



Bureau of Land Management Public Meetings for the Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center

May 13 and May 18, 2021



Introductions

► **Panelists:**

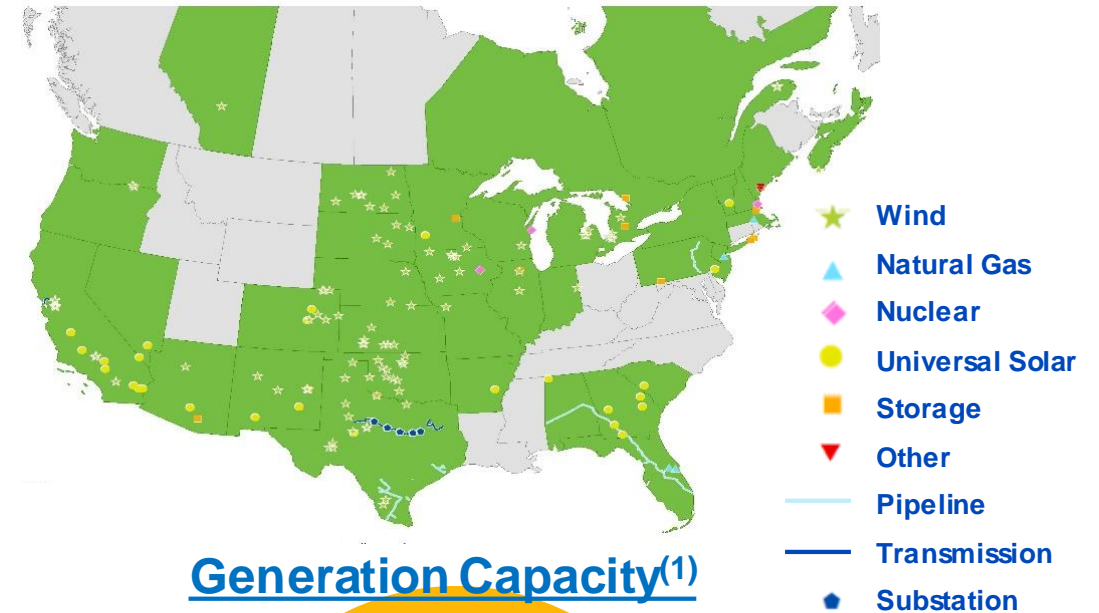
- » Kira Lay – Realty Specialist, Carson City District BLM
- » Kathleen Campanella – Project Developer, NextEra Energy Resources
- » Eric Koster – Senior Environmental Project Manager, NextEra Energy Resources
- » Rebecca Sher – Senior Tribal Relations Project Manager, NextEra Energy Resources
- » Jonathan Rigg – Project Manager, Dudek Environmental Consultant

► **Moderator:**

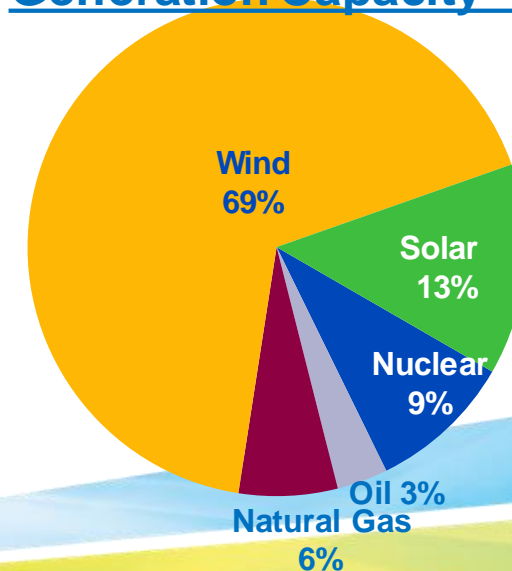
- » Lisa Paul – NextEra Energy Resources

NextEra Energy Resources is the leading North American clean energy company

- ▶ World leader in electricity generated from the wind and sun
- ▶ ~26 GW⁽¹⁾ of generation in operation
 - » ~18 GW wind
 - » ~4 GW solar
 - » ~2 GW nuclear
 - » ~2 GW natural gas/oil
- ▶ ~11 GW wind and solar in backlog⁽²⁾
- ▶ ~3 GW battery storage, including backlog
- ▶ ~6 Bcf of natural gas pipeline capacity operating or under development⁽³⁾
- ▶ ~\$56 B in total assets



