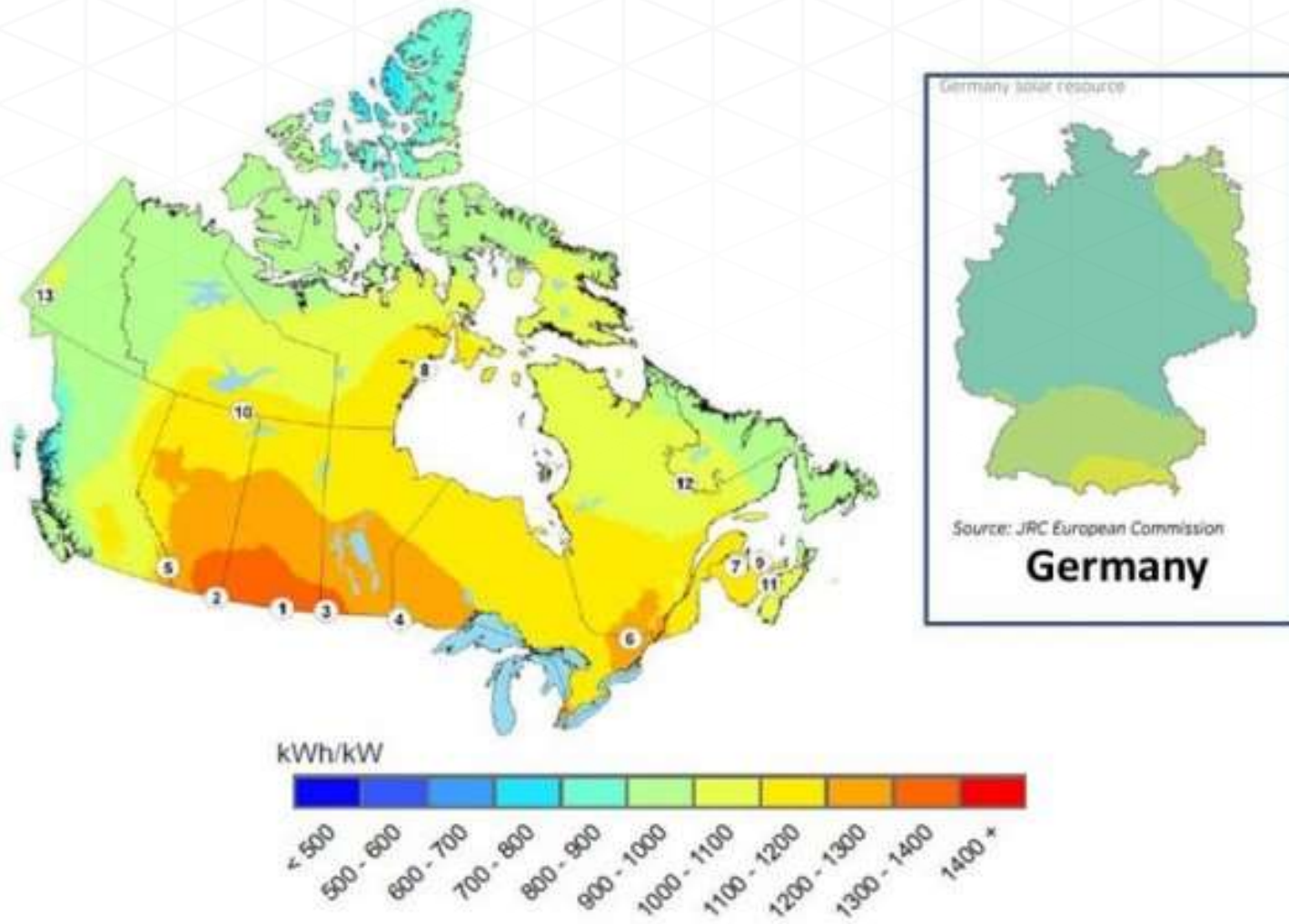
PV System Investment Calculator

System Cost	\$15,000.00
System Size (kW)	5.00
Yearly Production (kWh/kW)	1,100
Est. Utility Rate Increase	4.0%
Present Value of Offset Energy (kWh)	\$0.156

