

C a s e S t u d y

THE ECONOMICAL &  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
BENEFITS OF

# SOLAR PV PLUS BATTERY STORAGE

for **METRO** Cash & Carry



## → SOLAR PLUS STORAGE FOR **METRO CASH & CARRY**

**415 KWp Rooftop Solar unit  
plus 250 kWh battery system  
for Metro's facility in Bengaluru**



The system is designed in a way that provides the client with clean solar power, coupled with a battery system as a back-up and referencing source of power. It also provides for the solar plant to generate in an off-grid format

### ► **550 KW INTERCONNECTION**

416 kWp DC  
300 kW AC Solar PV  
AC Coupled with 250 Kw  
250 kW Battery Energy Storage System  
415 V Interaction

### ► **PV SYSTEM**

Renewsys 335 Wp PV Modules  
Sungrow 100 kW Inverter  
indus Power Systems 416.07 kWp

### ► **BATTERY INTEGRATOR**

Newen Systems Private Limited

### ► **BATTERY TECHNOLOGY**

Lithium-ion NMC Batteries

### ► **PCS & CONTROLLER TECHNOLOGY**

250 kW PCS: Newen with  
Dynapower Technology  
Micro Grid Controller: Newen

**% ENERGY REPLACEMENT: 40-50%**



## → METRO'S OPERATIONS:

METRO is a leading international specialist in wholesale and food retail which operates in 34 countries. The Pan-India business offers close to 7,000 world-class products across a multitude of categories – all under one roof, and at transparent, low wholesale prices.

## → FOURTH PARTNER ENERGY'S CUSTOMISED SOLUTION:

A solar plus battery storage model was designed by FPEL's team to meet METRO's specific energy requirement, **the first of its kind for a commercial client in India.** The project executed in a record time of 53 days for the Solar installation and 23 days for the Battery system.

## → METRO'S UNIQUE ENERGY REQUIREMENT:

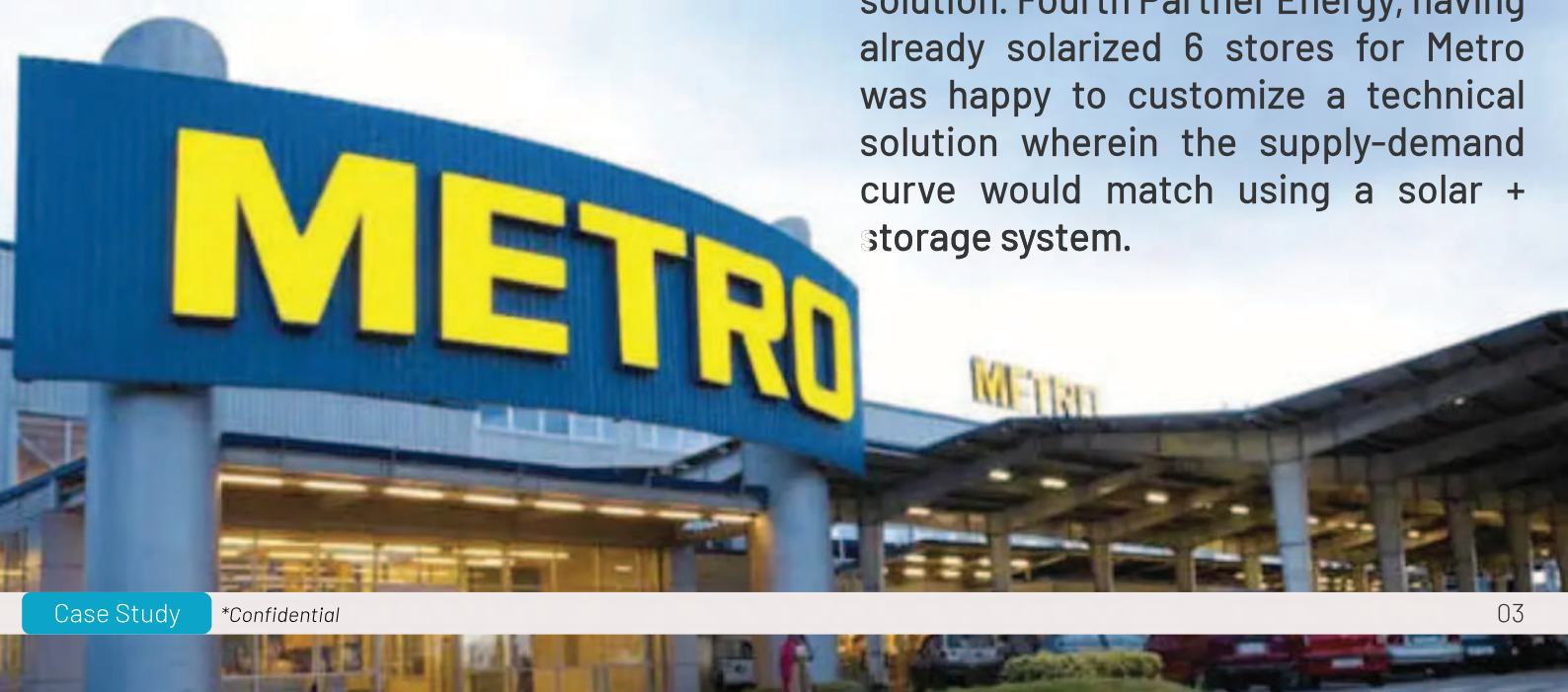
One of Metro's many sustainable goal is in India to become climate neutral by 2040 in addition to adoption of rooftop solar systems (via the OPEX model) across all their stores.

