Recent Renewable Transition experiences, issues and lessons in Palau

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Background

- Renewable Energy Goals from Leadership:
 - 20% by 2020 Palau Energy Policy (2010)
 - 45% by 2025 Nationally Determined Contribuiton (2015) tied to "Paris Agreement"
 - 100% by 2032 target announced by President Surangel during 2022 "Our Oceans Conference"
- Rooftop PV
 - DRECF(Disaster Resilient Clean Energy Financing) program started ~2022 Summer, 1st installation ~October.
 - Important to have policy. Data collection & power quality difficult to do. Recommend blanket policy now. Can enforce later as long as it already exists.
 - Ex: Large 1MW installation installed in 2023 had large and immediate impact on grid. Low-loading generators
- IPP Solar Farm (~13MW PV, ~12MWhr BESS)
 - Hurdles finding an IPP company (Solar Pacific, Juwi)
 - PPA negotiations consultant assistance necessary (ADB & technical consultants)
 - Solar Farm (Started April 2022-Completed June2023)
 - IPP Connection Point Switchgear (Connected July 18, 2023)
 - BSJ Switchgear (BSJ01,02,03,08,09) Connected July 25, 2023)
 - Forecasts issues (customer load growth slower than anticipated, rooftop PV growth faster than anticipated)



Palau Main Grid



Palau Main Grid



Before IPP Solar Farm

Peak Load ~13MW peak load. Base generation 3 x 5MW diesel generators

Shout out to S&C Tripsavers



















PV Solar Integration

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Post Installation . Steady Increase of PV injection.

- July 25, 2023
- Increased injection; observing Ramp Rate (MGC adjustments)
 - July 18 1MW
 - Aug 26 2MW
 - Sept 14 4MW
 - Oct 12 6MW (low loading gens)
 - Oct 22 Off 1 DG (2 gen operation)
 - Nov Regular 2 gen operation
 - Dec Reliability Test
- Ramp Rate of PV injection primary concern
- Communications simple messaging/whatsapp
- Manual operation



PV Solar Integration

Past initial Installation Phase

Jan – Improved MGC, turning off 2 DG (1 DG op) Feb – more 1 gen op. Voltage regulation issues. 1st clue Gen Batt Mar – large 1 gen op (high PV injection). Power outages. Apr – Reduced injection. Split Grid recovery. May – Reduced injection. Lost 2 major gensets. 1 for 76 days. June – Limited injection. Split Grid. Fuel loss. July – Gen batt replaced. Grid reconnected. Increased injection Aug – Cautious injection. 2 gen operation min

Island wide power outages reduced PV Injection.

-Switchgear network unfamiliar (internal capacity building)

-Equipment failure

-HV Breakers, protection relays

-Genset

-Genset control panel

Protection Relays & SCADA key to troubleshooting



MONTHTLY REVENUE LOSS ESTIMATES SINCE MARCH:

