



# Solar Plus Storage Focus on Storage Benefits by Tom Rust

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# Getting to 100% renewables

- We cannot get to 100% renewables without energy storage
- Solar+Storage
- Wind+Storage



# Overview storage products

- Lead-acid
- Lithium ion
  - Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM)
  - Nickel Cobalt Aluminum (NCA)
- Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePo)
- Lithium Titanate (LTO)
- Flow Batteries



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- Much lighter weight than lead-acid
- Better fire resistance than Li-ion – they cannot burn
- Tend to allow inverters to operate more efficiently
- Typically can last 10+ years
- Limiting to 80% DOD extends life



# Value of Storage Batteries

- To evaluate batteries, calculate the actual lifetime dollars per kWh (\$/kwh)
  - Typical lead-acid –  $\$350/\text{kwh} / (1500 \text{ cycles} * 50\% \text{ DOD} * 70\% \text{ RTE}^1) = \$0.67/\text{kwh}$
  - Lithium -  $\$500/\text{kwh} / (5000 \text{ cycles} * 80\% \text{ DOD} * 85\% \text{ RTE}^1) = \$0.15/\text{kwh}$
  - Lithium is 4X+ the value of lead-acid

<sup>1</sup> RTE – Round Trip Efficiency = one way efficiency squared



# Value of Storage Batteries in Cost Savings

- Arbitrage – moving energy from low rate periods to high rate periods
  - Highest value when high delta off-peak rate vs peak rate
- Demand Reduction – reducing the peaks of energy usage spikes = reducing demand charges
- Backup – prevent loss of assets when grid fails



# Storage Markets

- Residential – generally under 10kw
- Small commercial <30kw
- Commercial/Industrial >30kw
- Equity – Disadvantaged Communities & Resiliency
  - Residential
  - Non-residential



# CCA Impacts

- East Bay Community Energy
  - New NEM customers can receive up to \$2500/year cash back for excess power
- Marin Clean Energy
  - No limit on cash back for excess power
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- Credits can roll over to succeeding years





# Some Residential Storage Systems

- BMZ
- Custom Power Solar
- LG Chem
- SimpliPhi
- Sonnen
- Sunrun
- Tesla Powerwall
- Darfon



# Finance Options

- Cash - is king for contractors
- Home owner
- Equity Line Of Credit (HELOC)– 3 - 5% typical rate
- PACE funding – payments go on property taxes, 0% down, terms up to 25 years



# Residential Storage Only Systems

- Custom Power Solar
- Outback inverter includes automatic transfer switch (ATS)
- Energport LiFePo batteries
  - 4kw/10kwh - \$19k
  - 8kw/20kwh - \$26k
- \$478/kwh after rebates and Federal Incentive Tax Credit of 30%

<sup>1</sup>Typical Installation costs - costs may vary and does not include permitting costs



# NEW SOLAR+STORAGE RATE 2019

EV is NOT required: Solar+storage is required

## Schedule EV2 for Storage

Season	TOU Period	Rate (\$/kWh)
Summer	Peak	0.469
	Part-Peak	0.358
	Off-Peak	0.156
Winter	Peak	0.342
	Part-Peak	0.325
	Off-Peak	0.156

Peak: 4PM – 9PM, All Days

Part-Peak: 3PM – 4PM & 9PM – 12AM, All Days

Off-Peak: 12AM – 3PM, All Days



# Residential EV-A vs new storage EV2 rate - Savings 8kw/20kwh

	Solar only	Solar+Storage	Difference
EVA	\$3,825	\$4,944	129%
EV2	\$2,863	\$4,241	148%
Difference	75%	86%	

All EVA customers will be moved to EV2 rate after grandfathering period



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# Typical Residential Solar+Storage Savings - PG&E EV2 Rate

	Solar+Storage Savings	Raw Cost	Final Cost	Simple Payback Years	Payback with EV	kwh generated per year
4kw PV/10kwh	\$2,120	\$32,700	\$20,400	9.6	5.6	6400
6kw PV/10kwh	\$2,863	\$34,500	\$21,600	7.5	4.9	9600
7kw PV/20kwh	\$3,757	\$41,925	\$24,847	6.6	4.7	11200
8kw PV/20kwh	\$4,241	\$45,800	\$27,600	6.5	4.8	12800
12kw PV/20kwh	\$5,725	\$49,200	\$29,900	5.2	4.1	19200

<sup>1</sup>Typical Installation costs – systems using Outback Radian or Skybox with LFP batteries & 20%+ efficiency modules at \$0.60/watt. Savings assumes full arbitrage storage mode. Payback with EV assumes gas savings average 31 miles/day \$4/gal compared to 30mpg. Final cost includes ITC (Investment Tax credit of 30%) and SGIP rebate (Self-Generation Incentive Program) at current rate \$0.25/watt-hour



# Storage Benefit - Residential Solar+Storage EV2 rate

Savings	Solar Only	Solar+Storage	Storage Benefit
4kw PV/10kwh	\$1,430	\$2,120	48%
6kw PV/10kwh	\$2,147	\$2,863	33%
7kw PV/20kwh	\$2,410	\$3,758	56%
8kw PV/20kwh	\$2,863	\$4,241	48%
12kw PV/20kwh	\$4,295	\$5,725	33%



