Big Cypress & Brighton Projects

RURAL RESERVATION RESILIENCY INITIATIVE

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Introduction



Seminole Tribe of Florida Reservations

Seminole Tribe of Florida is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe and is the only Tribe in America that never signed a peace treaty.

Approx. 4,240 Tribal members

Approx. 94,555 acres land base

- Big Cypress 56,752 acres
- Brighton 35,805 acres
- Fort Pierce 60 acres
- Hollywood 497 acres
- Immokalee 600 acres
- Lakeland 802 acres
- Tampa 39 acres



Brief History

- Exercised sovereign authority over territories in Southeast US from time immemorial
- Resisted US political and military removal efforts throughout 19th Century
- Organized under Indian Reorganization Act in 1957
 - IRA Section 16: Tribal Council governs Seminole Tribe of Florida
 - IRA Section 17: Board of Directors manages business arm, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. ("STOF, Inc.")
- Recognized for leadership in advancing sovereignty
 - First Smoke Shops (1976)
 - First High-Stakes Bingo (1979)
 - First Guitar Shaped Hotel (2019)



Problems & Potential Solutions



Dependence

- Tribe depends on outsiders for energy for governmental operations and economic development.
- Tribe has no authority over stateregulated utilities and are subject to rate increases and supply interruptions.
- Tribe's ability to plan long-term is impaired because of unknown future energy costs.









Costs

- Retail prices that utilities charge tribes are high and generally increasing.
- Even though natural gas has been cheaper, electric rates have generally continued to rise.
- Costs may rise as users leave utility system.



Hurricanes

- Hurricane Irma was extremely powerful and catastrophic
- It made landfall in September 10, 2017 and impacted the entire State of Florida
- Most of the Tribe's reservation communities, businesses and government operations were affected
- Several facilities across the Tribe's reservations sustained severe damage



Source: <u>Hurricane Irma Local Report/Summary (weather.gov)</u>

Hurricanes (Continued)

- The Tribe had to close and discontinue its government operations for several weeks and in some cases months until recovery
- There were approximately 680 Tribal members living in the Big Cypress (BC) Reservation, and 690 living in the Brighton (BR) reservation who were particularly impacted by grid resiliency issues and outages
- In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, the Tribe was the largest purchaser of propane and diesel for generators in Florida
- Even commercial generators are not designed to run for weeks non-stop



Source: https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/90948/hurricane-irma-strikes-florida

Potential Solutions

- In January 2018 the Chairman and the Tribal Council formed the Renewable Energy Committee with key people across the Tribe including a representative from the Chairman's office
- The Committee was charged with:
 - Ensuring power continuity across critical Tribal operations to the extent possible during and after a storm
 - Identifying solutions to mitigate and limit power outages as a result of a storm
 - Identifying opportunities that would allow the Tribe to be as self sufficient as possible in meeting its energy demands



Florida is the Sunshine State and has great potential for harnessing energy from the sun

Big Cypress Solar Project



Project Partners

- Seminole Tribe of Florida
- DOE Office of Indian Energy
- Consultants (Godfrey Kahn, Baker Tilly, Sandia Labs, Jacobs
 Engineering Group)
- Contractor (Advanced Green Technologies)
- Glades Electric



BC Solar Project Overview

- STOF was awarded a grant to design and build approximately 445 kW of solar facilities and 1,510 kWh battery energy storage system (BESS), with transfer switches and control systems to serve 4 essential facilities in the Big Cypress Reservation.
- The systems will be interconnected to the grid and the backup generators
- During outage BESS will be able to run the facilities for approx. 3 hours before generator kicks in
- Generator runs facility and recharges BESS then cuts off and switches over to BESS during extended outages

Big Cypress	kW Peak Demand	Battery Peak Power, kW	Battery Capacity, <u>kWh</u>	<u>Type of Solar</u> <u>Mount</u>	<u>Solar</u> Capacity, <u>kW dc</u>	Solar kWh, year 1 estimate	Percent of Building's annual kWh from Solar
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Big Cypress Senior Center	83.9	110.0	150	Carport	40	63,840	28%
Big Cypress Health Clinic	201.9	260.0	640	Roof	170	271,320	22%
Big Cypress Public Safety Complex	140.3	180.0	400	Ground & Carport	135	215,460	32%
TOTALS	564.9	730.0	1510		445	710,220	
	kW	kW	kWh		kW	kWh	