MAR	\$23,384.2,	
APR	\$20,478.4,	
MAY	\$37,745,	
JUNE	\$15,105.8	
JULY	\$12,639.44	
AUG	\$9,440.01	
Total:	\$119,096.55	

Est. Revenue Losses due to Major Outages



DECEMBER 2023 – Reliability Test

Energy Received

6 53.70 18.48 MWh 72.19 6,066 8 1,600 55.52 51.95 0 Wed 8 0 34 7 Thu 70.25 6,572 10 2,000 58.43 54.22 1 50.55 19.70 MWh 10 2 26 8 Fri 49.78 14.75 MWh 64.53 6,914 9 1,800 58.40 56.38 15 2 0 3 9 Sat 34.39 27.12 MWh 61.51 5,787 7.5 1,500 57.75 54.05 15 10 59.92 19 10 Sun 38.08 21.83 MWh 6,573 6 2 1,400 58.27 54.94 12 Δ 56.23 7,825 31 5 11 Mon 42.98 13.25 MWh 5 2 1,200 63.43 63.05 20 12 18 6 Tue 44.89 14.54 MWh 59.43 6,241 9 1,800 57.83 54.67 6 13 59.68 6,736 1,800 61.44 32 26 Wed 45.62 14.06 MWh 9 57.93 14 Thu 0.84 MWh 42.63 7,474 2 2 400 60.49 56.96 13 8 41.79 5 0 0 9 15 Fri 6.31 -1.11 MWh 5.20 2,014 0 58.15 54.04 0 0 0 10 16 Sat 32.60 18.81 MWh 51.41 4,758 8 1,600 58.15 54.04 0 1 11 17 Sun 22.63 4.72 MWh 27.34 5,714 5 2 1,200 59.99 59.70 6 0 18 17.58 12 Mon 26.17 MWh 43.75 3,552 0 60.91 58.10 12 0 0 13 19 Tue 39.91 27.80 MWh 67.70 6,949 5 1.5 1,150 63.43 62.53 17 20 14 Wed 33.24 23.15 MWh 56.39 6,381 4 800 58.99 53.90 8 0 15 21 Thu 28.23 23.83 MWh 52.06 6,033 5 1,000 62.97 60.17 11 0 16 22 Fri 28.47 59.30 5,340 5 1,000 62.84 61.42 20 0 30.83 MWh 17 23 28.01 MWh 43.15 2,887 55.50 52.60 3 0 Sat 15.14 0 0 18 24 Sun 19.12 32.02 MWh 51.13 3,779 0 55.41 50.99 5 0 0 25 0 19 Mon 12.42 42.77 MWh 55.19 2,434 0 53.73 50.44 2 0 26 57.69 7,531 10 20 Tue 40.70 17.00 MWh 5 1,000 59.65 56.42 14 1 21 27 46.22 6,228 52.58 0 Wed 25.49 20.74 MWh 0 58.24 1