Generation Capacity⁽¹⁾



1) Megawatts shown includes assets operated by Energy Resources owned by NextEra Energy Partners as of December 31, 2020; all other assets are included at ownership share
2) Includes signed contracts as of January 26, 2021; excludes battery storage
3) Includes ~4 Bcf of pipelines operated by Energy Resources for NextEra Energy Partners; reflects net Bcf for pipelines where Energy Resources and NextEra Energy Partners' ownership stake is less than 100%

Note: All other data as of December 31, 2020

NextEra Energy is comprised of strong businesses supported by a common platform



- ▶ ~\$170 B market capitalization(1)
- ▶ ~57 GW in operation(2)
- ▶ ~\$128 B in total assets(3)



- ▶ The largest electric utility in the United States by retail MWh sales



- ▶ The world leader in electricity generated from the wind and sun

Engineering & Construction

Supply Chain

Wind, Solar, and Fossil Generation

Nuclear Generation

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NextEra Energy is No. 1 in its industry of Fortune's 'World's Most Admired Companies'

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in our sector
for the 14th
time in 15
years

top 10
in the world
for **social**
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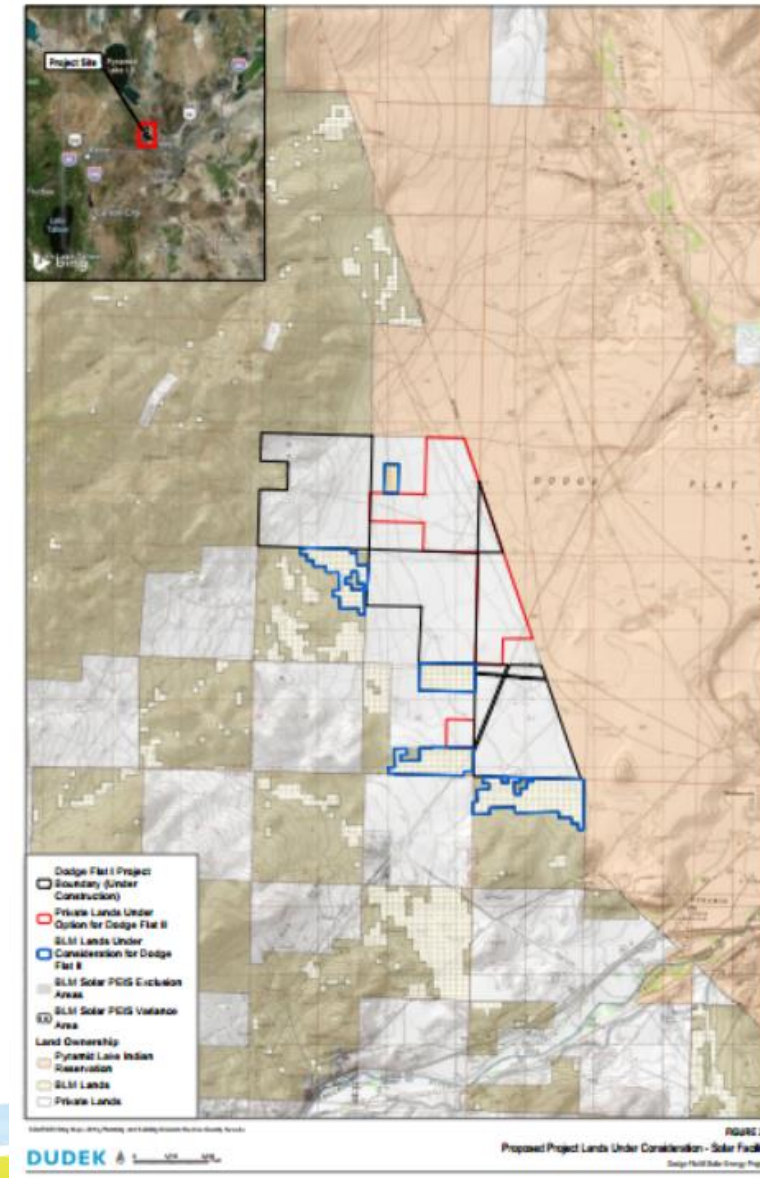
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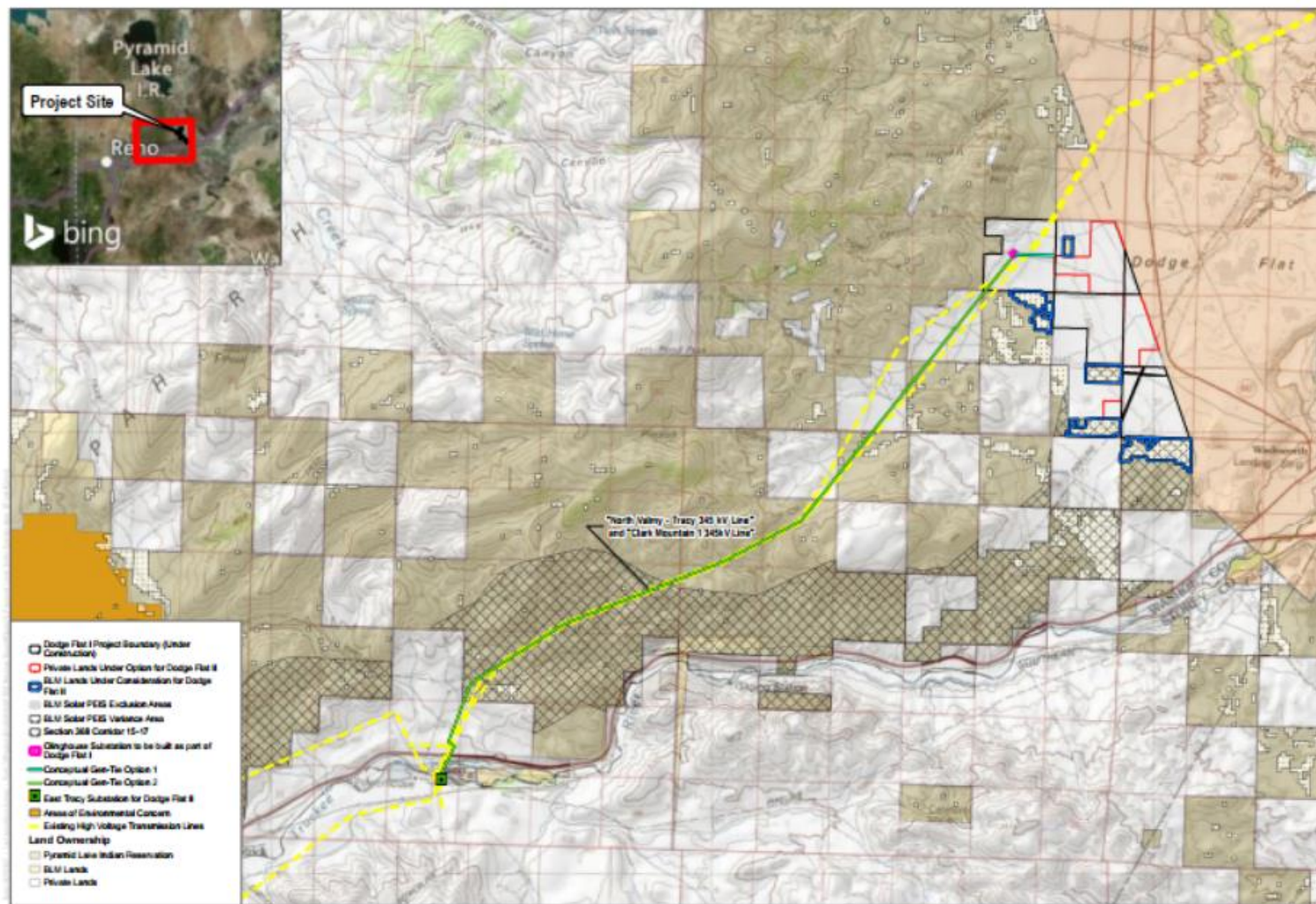
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for **people**
management

At max buildout Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center will be up to 200 MW of solar and 200 MW of Battery Storage

- ▶ Dodge Flat is located 25 miles northeast of Reno, NV
- ▶ 1,995 total acres:
 - » ~495 acres of public land administered by BLM
 - » ~630 acres of private land under option, and up to an additional 870 acres of private land (location to-be-determined)
- ▶ Adjacent to the Dodge Flat I Solar Energy Center currently under construction
- ▶ Max Buildout can generate enough electricity to power ~50,000 homes
- ▶ Will avoid approximately 510,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions that would have been produced if the electricity had been generated using fossil fuels



Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center



SOURCE: Bing Maps 2018

DUDEK 0 4,350 8,700 Feet

FIGURE 2b
Proposed Project Lands Under Consideration - Gen-Tie and Interconnection Options

Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Project

Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center – Project Details

- ▶ **Access:** Olinghouse Road via State Route 447
- ▶ **Two Gen-Tie Line Options:**
 - ▶ 0.5-mile gen-tie line to Olinghouse Substation currently under construction, or
 - ▶ 11-mile gen-tie line to NVE East Tracy Substation: located within or adjacent to a combination of existing transmission corridors and the existing Section 368 corridor (Corridor 15-17 Reno Connector Corridor)
- ▶ **Construction Start: May 2024**
- ▶ **Schedule: 18 months**
 - ▶ Peak construction would be approximately 3 months
- ▶ **Traffic: At peak construction, up to 500 workers would be traveling to the site daily**
- ▶ **Commercial Operation Date: August 2025**

Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center – Project Details

► Grading:

- » Project roads and other components such as invert pads require grading and leveling
- » Grading in the solar field is avoided when practicable considering topography, drainage, geology, and other design, engineering and construction needs
 - › Where grading is avoided, vegetation will be mowed to just above ground-level and posts driven into the ground or pre-drilled depending on geology
- » As feasible, natural drainage contours are left in place to maintain typical flows across site

► Resource Avoidance:

- » The project will be designed to avoid sensitive resources such as biological and archaeological resources
 - › These areas will be buffered to ensure no direct impact

► Water:

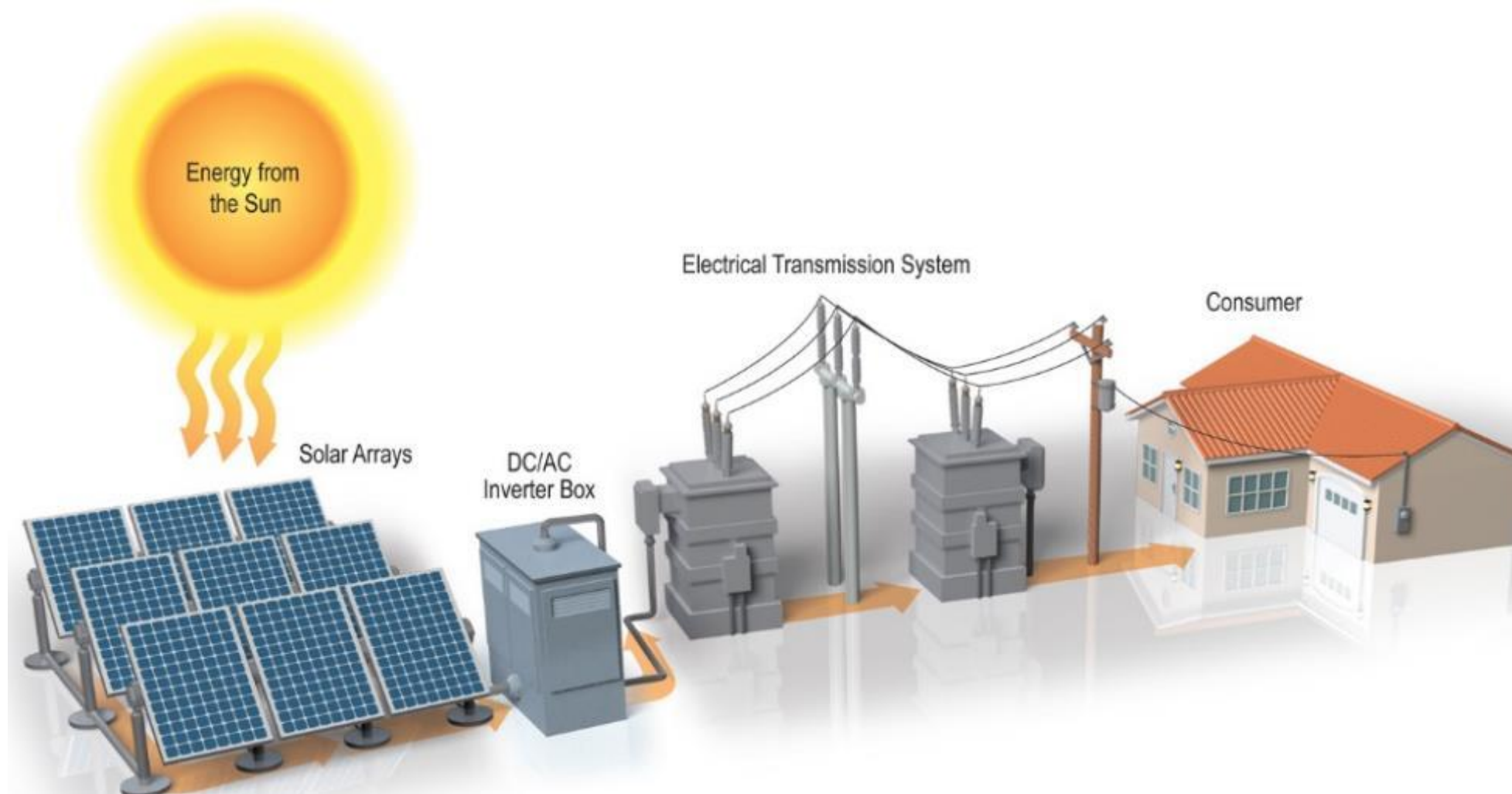
- » On-site wells would be used for water needed for construction, primarily for dust suppression
- » Panel washing is unlikely to be required, but if necessary wells would supply water during operation

