

Esmeralda County Load Serving Utility Information

Subject	Esmeralda
Load Serving Utility (1)	NV Energy (Sierra Pacific Power)
Allows Net-metering	Yes, subject to Public Utilities Commission of Nevada rulings.
Purchases Renewable Energy	Yes, NV Energy is currently compliant with Nevada's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and has said they have met their mandate for the foreseeable future.
Incentives for Renewable Energy	Renewable Generation Program incentivizes installation of residential solar, wind, and hydro generators.
Other Information	Four utility scale solar projects were approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and are expected to be in construction phase through 2017.
Website	www.nvenergy.com
Transmission Access	Transmission lines are owned and operated by NV Energy. Transmission access is gained through completion of an interconnect agreement.
Load Serving Utility (2)	VEA - southwestern part of the county
Allows Net-metering	Yes, for 30 kilowatts (kW) or smaller hydro, wind, or solar systems.
Purchases Renewable Energy	A 15 MW solar energy project is expected to be complete by August 2016.
Incentives for Renewable Energy	Solar Water Heating Program - Zero Down and 100% financing plus a 30% Federal Tax Credit for those who qualify.
Website	www.vea.coop
Transmission Access	VEA became a Participating Transmission Operator member of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) in 2013. The Northwest Transmission Loop was completed in 2013 and encompassed five substations and 80 miles of transmission lines.