RAMP RATES

FEB	RUARY															800kW	1300kV	V 3200kW
I	Post RT	BBA05	CURTAIL	MENT	Total E	Max kW			DG OPERA	TION (hrs)			DG gallons saved	Ave DG L	OADING	Minor	Mediur	n Large
Feb-24		ENERGY	Calculated	GeoScada			3.4DG	3DG	2.4DG	2DG	1.4DG	1 DG		6-6pm	8-3:30pm	:	+	-
					50													
1	Thu	38	B 14	4 20	58	 7,761				4		2.5	1,800	60.24	57.85	8	, 1	1 0
2	Fri	52	10	0 14	66	 8,068				3.5		5	2,700	59.57	56.95	11	. 1	1 0
3	Sat	35	5 21	1 30	65	7,021				3.6		3.6	2,160	58.03	56.91	. 16	3	\$ 0
4	Sun	26	5 28	з 40	66	 6,717				1		2.5	1,200	57.55	55.70	9	2	1 0
5	Mon	24	4 1	1 15	39	6,442				3.6		0	720	63.32	62.50	1	. C) 0
6	Tue	2:	1 14	4 18	39	4,577				4.5		0	900	60.28	58.99		(C) 0
7	Wed	30	26	5 3/	6/	 5,098				5.3		0	1,060	57.61	56.02	2 2	. 1	1 0
8	Thu	19	9 42	2 60	79	5,264				2		0	400	58.36	56.82	. 5	C) 0
9	Fri	32	2 12	2 17	49	5,276				4.25		0	850	59.33	56.78	3	/ 1	1 O
10	Sat	28	B 20) 28	56	4,210				8.3		0	1,660	58.27	56.91	. 1	. C) 0
11	Sun	34	4 27	7 38	72	6,878				0.75		6.5	2,750	55.92	55.52	11	. 1	1 O
12	Mon	49	5 19	5 21	65	8,476				3		4	2,200	59.73	57.93	11	. 1	1 O
13	Tue	35	5 30	42	76	9,295				5.6		2	1,920	62.02	60.64	9	/ 2	1 0
14	Wed	42	2 29	9 41	83	7,705				5.1		2.7	2,100	58.29	56.78	5	. 2	2 O
15	Thu	51	36	5 40	91	8,801				4.5		2.25	1,800	58.09	55.31	. 10) 2	1 O
16	Fri	58	3	26	84	8,467				2		5.5	2,600	58.44	55.64	9	1	1 O
17	Sat	34	4	35	69	7,239				2.5		2.3	1,420	58.80	55.65	10) C) 0
18	Sun	42	2	32	74	7,683				2.5		2.5	1,500	59.28	56.91	. 12	. 3	; O
19	Mon	36	5	34	70	11,330				3.5		0.85	1,040	61.81	59.46	17	4	+ O
20	Tues	25	5	35	60	6,125				3.18		0	636	61.20	59.90	3	; C	ס נ
21	Wed	54	L	27	81	8,426				3		4.75	2,500	59.70	56.77	12	. c	ס נ
22	Thu	49	Э	29	78	8,386				1.78		3	1,556	59.97	56.02	. 9) (ס נ
23	Fri	52	2	20	72	8,545				2		4.78	2,312	60.14	56.97	8	; c	ס נ
24	Sat	51	L	43	94	7,471				0.72		7.62	3,192	57.14	53.11	. 5	, J	ر ا
25	Sun	30	D	19	49	4,590				6.9		0	1,380	59.28	57.37	2	: 1	ر ا
26	Mon	50	D	25	75	8,618				4.9		2.81	2,104	60.86	59.18	12	. c	ס נ
27	Tues	42	2	23	65	5,871				7.9		0	1,580	61.30	57.32	4) J	ر ا
28	Wed	23	3	48	71	5,579				3.58		0	716	65.06	62.04	2	: c	ס נ
29	Thr	33	3	26	58	5,817				6.05		0	1,210	60.23	57.24	4) 1	1 0
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	2024	MAR	СН															800kW	1300kW 3	3200kW