Annual Solar Production (kWh)	5500
Years For Capital Cost Payback	13
35 Year Investment Yield	\$48,365.73
Average Annual Rate of Return	9.21%
Projected Average Annual Cost of Utility Electricity over system lifetime (\$/kWh)	\$0.33
Projected Average Annual Cost of Solar Electricity over system lifetime (\$/kWh)	\$0.08
Anticipated Property Value Increase	\$20,900.00



Solar Resource



Where to mount solar

Roof



Ground Mount



Top of Pole



System Performance

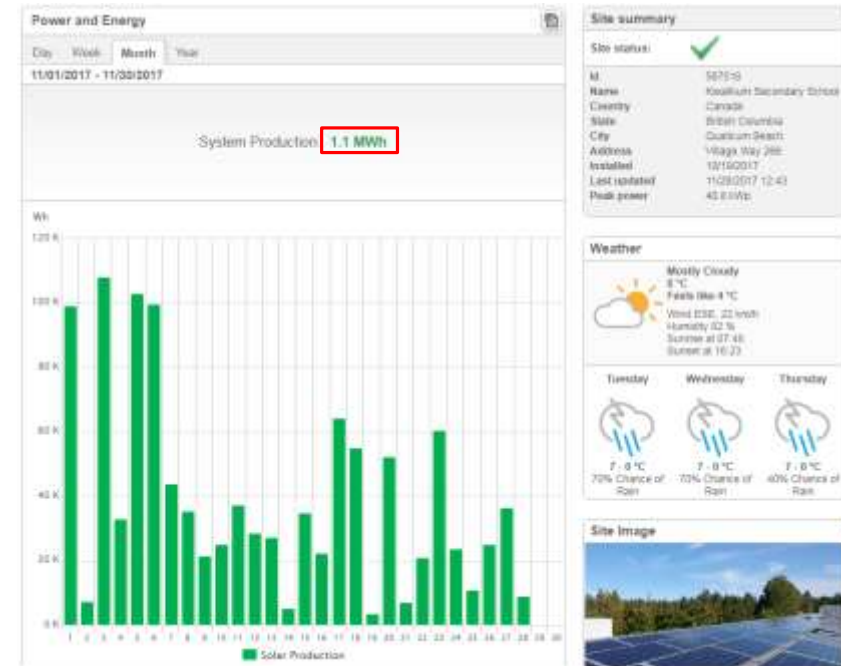
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RESULTS