Due to space and regulator constraints specific to the State of Karnataka – a rooftop solar plant under the OPEX model was not permissible for METRO at its Bengaluru facility. The CAPEX model was financially unviable for the client, as it entailed a large initial investment.

The nature of METRO's business meant the site could not stop functioning during daytime; with critical load having to run 24/7 without failure of operation, even during integration.

**The company's stringent sustainability targets had to be met – but in a commercially feasible manner.**

The team at Metro then took the bold decision of opting for an off-grid solution. Fourth Partner Energy, having already solarized 6 stores for Metro was happy to customize a technical solution wherein the supply-demand curve would match using a solar + storage system.



## → SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SOLAR + BESS PROJECT FOR METRO

- ▶ Innovative architecture that enabled the Solar Plant to generate independently from the grid and thus form a local Micro-Grid
- ▶ Smart System with a micro-grid controller which dynamically monitors and prioritizes the ideal source for generation
- ▶ The solar installation was completed in a record time of 53 days and the BESS installation in 23 days

## → ANNUAL COST-SAVINGS TO THE CLIENT

Annual Savings: **Rs 24,74,020**



## → ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANNUAL



Water Conserved  
**13.5 Lk Litres**



Carbon Offset:  
**1,300 MT**

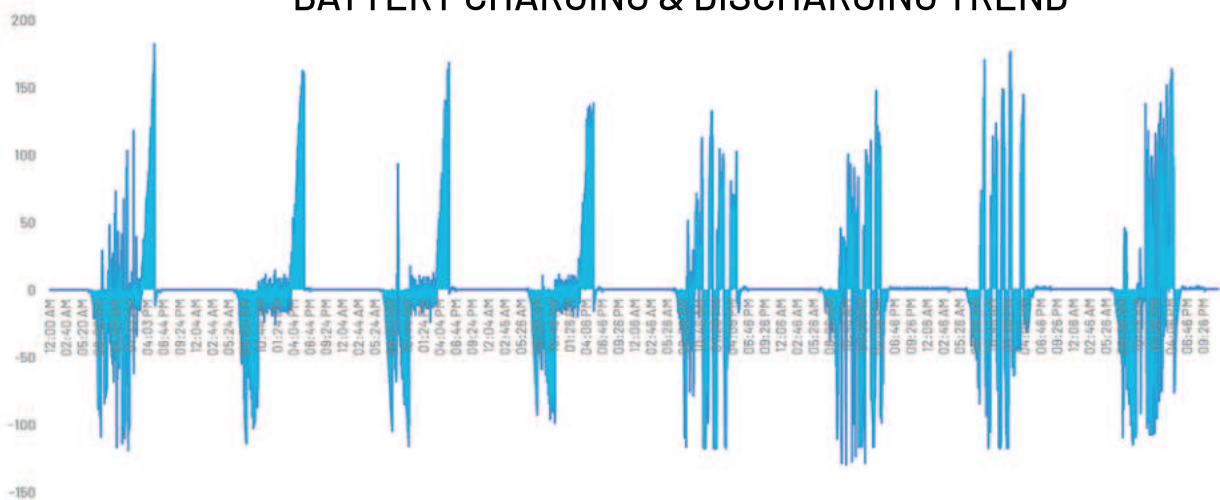


Trees Planted (Equivalent)  
**~50,000 Trees**

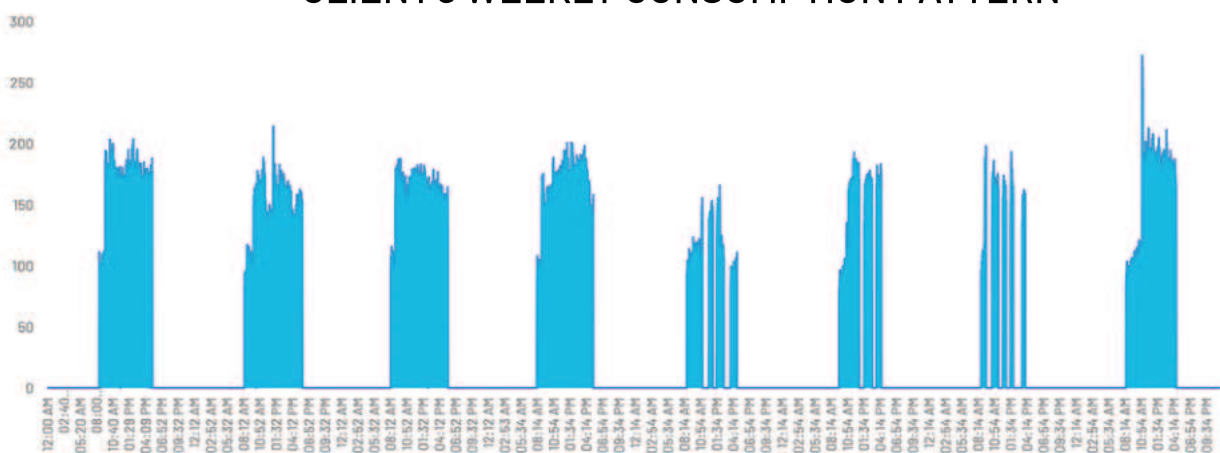