	Day#	Po	ost RT	BBA05	CURTAI	LMENT	Total E	Max kW			DG OPER	ATION (hrs)			DG gallons saved	Ave DG LO	DADING	Minor	Medium Li	arge
	Continued	Mar-24		ENERGY	Calculated	GeoScada			3.4DG	3DG	2.4DG	2DG	1.4DG	1 DG		6-6pm	8-3:30pm			
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	00	4	-		52	23	75	9,505				5.6		5.4	2,110	61.05	56.45	11	3	
1)OUTAGE	69	5	Tue		50	24	/5	8,195				2.5		4.5	2,300	59.19	56.03	14	1	1
	70	6	Wed		57	27	84	9,231				1.7		6.0	2,740	57.75	54.41	2	0	0
	71	7	Thu		60	37	97	8,479				0.6		7.7	3,192	55.87	52.82	6	0	0
2)3)Outag	72	8	Fri		68	26	94	10,036				0.3		7.9	3,223	56.44	52.08	3	1	0
4)Outa	73	9	Sat		14	44	58	6,735				1.9	?	2.0	1,170	57.75	52.10	3	3	3
	74	10	Sun		39	30	69	7,375				2.2		4.3	2,160	58.63	56.43	4	0	0
	75	11	Mon		44	30	74	10.329				3.8		2.8	1.862	60.64	58.45	8	2	1
	76	12	Tue		36	28	63	5.482				6.4		0	1.280	59.07	56.88	0	0	0
	77	13	Wed		39	39	78	5,508				8.0		0	1,600	60.71	57.95	3	0	0
5)Outage	78	14	Thu		43	28	71	8,160				1.9	3.8	3 1.9	1,516	60.54	58.41	7	1	0
	79	15	Fri		49	34	83	7,471				6.6		1.1	1,760	57.84	53.56	3	1	0
6)Outa	80	16	Sat		9	54	63	6,449				0.1		1.2		4.90	-35.16	5	4	4
-	81	17	Sun		39	19	58	6,276				2.0	5.47	7 0	947	59.74	56.28	1	0	0
	82	18	Mon		52	26	78	7,728				1.8	6	5 0	956	60.15	57.45	0	0	0
	83	19	Tues		44	9	53	8,256				3.2		2.8	1,750	59.88	56.56	2	1	0
	84	20	Wed		43	30	72	9,337				5.9		1.6	1,814	56.23	52.86	4	2	0
7)Outage	85	21	Thu		52	22	74	8,541				1.9		5.1	2,402	57.16	54.89	8	2	0
	86	22	Fri		50	38	89	7,990				2.7		6.3	3,044	59.61	55.79	8	0	0
	87	23	Sat		26	41	67	7,056				8		0	1,600	56.52	55.90	2	0	0
8)Outage	88	24	Sun		33	31	63	7,439				2.2	3.7	7 0.8	1,130	58.05	56.29	4	1	0
	89	25	Mon		50	25	75	9,964				4.7		3.1	2,180			7	1	0
	90	26	Tues		45	29	74	6,519				7.9		0	1,580	61.20	57.38	2	0	0
	91	27	Wed		44	25	70	6,579				7.9		0	1,580	62.04	59.53	1	0	0
9)Outage	92	28	Fri		22	23	12	9,100				2.3	4.1	0.6	1,090	57.60	50.92	4	1	1
SJOutage	95	29	CTT Sat		29	01	79	9,045				2.4		2.4	1,440	57.69	56.02	4	0	1
	94	31	Sun		49	38	87	7 931				4 9		5 3	3,092	57.20	55.02	10	3	0
								7,551							3,052	27.22	55.14	10		
				1326	.70 926.6	0 Total MWh	72.69	4295	0.0	0.0	0.0	0 120.4	23.1	1 80.8	58,230	4.90	-35.16			
			Ave	->	43 above	per IPP Calc	AVE	10329	Total hr:	Total hrs	s Total hrs	Total hrs	Total hrs	s Total hrs	Total Gallons	62.04	59.53	4		
								Min/Max							Estimated 200ga/	Min/Max	Min/Max			

