

# DEG 2.0: Production at the point of Consumption

Providing a business and legal platform that accelerates the deployment of existing renewable energy technology on commercial real estate buildings

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## Accelerating Deployment of Renewables at the point of Consumption

*Production at the point of consumption decreases T&D costs and provides competitive rates for renewable energy. Unfortunately, current financing models don't always address the concerns/needs of commercial real estate owners and tenants.*

- Distributed generation at the point of consumption is the best way to provide customer value
- Current DG models don't always deliver
  - Site Lease – Not Consumed Onsite (doesn't address T&D costs)
  - PPA/Solar Lease – Not appropriate for the majority of commercial real estate. Interests of Owners and Tenants at odds (high penetration not likely)
- Use of a commercial real estate development model achieves production at the point of consumption and aligns the interests of Owners and Tenants
- CRE development model provides opportunity for high penetration of local renewable generation, inline with CCE initiatives

**There is currently a platform that utilizes the precedent of CRE development and provides the opportunity for DG with consumption at the source.**

## Energy-Producing Retail: Industry Acceptance

*Energy-Producing Retail (EPR) is an established, patent-pending business method that is currently deployed in Sonoma County, with assets coming online in Southern California.*

### Established Model (patent-pending)

- Bank approved
- As seen in the Press Democrat

### Supported by industry heavyweights

- Mario Rosati of WSGR stated that the EPR model “has the potential to disrupt the commercial solar industry...”
- Approved by a major US-based renewable energy fund manager

### Flexible for all types of CRE properties and leases

- Industrial, Office, Retail, Owner-User, etc.
- FSG, Gross, and NNN leases
- Ideal for multi-tenant properties

## The Press Democrat

### Santa Rosa building serves as launchpad for new commercial solar program

ROBERT DIGITALE  
THE PRESS DEMOCRAT | August 17, 2015

A Los Angeles-based company has put a solar electrical system on a Sonoma County commercial building using a new approach that financially rewards property owners and requires no upfront costs of tenants.

Energy-Producing Retail Realty said its patent-pending business method has the potential “to disrupt the commercial solar industry.” It provides benefits for all



**EPR is a technology agnostic platform that allows for DG beyond just solar and is ideal for the build out of micro-grids.**

## EPR Development Basics

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*EPR development is similar to the traditional commercial real estate development model and transitions DG away from credit risk to an occupancy risk model (key differentiator).*

### Real Estate approach that includes a real property interest

- Eliminates long-term fixed cost of site lease payments
- Transitions DG from credit off-taker risk (PPA's/Solar Lease) to an **occupancy risk**
- Doesn't require property owner to provide financing or a guarantee (Personal/Company)
- Provides property owner with increased cash flow and zero investment or risk

### Best bang for the buck

- Reduces or eliminates T&D charges
- Off-taker gets access to 100% renewable energy provided at a discount to the prevailing utility price
- Helps to stabilize the production costs of DG renewable energy

### Ideal model for large scale capital deployment

- Real property interest and strong cash flow = exceptional collateral
- Mitigates risk of vacancy event

**EPR development is a replicable model that can achieve high penetration of local, renewable energy generation.**

## Continuing the Success – CCE migration into asset ownership

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*CCE utilization of EPR in the form of a Public-Private Partnership will accelerate the deployment of renewable, DG resources at the point of consumption.*

### CCE can utilize EPR development to achieve local DG initiatives and goals

- CCE handles metering, billing, and community engagement
- Private partner addresses development risks (identify, underwrite, structure, and coordinate site development)

### Maximizing Site Potential

- Eliminates or reduces T&D costs for onsite off-taker
- Systems can be designed to take advantage of roof top, parking area, and undeveloped land, with excess capacity going back to the grid via CCE
- ITC's can be fully monetized providing the CCE additional value

### In line with current CCE customer interaction

- Pay for use, no PPA or Solar Lease required
- Billing through CCE at competitive rates

