

Will Tesla Solar power Ta'u in American Samoa?

Tesla has announced their solar panels are nearly entirely powering the island of Ta'u in American Samoa. The island used to depend entirely on imported diesel fuel for its electricity, but a new initiative has seen the islanders build a 1.4-megawatt microgrid that absorbs and stores solar power for all their energy needs.

Does American Samoa have a solar microgrid?

The island of Ta'u in American Samoa now boasts a solar microgrid from Tesla's SolarCity. Join us in The People v. Climate Change and share an environmental portrait of someone taking positive steps to protect the Earth on YourShot or social media. Use #MyClimateAction to share a first-person perspective on how we as humans face climate change.

What is a church choir in American Samoa?

Ta'u, American Samoa -- On a recent Wednesday evening on the island of Ta'u--one of the outer islands in American Samoa--most of the people in all three villages are at pese--or church choir--practice. The annual island-wide youth group showcases are coming up and each choir senses the pressure of having to perfect their routines.

Is SolarCity creating solar Islands?

SolarCity was applauded when it announced its plans for solar roofs earlier this year. Now, it appears it is in the business of creating solar islands.

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Tesla and SolarCity have announced they have (almost) entirely powered the small island of Ta'u in American Samoa with solar panels. Up to now, the island has had to depend on imported diesel to generate electricity.

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In November, Tau Island celebrated the completion of a solar-powered microgrid, funded by the U.S. Department of Interior and the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), and installed by SolarCity--a subsidiary of Tesla.

Now, the island runs on a completely renewable microgrid that meets 100% of residents' energy needs through solar power and battery storage. In 2016, the founders of Maui, Hawaii-based company Mana Pacific helped design and implement Ta"u's solar-energy microgrid composed of over 5,300 solar panels.

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