

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Features of the U S Microgrid Demonstration Project



## Overview

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What is the microgrid initiative?

The microgrid initiative satisfies the first goal of dynamic optimization of distribution grid operations as well as an emphasis on distribution automation. Toward this end, the initiative has established its 2020 microgrid performance targets on costs, reliability, system energy efficiencies, and emissions. 2.

Why do we need microgrids?

Microgrids serve as an effective platform for integrating distributed energy resources (DERs) and achieving optimal performance in reduced costs and emissions while bolstering the resilience of the nation's electricity system.

How does government support microgrids?

Support for microgrids comes from research and development (R&D) programs at federal and state levels, software and tools, grants and funding support to incentivize demonstration projects, and tax and financial incentives for the installation of distributed energy , , , .

What is a microgrid?

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provides the following definition of a microgrid : "A microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid.

Why are microgrids becoming more popular in the United States?

Microgrids have become increasingly popular in the United States. About 34% of the world's microgrid projects are located in the United States and North America area - drivers for this fast growth could include the country's aging electricity megagrid and end-use customers' increasing desire for greater security and reliability .

## What drives microgrid development?

The driving forces in microgrid development at the state and local levels include renewable energy requirements as reflected in renewable portfolio standards (RPS) in 29 states and Washington, DC; renewable portfolio goals in eight states; and increasing concerns regarding power system resilience due to growing extreme climate events [38, 39, 40].

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### Microgrid Portfolio of Activities , Department of Energy

The Office of Electricity (OE) has a comprehensive portfolio of activities that focuses on the development and implementation of microgrids to further improve reliability and resiliency of the grid, help communities better prepare for future ...



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