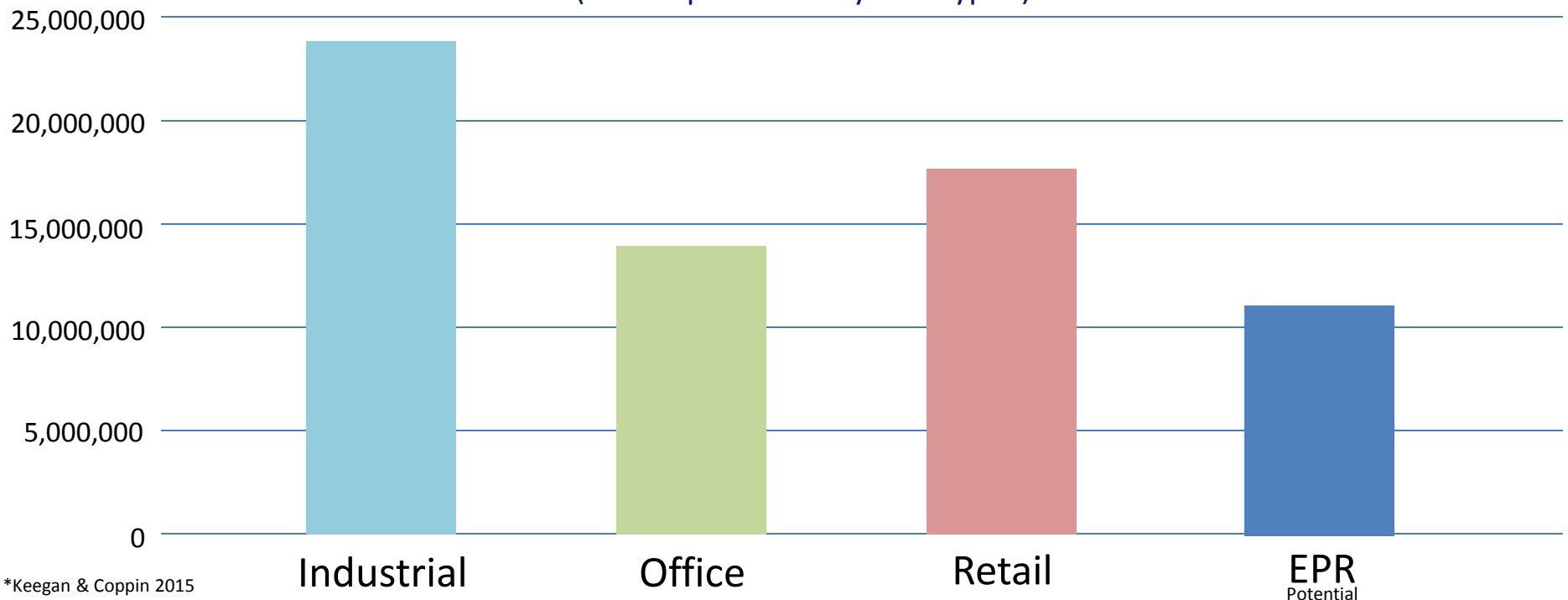
**Utilizing EPR in the form of a Public-Private Partnership offers a big opportunity given the amount of existing CRE within CCE territories.**

## Massive Opportunity for CCE

*DG is a HUGE opportunity for CCE and provides a tool for local economic growth.*

- Sonoma County is home to over 57 million rentable square feet of CRE, providing a minimum opportunity for **~114MW of capacity** and upwards of 500MW total
- Estimated investment opportunity of **\$257,000,000 to \$1.285 Billion** without any changes to existing regulations ('shovel ready')

**Sonoma County Commercial Real Estate**  
(Total Square Feet by Sub-Type\*)



\*Keegan & Coppin 2015

**CCE use of an EPR development fund provides the right mix of return on investment, competitive rates, local renewable energy, and economic growth.**

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