



Southern Power acquired the Apex Solar Facility in June 2012. The project entered commercial operation in July 2012.

Electricity generated by the plant serves a 25-year power purchase agreement with Nevada Power Company, a wholly owned unit of NEVADA Energy. Headquartered in Las Vegas, NEVADA Energy, Inc., provides a wide range of energy services and products to approximately 2.4 million citizens of Nevada and nearly 40 million tourists annually.

## Size

The Apex Solar Project is a 20 megawatt solar facility located on a 154-acre site in the city of North Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada.

## Technology

The project consists of approximately 88,000 polycrystalline solar modules provided by Trina Solar.

PV modules generate electricity directly from sunlight through an electronic process that occurs naturally in certain types of material, known as semiconductors. Solar energy frees electrons in these materials to travel through an electrical circuit, powering devices or sending electricity to the grid.

## **Economic Impact**

The project is expected to generate approximately \$9.8 million in tax revenues over the life of the facility.

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