		2024	JUNE														
Operating		Day#	Post RT	•	BBA05	CURTAIL	MENT	Total E	Max kW			DG OPERA	TION (hrs)			DG gallons saved	T
SPLIT GRID		Continued	Jun-24		ENERGY	Calculated	GeoScada		Geoscada	3.4DG	3DG	2.4DG	2DG	1.4DG	1 DG		F
Due to Multi	iple outage	5														-savings with 3.4D	G
From May28	8? to June 2	157	1	Sat	25		50	75	3,499	16.66	0	7.33	0	0	0	-933	3
Then again f	from June 2	158	2	Sun	21		28	48	3,518	18.53	0	5.47	0	0	0	-1,306	j
		159	3	Mon	22		37	59	4,916	20.45	0	3.55	0	0	0	-1,690)
		160	4	Tue	31		41	. 72	4,757	17.43	0	6.57	0	0	0	-1,086	i
		161	5	Wed	24		21	46	4,089	20.6	0	3.4	0	0	0	-1,720	J
		162	6	Thu	29		31	60	3,338	16.39	0	7.62	0	0	0	-877	1
		163	7	Fri	31		48	80	3,795	15.92	0	8.08	0	0	0	-784	ŧ.
		164	8	Sat	25		50	75	3,198	16.93	0	7.07	0	0	0	-986	į
Clear APP Co	omms Faul	165	9	Sun	7		4	12	1,752	24	0	0	0	0	0	-2,400	j.
		166	10	Mon	29		49	78	4.099	16.35	0	7.65	0	0	0	-870	ſ
		167	11	Tues	21		13	34	3,510	19.17	0	4.83	0	0	0	-1.434	ŧ.
		168	12	Wed	28		43	71	3,994	16.85	0	7.15	0	0	0	-970)
		169	13	Thu	32		31	63	3,717	16.55	0	7.45	0	0	0	-910)
		170	14	Fri	30		22	52	4,019	16.96	0	7.03	0	0	0	-993	\$
		171	15	Sat	27		53	80	3,415	16.38	0	7.62	0	0	0	-876	;
20:33	1)Outage	172	16	Sun	27		49	75	3,617	16.24	0	7.77	0	0	0	-847	/
		173	17	Mon	27		15	42	4,831	18.97	0	5.03	0	0	0	-1,394	Ē
		174	18	Tues	24		41	65	4,062	19	0	5	0	0	0	-1,400)
12:53	2)Outage.	175	19	Wed	27		34	61	4,001	15.9	0	8.1	0	0	0	-780)
		176	20	Thu	21		30	51	3,510	18.4	0	5.6	0	0	0	-1,280)
		177	21	Fri	18		22	2 40	3,890	19.49	0	4.52	0	0	0	-1,497	!
GRID RECON	INECT	178	22	Sat	41		17	58	6,669	14	3.05	0.23	0	6.72	0	303	\$
		179	23	Sun	34		40	74	5,361	5.7	10.7	0	7.6	0	0	950)
8:49	3)Outage	180	24	Mon	31		33	64	9,101	8	8.52	6.67	0.7	0.02	0.26	116	j
1:00	4)Outage	181	25	Tues	19		12	2 31	4,010	20.45	0	3.55	0	0	0	-1,690	1
2:51,3:15	5)Outages	182	26	Wed	22		17	39	5,045	19.28	0	4.72	0	0	0	-1,456	i _
21:00	6)Outage.	183	27	Thrs	30		45	75	3,655	16.58	0	7.42	0	0	0	-916	j _
	small out	184	28	Fri	30		39	69	4,089	17.26	0	6.73	0	0	0	-1,053	1
	Scheduled	185	29	Sat	20		7	27	3,457	19.52	0	4.48	0	0	0	-1,504	4
		186	30	Sun	19		35	54	3,200	18.38	0	5.62	0	0	0	-1,276	j -
					774.95	956.09	Total MWh	57.70	1752	516.3	22.3	166.3	8.3	6.7	0.3	-31,559	╞
				Ave->	26	above	e per IPP Calo	AVE	9101	Total hrs	Total hrs	Total hrs	Total hrs	Total hrs	Total hrs	Total Gallons	;
							32	<-Ave	Min/Max							Estimated 200ga/	¢
					Total E			Total E							0.0087		e
			Ave Energy	/ 58	1,731		MWh	1,731									
			Curtailment & En	ergy Ratios	45%	55%	6										