# Commercial Storage Systems

- Typical in USA 240V/480V 3 phase:
- Range of costs: \$250-\$1000/kwh
- After SGIP rebate and ITC - \$0- \$500/kwh





# Some Commercial Storage Systems Providers

- Advanced Microgrid Solutions
- BYD
- Custom Power Solar
- LG Chem
- Sonnen
- STEM
- Tesla Powerpack
- Avalon (Flow batteries)



# Battery Size vs Savings

## Solar+Storage

PV size kw	Storage Multiplier	Storage size kwh	Storage savings per kwh	Solar+Storage Savings/yr	Raw Cost	Final Cost	Simple Payback Years	10 year Total Income
240	0	0	\$0	\$40,080	\$360,000	\$252,000	6.3	\$204,929
240	0.5	120	\$71	\$48,600	\$402,000	\$246,600	5.1	\$307,461
240	1	240	\$59	\$54,240	\$444,000	\$241,200	4.4	\$377,159
240	2	480	\$46	\$62,160	\$528,000	\$230,400	3.7	\$478,250
240	4	960	\$35	\$73,680	\$696,000	\$208,800	2.8	\$631,183
PV Rate \$/watt	\$1.50							
Storage rate \$/kwh	\$350							
Savings rate PV \$/kw	\$167							
SGIP rebate rate \$/wh	\$0.29							
ITC	30%							

PG&E E-19R 2019 rate. 10 year income includes 3%/yr utility increases, - 0.5% solar degradation. Does not include depreciation



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# Cost Modeling Tools

- Why do cost modeling?
- Determine cost savings using customer load profile and projected solar size
- Compare rates
  - Energy Toolbase
  - Geli
- Developer runs analysis for you
  - Custom Power Solar
- Public model
  - Enel.com (formerly EnerNOC)



# Cost Modeling Tools and Financial Modeling

- Model financial returns over time
- Property Assessed Clean Energy
  - HERO
  - Ygrene
  - Renew Financial PACE funding –
- CleanFund
- For Non-Profits – Collective Sun



# Cost Modeling Tool Tips

- Get the load profile
  - UtilityAPI – helps with format you need
  - PG&E Green Button
- Calculate solar size
- Best size - at least 100% of the annual energy usage in kwh of customer
- Quick calc –  $\text{Usage}/1500 = \text{PV size in kw}$
- Make sure size fits available space
  - roof
  - ground
  - carport



