



SOLAR 2017 Forums –Presentation Summary

Panel: Enhancing the deployment of distributed solar generation

This forum discussed distributed solar power, with a special emphasis on distributed solar PV generation (solar PV systems located on the rooftops of homes and businesses). The deployment of distributed solar generation currently faces many barriers. These include technical barriers such as lengthy timelines for solar PV interconnection with the grid, potential grid reliability concerns associated with distributed solar PV generation, and potential cross-subsidies between owners of distributed solar PV systems and non-owners due to utility rate designs. In addition, many states have utility rate barriers and other legal regimes that can thwart solar deployment—both for solar thermal and PV. The forum moderator and panelists are involved with legal and technical regimes to address these barriers and analytical and policy work focused on reducing or eliminating them.

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