42,684 kWh/Year*

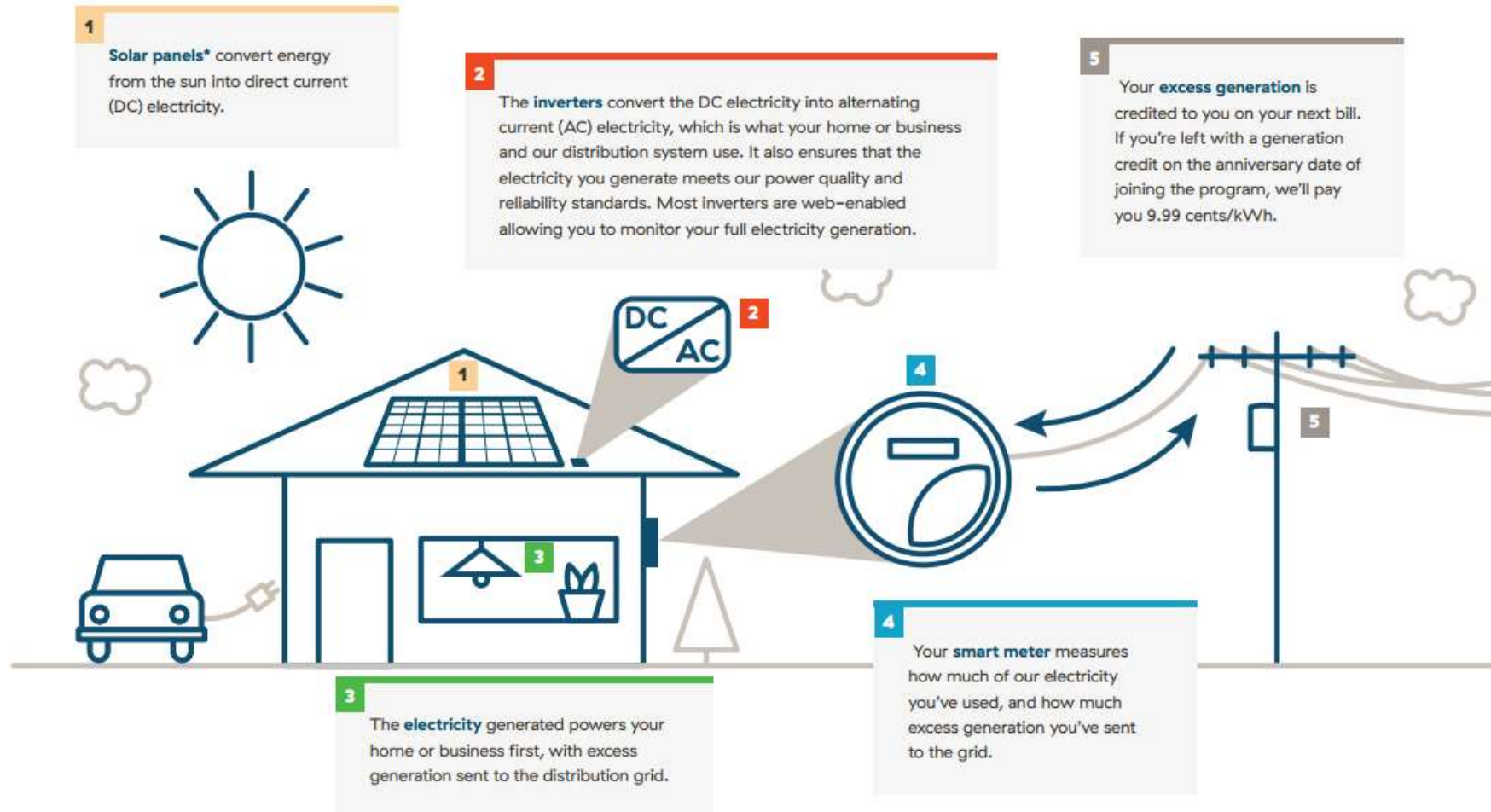
Month	Solar Radiation (kWh / m ² / day)	AC Energy (kWh)	Energy Value (\$)
January	0.96	997	N/A
February	1.86	1,773	N/A
March	3.05	3,210	N/A
April	4.73	4,760	N/A
May	5.73	5,838	N/A
June	5.85	5,663	N/A
July	6.50	6,364	N/A
August	5.75	5,630	N/A
September	4.24	4,110	N/A
October	2.24	2,290	N/A
November	1.16	1,151	N/A
December	0.87	897	N/A
Annual	3.58	42,683	0

PVWatts predicted value for November
=1.1MWh



SolarEdge actual measured value for November
=1.1MWh

Net metering—how it works



*Our net metering program is open to all sources of clean or renewable energy generation as identified in the Clean Energy Act. This includes solar, wind, hydro, etc.

Programs available

- There are no incentive programs in BC, however solar PV systems are exempt from PST. The Net Metering program offers a streamlined and no cost connection process.
- Hakai Energy Solutions and the CVRD have aligned to provide the opportunity for a bulk solar purchase.
- Hakai will leverage its volume based supplier discounts to source solar PV for CVRD customers who register by July 1, 2018. Lowest possible cost will be achieved with strong subscription.
- Hakai will provide no charge site assessments for qualified clients.



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