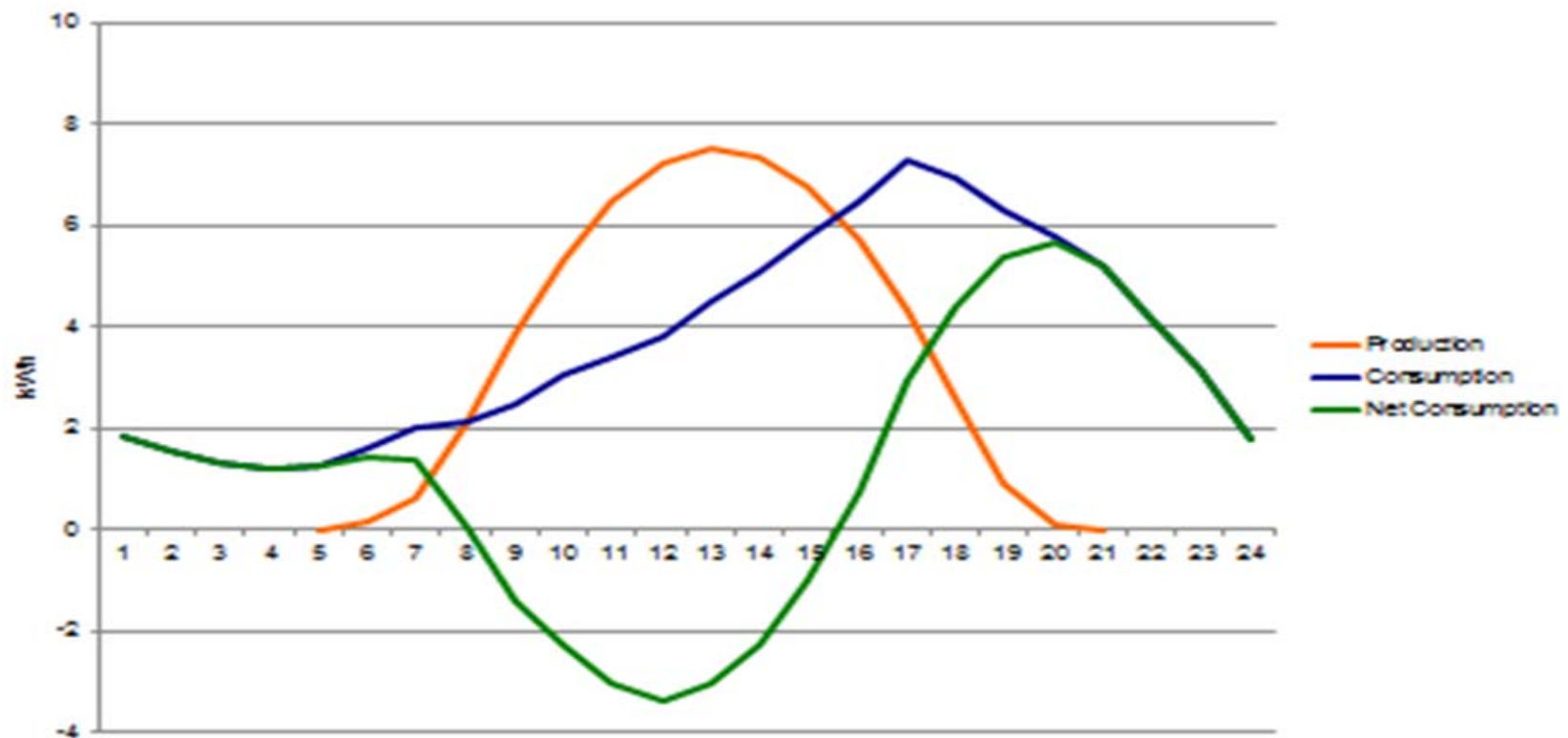
# Cost Modeling Tool Tips Cont'd

- Storage size – best SGIP rebate value
- = 2X the solar size
- Example:
  - 5kw solar needed,
  - $5 \times 2 = 10\text{kwh}$  battery best value
- Best customer long term value –
  - >2X, 4X the solar size
- 4X – rebate is not as large proportionally, but cost savings double that of 2X battery size (4X savings). Changing in 2020 to same value