BC Frank Billie Field Office Final Design





BC Frank Billie Field Office Construction Photos



BC Frank Billie Field Office Construction Photos



BC Frank Billie Field Office Construction Photos





BC Frank Billie Field Office Finished Photos



BC Senior Center: Final Design



EXHIBIT A: STORAGE INVERIER SPECIFICATION ENERGY STORAGE SOLUTION Power Conditioning System / The Leading Power for Energy Storage ACCR N Features -Data Pawer Ecolitoring System (PCS) is a bi-finational energy storage investor for Power capacity: 125 kW; AC voltage: 480 Vac
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BC Senior Center Construction Photos



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BC Senior Center Finished Photos





BC Health Clinic: Final Design





BC Health Clinic Construction Photos



BC Health Clinic Construction Photos



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BC Health Clinic Finished Photos



BC Public Safety Building: Final Design





BC Public Safety Building Construction Photos



BC Public Safety Building Construction Photos



BC Public Safety Building Construction Photos





Material Costs Escalation & Delays

ISSUES

- Project started in the midst of Supply Chain disruptions
- Materials prices increased dramatically
- Delivery times increased significantly
- Resulted in the need for a Change Order for Time and Money

CHANGE ORDER 1

- Original Contract Amount: \$2,945,017
- Net Change Order: \$584,794.80
- New Contract Amount: \$3,529,811.80
- Original Contract Time: 184 days
- Net Time Change: 165 days
- New Contract Time: 349 days

Material Availability Delays

ISSUES

- Motorized Breakers long lead time items
- Automatic Transfer Switches (ATS)
- Temporary ATS required to switch between Generator and Grid during rewiring
- Motorized breakers failures

CHANGE ORDER 2

- Revised Contract Amount: \$3,529,811.80
- > Net Change Order: \$0
- New Contract Amount: \$3,529,811.80
- Revised Contract Time: 349 days
- Net Time Change: 223 days
- New Contract Time: 572 days

Unforeseen Circumstances



Unmarked sanitary sewer line conflict



Roof membrane damage that caused leak into BC Health Clinic

Unforeseen Circumstances



Motorized Breaker missing USP backup



Cellular Modem not transmitting when enclosed in cabinet. Needed antenna.

Lessons Learned

- Double check PV and BESS Storage needs to provide desired resilience
- Balancing size of BESS to allow for desired duration of battery only energy without oversizing can be hard to explain
- Getting Design/Build contract award through Legal and Procurement is very time consuming
- Expect delays due to unforeseen circumstances and be flexible
 - Supply Chain Issues
 - Cost & Time Increase
- Keep DOE informed

- Underground locates are never 100% accurate
- Dry retention areas can be used for installation of Solar Panel Arrays
 - Try to time work before rainy season
 - Have alternative plan in place in case of pile refusals
- Roof can be damaged during installation
- Torque testing of connections is very important, especially with carports
- Start working on interconnection agreement early
- Expect resistance to service interruption for interconnection from facility users

Lessons Learned

- Backup Generators can fail
- Temporary ATS and wiring is very expensive
- Cellular modems are not very reliable when placed inside cabinets. Add antenna
- Motorized breakers need USP type backup

- Punch list items can take longer than anticipated to get completed because key staff get reassigned to other projects
- Commissioning can take much longer than anticipated
- Getting real time access to monitoring system can take longer than anticipated

Activities Yet to be Completed

- Completion of Construction
 - → Battery Delivery
 - Motorized Breaker Delivery
 - Interconnection
 - Commissioning
- Executed Interconnect Agreements
- Project Acceptance & Closeout
- First year production reporting



Planned VS Actual

PLANNED								
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Big Cypress Public Safety Complex	140.3	250	500	Ground	135	216,483	32%		
TOTALS	564.9	875	1750		448	692,918	26%		





Add Link To Monitoring Dashboard

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How System Works



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Normal Operations- Peak Shaving Thresholds



Battery SoC Thresholds



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Monitoring Dashboard Solar



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Energy Usage Comparison Public Safety Building

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Message Center

- The SmartHub website is getting a new look on December 12. Log on with your computer to gladesec.smarthub.coop to check out the simplified design.
- Shorter days and longer nights are coming, but we have outdoor lighting solutions to help. Call us at 863-946-6200 for details or to report maintenance needs for existing lighting.
- Enroll in paperless billing to enter our guarterly drawing for a \$100 bill credit. Call us at 863-946-6200, sign up in the SmartHub app, or use the contact form on our website.
- High-speed fiber internet is coming to all GEC members. For details. visit www.conexonconnect.com or call 844-542-6663.

