

## Solar Energy South Africa

# New Microgrid Entrepreneurship Model



## Overview

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Is building a microgrid a good idea?

Building a microgrid can be an expensive proposition. But, the growth of microgrid projects is surging worldwide, and that's partly because new business models are lowering, if not eliminating, upfront costs and reducing the financial risk. The Energy-as-a-Service (EaaS) business model is evolving as a front-runner and growing quickly.

Who is collaborating on community microgrid ownership models?

Community Microgrid Ownership Models Pacific Energy Institute would like to thank Jared Leader of SEPA for his collaboration on multi-user microgrids and Prof. Maggie Winslow, Eric Ackerman, Johanna Zetterberg, Madison Hoffacker and Patty Cook for their review of this paper.

Is there a pent-up demand for microgrids?

From the perspective of the customers who are benefitting from EaaS, "There's definitely a pent-up demand for microgrids," Morasca says. "This new business model helps customers get to a cost per kWh that they can predict down the road.

Are microgrids a potential for a modernized electric infrastructure?

1. Introduction Electricity distribution networks globally are undergoing a transformation, driven by the emergence of new distributed energy resources (DERs), including microgrids (MGs). The MG is a promising potential for a modernized electric infrastructure , .

Who is the main proponent of a microgrid?

Either the utility or the private corporation can be the main proponent of the microgrid, but of the established utility-private microgrid ventures, it is more common for the utility to be the main controller and sponsor of the overall project with some private generation ownership.

What is a microgrid partnership?

Companies that specialize in the different aspects of microgrid technology - generation, automation or controls - are forming partnerships to collaborate on microgrid development and offer new green power options to commercial customers.

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### Future Business Model for Cellular Microgrids

The new model with cellular microgrids is actually based on these principles, evolving a new business model centric to consumers from the present model based on the utilities or system operators. The present smart grid structure is ...

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### Assessing the Feasibility of Solar Microgrid Social Enterprises as ...

the feasibility of a social enterprise delivery

model for the deployment of solar microgrids in a developing country. Steps of the methodology include conducting a site-specific feasibility ...



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