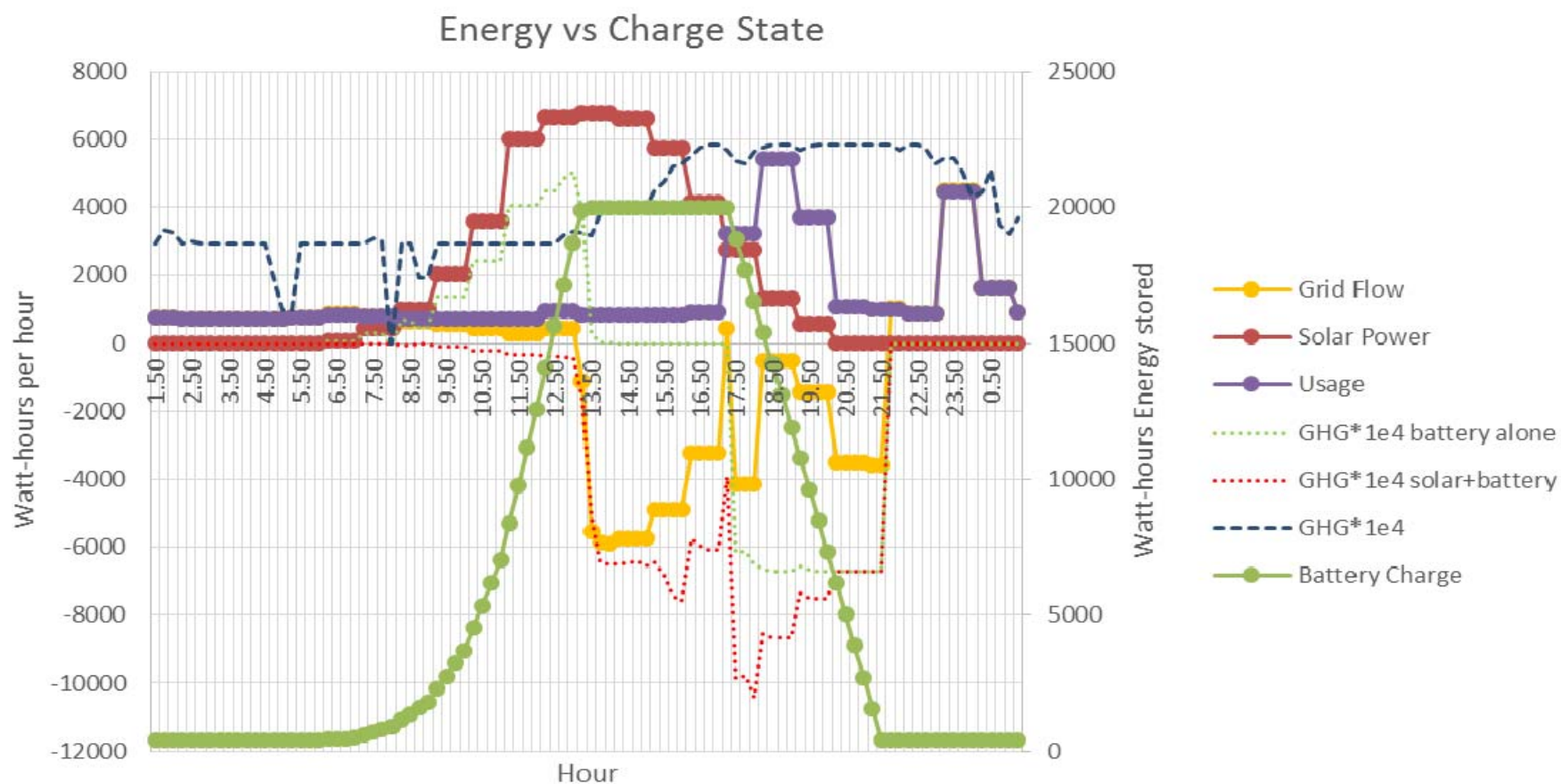


# Typical Solar Production and Consumption

Net Load Profile



# Residential Solar+Storage+EV – Arbitrage Daily Cycle



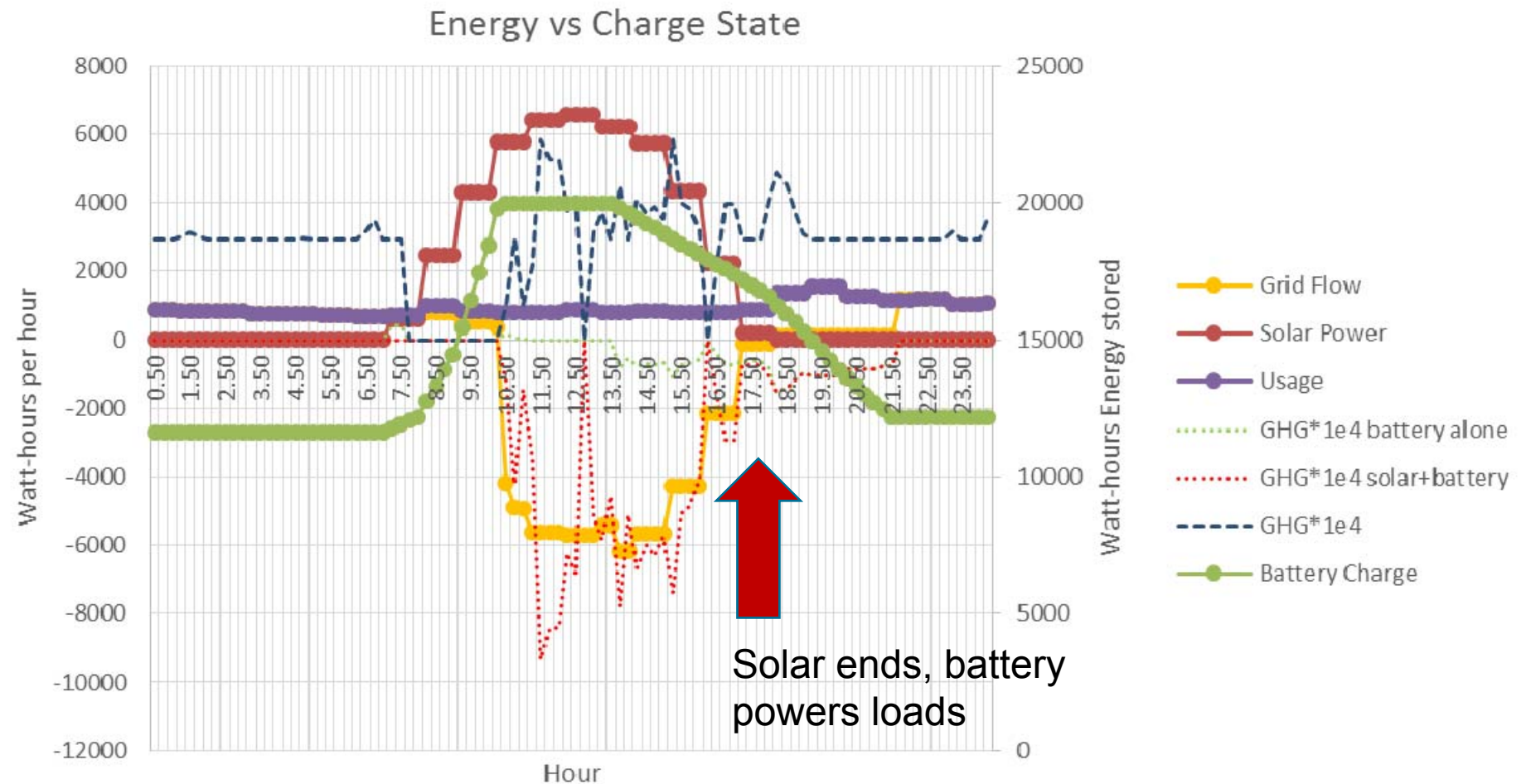
6/21 – cost savings through arbitrage – store solar power in am, discharge during peak



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# Resi Solar+Storage+EV Self Supply– Daily Cycle