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA **BUILDING & GROUNDS** 6300 STIRLING ROAD HOLLYWOOD FL 33024-2153 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 108000016

See back of bill for account summary and payment options



Average Temperature: 79 F

Your Energy Snapshot

Learn more at gladesec.smarthub.coop or download the SmartHub app.



Your Energy Breakdown This month's energy use compared to this month last year.



Brighton 4 Solar Project



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Project Partners

- Seminole Tribe of Florida
- DOE Office of Indian Energy
- Consultants (Baker Tilly, Sandia Labs, Jacobs Engineering Group)
- Contractor (Advanced Green Technologies)
- Glades Electric





Jacobs



BR 4 Solar Project Overview

- The Seminole Tribe of Florida was awarded a contract to design and build approximately 475 kW of solar facilities and 1,810 kWh battery energy storage system (BESS), with transfer switches and control systems that will serve 4 essential facilities in the Brighton Reservation.
- The systems will be interconnected to the grid and the backup generators
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Brighton Health Clinic	70.8	90.0	150	Ground	100	159,600	73%
Brighton Administration Building	179.6	230.0	570	Carport / Roof	125	199,500	29%
Brighton Public Safety Building	286.7	360.0	740	Carport / Roof	125	199,500	15%
Brighton Veterans Building	140.2	180.0	350	Carport	125	199,500	34%
TOTAL	s 677	860	1810		475	758,100	26%
	kW	kW	kWh		kW	kWh	



BR Public Safety & Administration Buildings: Concept

Brighton Public Safety and Administration Sites 600 E Harney Pond Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974 650 E Harney Pond Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Public Safety

(goal dc) 125 kW minimum 200 kW maximum

<u>(estimated ac)</u> 740 kWh Battery Capacity 360 kW Power Supply

Note: Carport Solar is part of the Base Bid, Rooftop Solar is an Alternate Bid



Brighton Administration

(goal dc) 125 kW Minimum 150 kW Maximum

<u>(estimated ac)</u> 570 kWh Battery Capacity 230 kW Power Supply

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BR Veterans Building: Concept

Brighton Veterans Center 800 E Harney Pond Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974



<u>Note:</u> Recommend to walk the site to verify best layout. It gets wet to the north the farther you move away from the parking lot.

BR Veterans Center

<u>(goal dc)</u> 100 kW minimum 150 kW maximum

(estimated ac) 350 kWh Battery Capacity 180 kW Power Supply

BR Health Clinic: Concept



BR Solar Project Revised scope

- The Seminole Tribe of Florida will design and build approximately 578 kW of solar facilities and 1,750 kWh battery energy storage system (BESS), with transfer switches and control systems that will serve 3 essential facilities in the Brighton Reservation.
- The systems will be interconnected to the grid and the backup generators
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Brighton Administration Building	179.6	230	500	Carport	143.1	224,155	33%
Brighton Public Safety Building	286.7	360	750	Carport	292.2	458,085	34%
Brighton Veterans Building	140.2	180	500	Carport	143.1	220,456	37%
TOTALS	506,5	770	1750		578.4	902,696	34%









Activities Yet to be Completed

- ➤ Execution of contract and issue NTP
- Completion of design 90%
- Issuance of Building Permits
- Construction
- Commissioning
- Executed Interconnect Agreements
- Closeout
- Project Acceptance & Closeout
- First year production reporting



Closing Thoughts

GOING SOLAR What you need to know about Solar Energy

Every second, our sun produces enough energy to sustain Earth's needs for 500,000 years.

How do we harness this power?



Source: https://brandongaille.com/41-excellent-solar-energy-slogans-and-taglines/

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.



Source: https://thedailyquotes.com/we-do-not-inherit-the-earth-from-our-ancestors-we-borrow-it-from-our-children/ 61

Thank you – Questions?