		2024	AUGL	JST													
		Day#	Po	st RT	BBA05	CURTAIL	MENT	Total E	Tot_PVe	Max kW			DG OPERA	TION (hrs)			Est. diesel saved
		Continued	Aug-24		ENERGY	Calculated	GeoScada		_	Geoscada	3.4DG	3DG	2.4DG	2DG	1.4DG	1 DG	e
		218	1	Thu	36		30	65	65	4 748	0.15	7.03	0.83	6.23	0	0	2 214
		210	2	Fri	39		49	87	79	4,740	0.15	8 13	8.57	7.23	0	0	2,214
		220	3	Sat	34		33	67	67	4,554	0.25	8.00	8.64	7.12	0	0	2,263
		221	4	Sun	31		22	53	54	3,722	0	7.98	8.22	7.8	0	0	2,382
		222	5	Mon	39		39	78	76	5,249	0.15	8.26	8.23	7.35	0	0	2,278
		223	6	Tues	44		16	60	58	5,660	6.15	2.13	8.17	7.55	0	0	1.712
		224	7	Wed	43		38	81	85	4,951	0.12	7.82	8.48	7.58	0	0	2,352
		225	8	Thu	26		3	30	31	3,077	0.18	7.8	16.02	0	0	0	1,584
		226	9	Fri	33		35	68	69	4,496	0.07	7.78	10.41	5.73	0	0	2,180
		227	10	Sat	52		35	87	79	6,440	0.78	4.01	13.21	0	6.42	0	2,848
		228	11	Sun	30		25	55	58	5,042	5.49	1.68	14.29	2.55	0	0	1,390
		229	12	Mon	27		19	46	49	5,072	5.25	4.48	14.27	0	0	0	902
		230	13	Tues	41		24	65	64	5,555	0.78	7.95	9.75	5.52	0	0	2,001
		231	14	Wed	47		19	66	65	6,912	3.29	4.13	9.18	7.4	0	0	2,069
11:53	1)Outage	232	15	Thu	31		16	47	48	8,639	0.50	7.87	14.15	0	1.43	0.05	1,743
		233	16	Fri	38		25	63	67	5,892	7.56	0.54	9.18	6.72	0	0	1,506
		234	17	Sat	45		19	64	57	6,987	8.20	0	9.63	0.58	5.58	0	1,654
Scheduled O)utage Aira	235	18	Sun	30		23	53	59	4,425	0.18	8.77	9.99	5.72	0	0	2,125
3:59	2)Outag	236	19	Mon	48		16	64	60	6,373	0.08	8.75	6.12	6.48	2.57	0	2,543
		237	20	Tues	48		31	79	87	6,646	0.05	8.16	9.15	6.63	0	0	2,236
		238	21	Wed	47		17	64	61	6,578	0.60	7.37	7.87	7.89	0	0	2,305
		239	22	Thrs	42		28	71	67	6,041	0.10	7.90	9.65	6.35	0	0	2,225
13:17	3)Outage	240	23	Fri	32		29	62	69	5,480	0.51	7.53	15.65	0	0	0	1,589
		241	24	Sat	34		33	67	68	4,589	0.10	7.27	10.12	6.52	0	0	2,306
		242	25	Sun	33		33	66	66	4,028	0.08	6.78	12.14	5	0	0	2,206
5:08 & 10:30	4)5)Outag	243	26	Mon	38		33	71	70	6,069	6.69	0.53	14.66	1.72	0.07	0.04	1,175
	-1	244	27	Tues	42		28	71	69	5,848	6.73	0.00	14.91	2.37	0	0	1,292
21:44	6)Outage	245	28	Wed	47		37	84	85	5,788	3.63	1.97	10.93	7.47	0	0	2,224
		246	29	Inu Fai	44		23	6/	66	6,088	0	7.55	11.98	4.47	0	0	2,092
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• 2024 January to August Rooftop PV, **IPP & Diesel** Generation energy comparison



■ Thermal(Diesel) ■ IPP Solar ■ Rooftop Solar

Rooftop Solar	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
IPP Solar	12%	12%	17%	14%	19%	10%	9%	14%
Thermal(Diesel)	86%	86%	80%	83%	78%	87%	89%	84%

Rooftop, IPP & Thermal(Diesel)

Moving Forward

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Moving Forward

New 34.5kV transmission East Coast

Currently under construction, to be completed next year.

-Increases Network reliability & flexibility



Lessons: Cost of higher Renewables

- Renewables add more complication. Requires capacity building internally & with outside experts
- Expert assistance during critical stages invaluable (PPA negotiation, construction, reliability tests, operations..).
- Cost of repairing grid for higher robustness
 - Existing Grid vulnerabilities can be magnified (replacing protection relays, breakers)
- Record keeping/logging critical (unfortunately deficient)
- Public and Leadership awareness and accurate understanding for support
 - public outreach, townhalls(food), publications, personnel, outreach,
- Curtailment cost pressure
 - Costs rise with each outage and grid transition
- Policy, Grid Codes