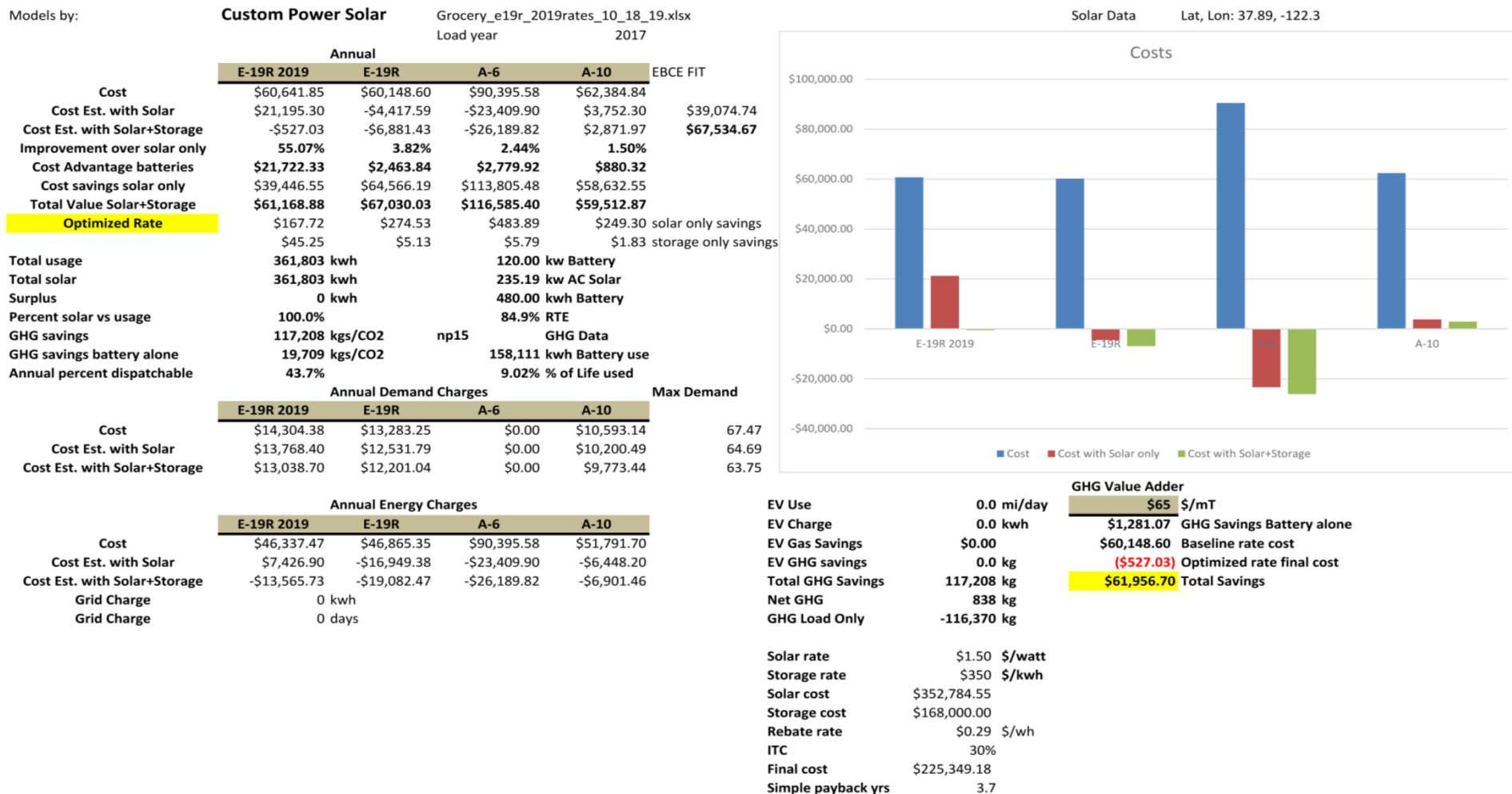


2/4 – cost savings through self supply – store solar power in am, discharge during peak but only power loads