Benefits of solar energy

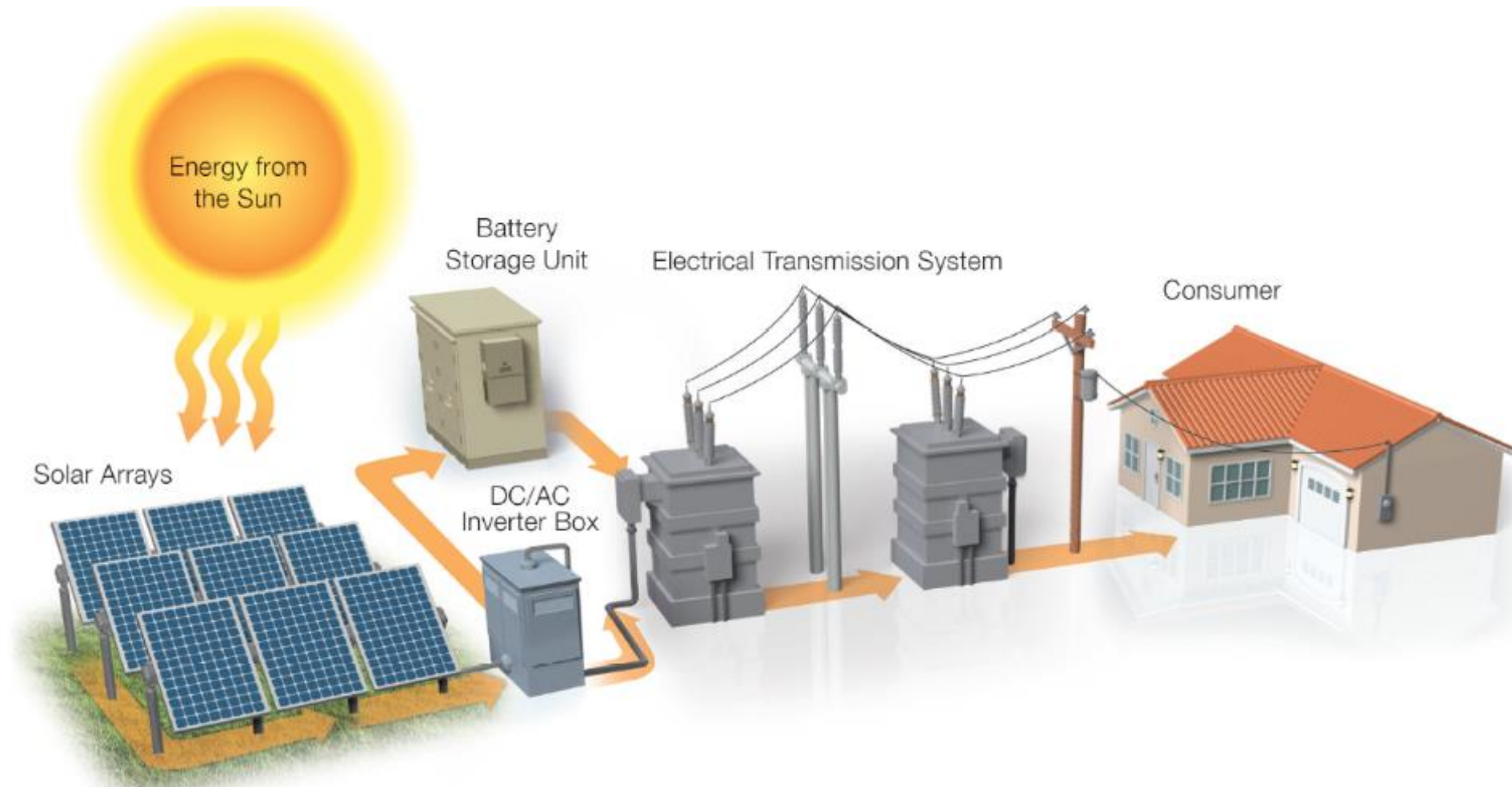
- ▶ **Cost competitive**
- ▶ **Clean, renewable source of energy**
- ▶ **No air, water or soil pollution**
- ▶ **Creates jobs**
- ▶ **Places no burden on local services**
- ▶ **Payments to landowners**
- ▶ **Taxes to communities**
- ▶ **Purchase of goods and services**
- ▶ **Land continues to be used as before**



