

Solar Energy South Africa

Solar power generation rooftop leaseback



Overview

What is a sale-leaseback solar project?

In a sale-leaseback, the solar company sells the project to a tax equity investor and leases it back. Unlike a flip where the tax equity investor gets at most 99% of the tax benefits, all the tax benefits are transferred to the tax equity investor without complicated partnership accounting.

What is a sale-leaseback structure in solar tax equity financing?

A sale-leaseback structure in solar tax equity financing operates similarly. The project developer builds and operates the solar project and then sells it to a tax equity investor. The investor becomes the owner of the solar project and leases it back to the developer.

Can a solar company repurchase a lease?

The IRS has guidelines for "leveraged" leases where the tax equity investor raises part of the purchase price by borrowing from a bank. These guidelines limit the term of the leaseback to 80% of the expected life and value of the project. If the solar company wants to keep the project at the end of the lease, the solar company must repurchase it.

How does a solar lease work?

Instead of buying the solar panels outright, you enter into an inverted lease agreement with a solar company. The solar company installs and maintains the panels on your rooftop, and you agree to lease the panels from them. In an inverted lease structure, the tax equity investor plays a similar role to the solar company in the analogy.

Do solar companies pay tax on a sale-leaseback?

Unlike a sale-leaseback, the step up in asset basis does not come at a cost to the solar company of a tax on a commensurate gain. There are no IRS guidelines for inverted leases, unlike the other two structures.

What if the government fails to kickstart a rooftop solar revolution?

If the government fails to kickstart a rooftop solar revolution, an area of countryside larger than the size of Greater London will be required for ground-mounted schemes. CPRE's view is that this land could be much better used for either nature recovery, public amenity or low impact food production; or a mixture of these.

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Solar Sale Leasebacks: Example Pricing and Deal ...

We touch on a few transactional considerations. Finally, we end with a snapshot of which solar projects and which Developers meet the Sale Leaseback providers' qualifications. A. The Mechanics of a Sale Leaseback: 1 ...

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3 Solar Tax Equity Structures: Partnership Flips, ...

Imagine you want to install solar panels on your rooftop, but you don't have the upfront funds to cover the costs. Instead of buying the solar panels outright, you enter into an inverted lease agreement with a solar company.

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