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# Commercial Rate Analysis

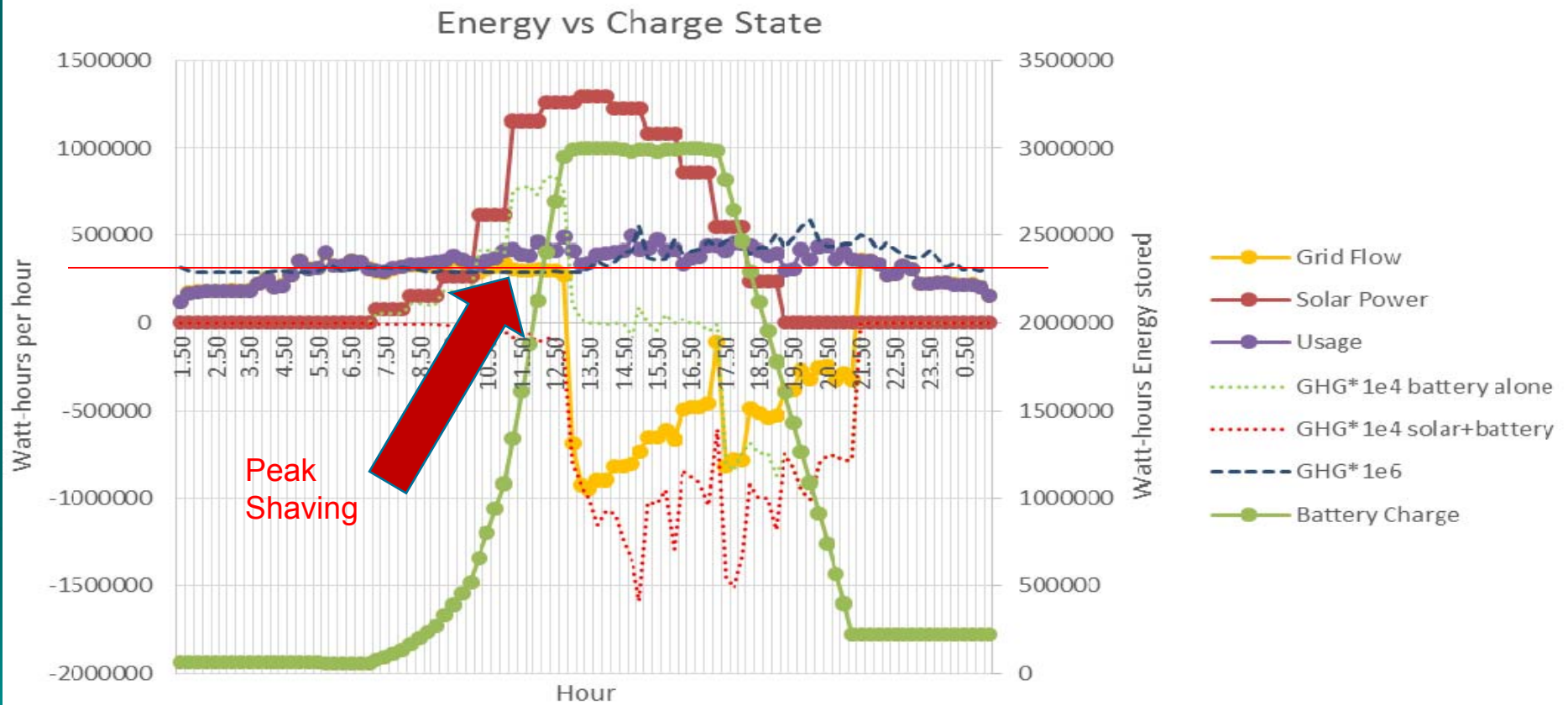


All rates run with same conditions, optimized to first column rate



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# Commercial Solar+Storage – Arbitrage & Demand Reduction Daily Cycle






6/21 – cost savings through demand response – peak shaving (red line) and arbitrage – store solar power in am, discharge during peak



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# Rates with Highest Demand Charges

Utility	Rate	Applicable kW Range	Demand Charges
	TOU-GS-2-B	20 – 200 kW	Demand Charge: \$15.89 Summer OP: \$19.89 Summer MP: \$3.88
	TOU-GS-3-B	201 – 500 kW	Demand Charge: \$18.29 Summer OP: \$20.01 Summer MP: \$3.94
	TOU-8-B	>500 kW	Demand Charge: \$19.02 Summer OP: \$21.73 Summer MP: \$4.17
	AL-TOU	>=20 kW	Demand Charge: \$22.55 Summer OP: \$9.36 Summer MP: \$6.86
	A-10 Secondary Voltage	200 – 499 kW	Summer: \$19.52 Winter: \$11.76
	E-19 Secondary Voltage	500 – 999 kW	Demand Summer: \$17.74 Peak Demand Summer: \$19.65 Part-Peak Demand Summer: \$5.40 Demand Winter: \$17.74
	E-20 Secondary Voltage	>=1000 kW	Demand Summer: \$17.87 Peak Demand Summer: \$19.02 Part-Peak Demand Summer: \$5.23 Demand Winter: \$17.87



# Best Rates for Solar+Storage Commercial

- PG&E
  - A1STORE – Nov 2019
  - E-19R
  - E-20R – very large systems over 1MW demand
- New TOU rates by Nov 2019