How a panel converts solar energy to electricity



How battery energy storage works



Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center – Healthy & Safety

- ▶ Solar energy emits no pollution
- ▶ Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels are made of materials found in typical electronic equipment and are encased, so there is no impact to soil, water supply or public health
- ▶ PV panels typically consist of glass, polymer, aluminum, copper and semiconductor materials that can be recovered and recycled at the end of their useful life
- ▶ Fire risk at solar sites is low and fires involving battery storage systems are rare
 - » NEER has a 24/7 control center in Florida that monitors and can control all of our assets remotely
 - » We work with local first responders and fire officials to coordinate any response, in the unlikely event of a fire

Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center – Sound

- ▶ During the construction period, noise at the project site would be typical of construction sites
 - » Typical equipment used are small tractors, front-end loaders, trenching machines, excavators and vibratory pile drivers
- ▶ Once operational, the only sources of noise at the project would be a low "hum" typical of power equipment, specifically the power inverters and substation transformer, and a light "clicking" of panels that are designed to track with the sun
 - » Solar facilities are also designed to comply with all state or local noise level regulations

Dodge Flat Solar Energy Center – Permits and Authorizations

➤ **BLM Variance Process**

- Proposed 916 acres of BLM lands are identified as Variance Lands in the Final Solar Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

➤ **National Environmental Policy Act**

- Anticipate Environmental Impact Statement

➤ **404 CWA Permit**

- If needed, Dodge Flat I has USACE determination of no WUS

➤ **Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct**

- File after NEPA decision, ~10-month process

➤ **Washoe County Special Use Permit**

- File in 2022

➤ **Storey County (if needed for gen-tie Option 2)**

- File in 2022

➤ **Truckee Meadows Regional Plan Amendment**

- File after Washoe County SUP

Work Completed to Date

- ▶ **Critical Issues Assessment**
- ▶ **Preliminary gen-tie routing**
- ▶ **BLM Variance Process Stakeholder meeting (May 6)**

Next Steps

► **Complete Variance Process**

- » **Public Meetings (May 13 and 18)**
- » **Variance Project Assessment Report**
- » **BLM review and determination for variance approval**

► **If BLM approves, then:**

- » **Conduct Environmental Surveys:**
 - › Biological Resources
 - › Cultural Resources
 - › Jurisdictional Delineation (if needed)
- » **Begin NEPA and other permitting processes**
- » **Additional Agency and Stakeholder Coordination**
 - › Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and other tribes (NHPA Sec 106)
 - › United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 - › Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team
 - › Additional agencies and stakeholders

Questions on Dodge Flat II Solar Energy Center?



- To ask a question or provide a comment at this time, please call:

1-866-807-9684 or enter it into the text box

- To submit comments or questions to the BLM, please email:

BLM_NV_CCDO_Dodge_Flat_Solar@BLM.GOV

- Project Website for project information, copies of this presentation, and project maps:

<https://webqa.nexteraenergyresources.com/dodge-flat-ii-solar/blm-variance.html>

Thank you for joining us today. The meeting will end at 8:00. If 10 minutes pass with no questions or comments received, the meeting will adjourn at that time.