# → WEEKLY ANALYSIS OF CLIENT'S SOLAR + STORAGE USAGE

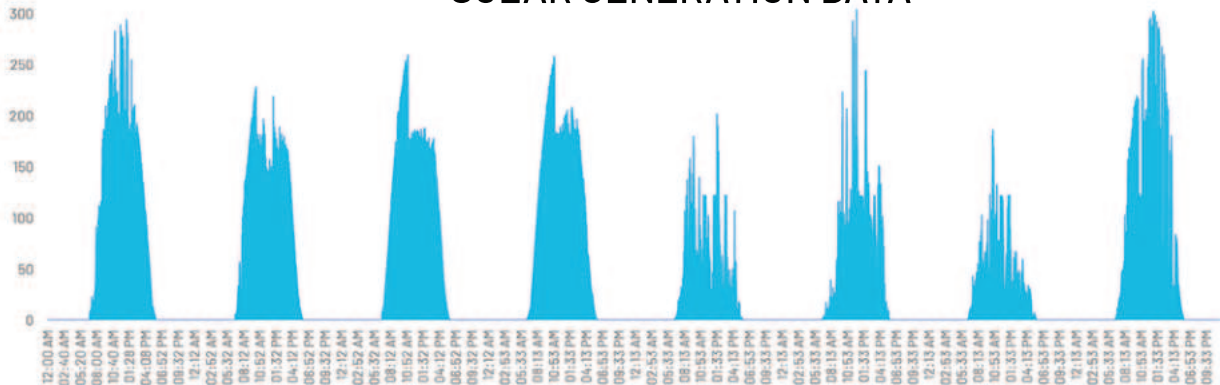
## BATTERY CHARGING & DISCHARGING TREND



## CLIENT'S WEEKLY CONSUMPTION PATTERN



## SOLAR GENERATION DATA





# → WHY SOLAR + STORAGE?

- **100% Clean Energy:** Battery Storage is the ideal solution to address the intermittency of Solar%
- **Grid Independence:** Helps reduce the client's reliance on the grid, while lowering Electricity costs
- **Reduces Carbon Footprint:** Is far more environmentally friendly than running a Diesel Generator
- **Resilient Power:** Addresses the need for stability and flexibility in energy demand
- **Zero Upfront Investment:** Under the EaaS model



# → INDIA's BESS OUTLOOK

140 – 200 GW

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) India Energy Outlook 2021 projects that India could have **140-200 GW** of battery storage capacity by 2040. This would make it the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the world in terms of total battery storage capacity.

The pace of change in the electricity sector puts a huge premium on robust grids and other sources of flexibility, with India becoming a global leader in battery storage. India has a higher requirement for flexibility in its power system operation than almost any other country in the world.

Battery storage is particularly well suited to the short-run flexibility that India needs to align its solar-led generation peak in the middle of the day with the country's early evening peak in demand.

\*Source: International Energy Agency



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