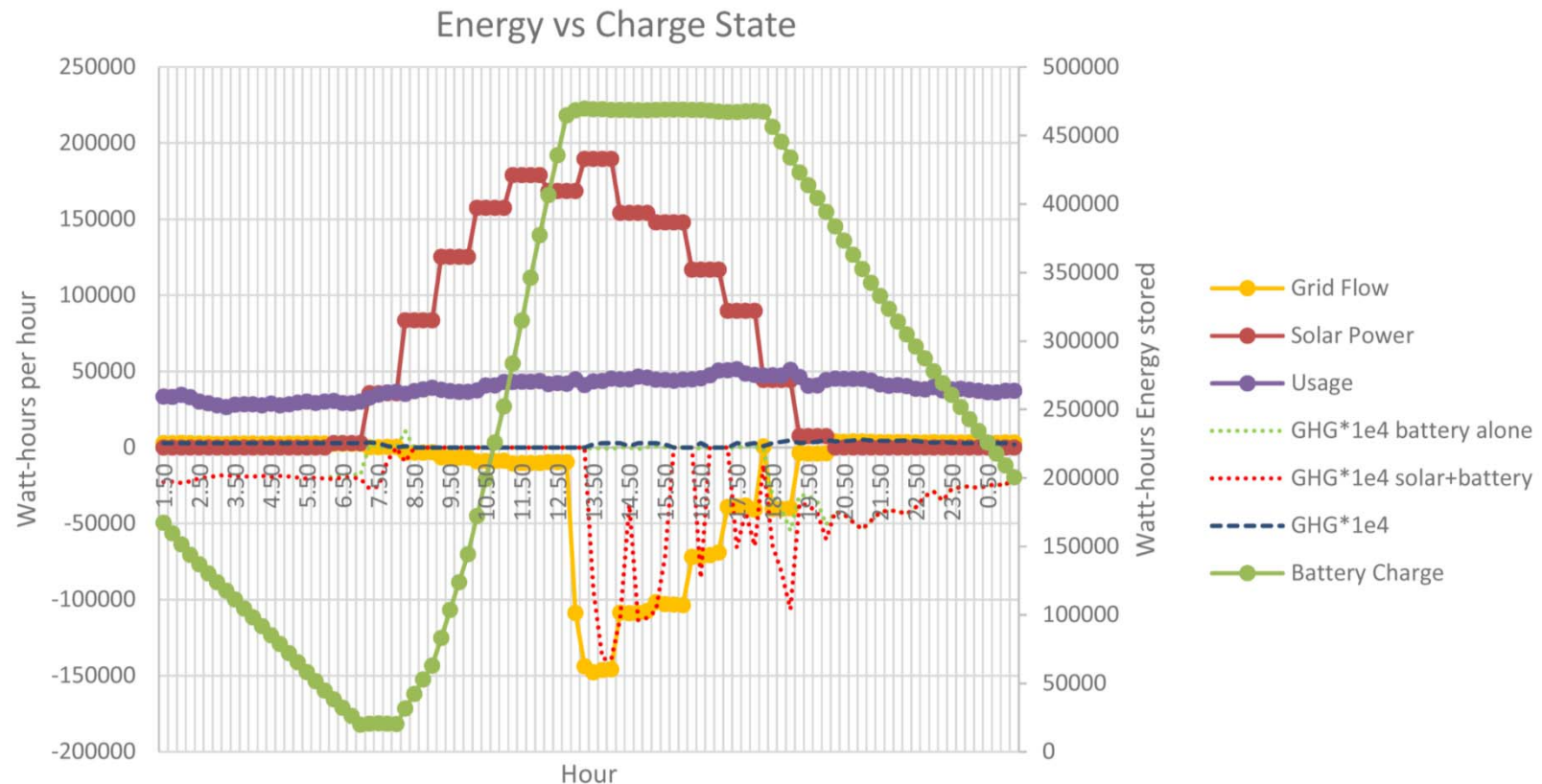


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- SCE
  - TOU8BR
- SDG&E
  - DG-R
  - New – DR-SES



# Backup



Date: 4/30 Grid flow all negative – only exporting to grid. No export during power outage. Solar sized = 100% of load, 2X battery size



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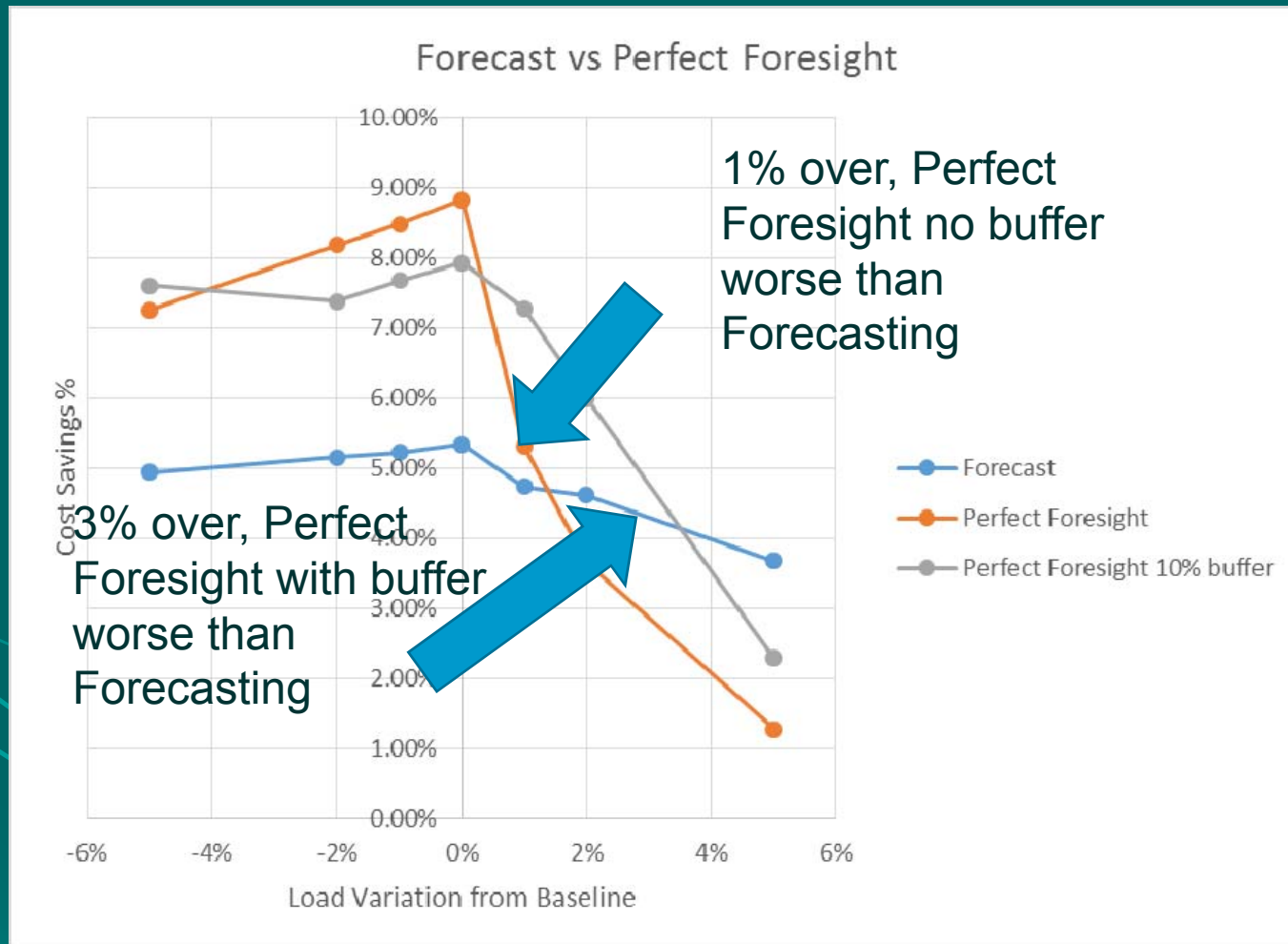
# How Realistic is Perfect Foresight in Real World Storage Operations?

- Many tools (Energy Toolbase, Geli) use a Perfect Foresight model to analyze load profiles+solar with given rate and determine “best case” cost savings –
  - Not realistic in real life use
  - More realistic – Forecasting





# Forecasting Sensitivity Analysis – Cost Savings



Conditions – C9 load (500kw demand peak), storage only 370kw,870kwh



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# Conclusions

- Perfect Foresight is extremely sensitive to real life load conditions – if load exceeds baseline – even slightly, savings are lost
  - 1% over load conditions eliminate all savings from Perfect Foresight vs Forecasting with no buffer
  - 1% over condition virtually certain in real life conditions
- Forecasting method likely produces more consistent, reliable cost savings than perfect foresight



# Conclusions

- Be conservative with storage cost savings projections – nothing worse than customers getting less than they planned on
- Design at least a 20% buffer in the size of the battery system
  - Improves lifetime
  - Reduces impact of day-to-day variations in use



# Thank You!

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# Lead Acid Batteries

- 80-85% efficiency<sup>1</sup>
- 1000-1500 cycle life at best
- Limited Depth of Discharge (DOD) for best lifetime
- Typical DOD only 50%
- Some require maintenance
- Lifetime is typically 6-7 years
- Heavy – 4X as heavy as Lithium batteries
- Lead is a toxin
- Recycling an issue

<sup>1</sup> One way efficiency



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# Lithium Ion Batteries

- Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM)
- Nickel Cobalt Aluminum (NCA)
- 96-98% efficiency
- 3000-5000 cycle life
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- 3.6-4.2V/cell
- 0-45C operating temperature
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# Lithium Titanate Batteries

- Titanate (LTO)
- 96-98% efficiency
- 3000-30,000 cycle life
- High DOD (80%+)
- 2-2.6V/cell
- -30C to 45C operating temperature
- Lower energy density than other lithium
- Generally very high charge/discharge rate
- Higher cost but longer cycle life
- Typically can last 10+ years



# Flow Batteries

- 80-85% efficiency
- 30,000+ cycle life
- Higher Capex
- Heavy
- Long cycles are typical



# Storage System Components

- Batteries
  - Cells in parallel
  - Cell groups in series
- Battery Management System (BMS)
  - Required for lithium batteries
  - Maintains cells within 0.02V of each other
- Inverter
  - Moves energy to/from battery
- Automatic Transfer Switch (option)
  - Disconnects solar+storage system from grid
  - Allows on grid or off-grid operation



# Storage System Components, cont'd

- Monitoring system - all system functions
  - Voltages
  - Temperatures
  - Current flows
- Typically data stored in cloud and locally
- Control –
  - Network interfaced system operations
- NGOM –
  - Separate Metering for monitoring solar vs battery
  - Not needed in residential systems



# Examples - SGIP approved battery systems

- Energport
- BYD
- LG
- SimpliPhi
- Tesla
- Contact your SGIP Program Administrator for specifics



# Energport

## Features:

- Saves electricity cost by reducing demand charges and shifting load to off-peak period
- System payback in less than 4 years
- Simple modular design, scalable for any size and use
- LFP - Safest Lithium ion battery on the market
- Cloud-based optimization and reporting
- Small footprint
- Connects to existing circuits
- Emergency backup as bonus function
- \$0 down lease available
- Low APR financing available
- California SGIP rebate available
- 30% federal tax credit with Solar PV
- 15-year design life; 10-year warranty
- Fully installed for less than \$0.40/Wh
- CE, UL compliance



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# BYD Energy Storage System



240 Kwh in outdoor container  
Includes all operational and climate controls



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# Residential Storage Systems Cont'd

- Tesla Powerwall
- 5kw/14kwh
- -20 to 60C operating temperature
- ~\$7800



# Residential Storage Systems Cont'd

- LG Chem – high voltage 400V
  - 9.8kwh - ~ 2500 cycle life
  - 10 year warranty
  - ~ \$6500
- Solaredge StorEdge inverter
  - 7.6kw
  - ~ \$4000



# Residential Storage Systems Cont'd

- SimpliPhi (LiFePo)
- Various sizes from 2.5kwh
- Example:
- 15kwh with 8kw Outback 8048A inverter - \$22.5k



# Residential Storage Systems Cont'd

- BMZ (Li-ion NMC/NCA)
- 6.8/8.5/10kwh 45-61.5V – 5000 cycle life
- After SGIP rebate and ITC
- ~\$800/kwh

