

# Economics of Solar + Storage MMA Annual Meeting

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## Hastings School Net Zero Design

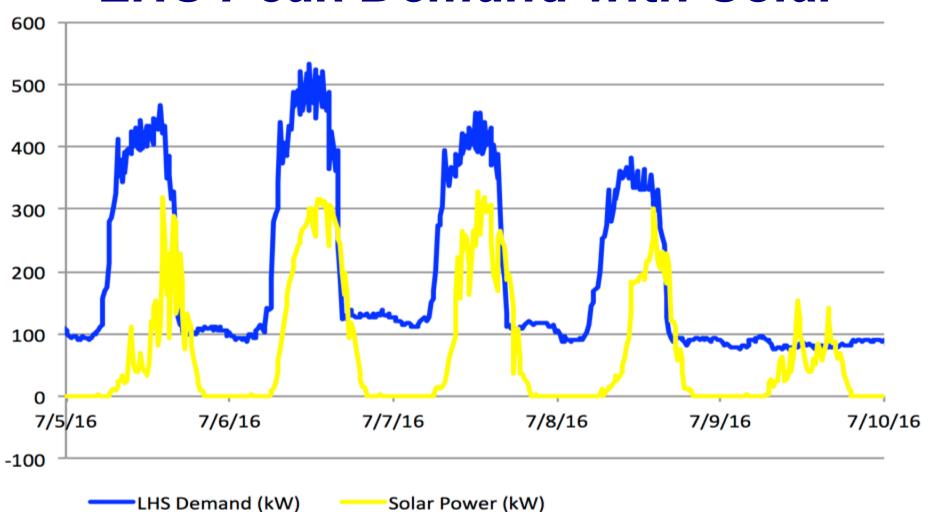


### The motivation for energy storage

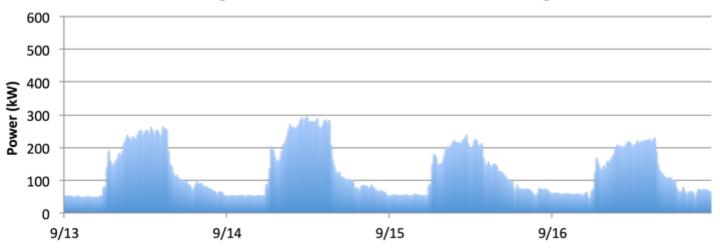
- Peak demand charges
  - Account for about 45% of Lexington electricity bills
- Demand charge reductions from solar are often limited
  - Solar production is not correlated with building energy demand
  - Passing clouds can cause solar generation to drop, setting that month's peak.
- Future rate changes may increase demand charges and lower per kWh charges
- Energy storage can help control all three issues



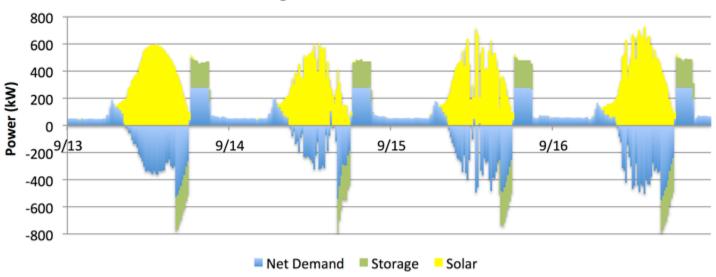
### LHS Peak Demand with Solar



#### **Hastings School Demand without Solar + Storage**



#### **Hastings Peak Demand Reduction**

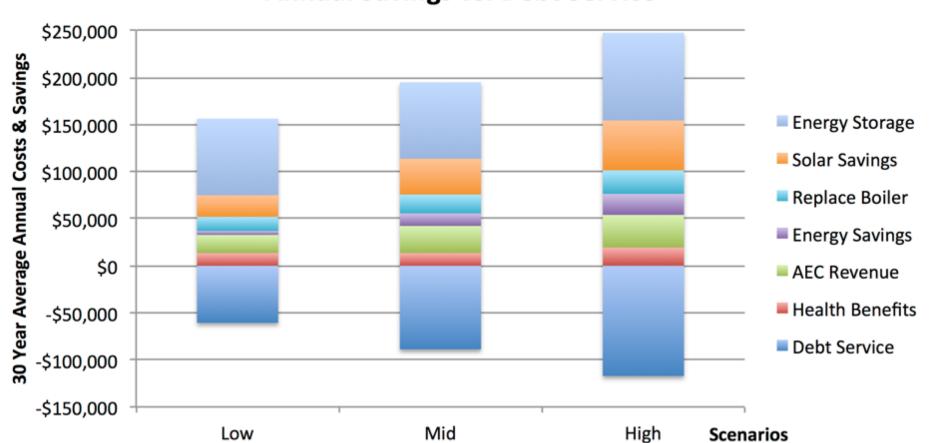


### Hastings Solar + Storage Economics

- Pre-solar annual electricity bill ~\$250,000
- 975,000 kWh annual usage
  - \$135,000 annual usage charges
  - \$115,000 peak demand charges
- 1.1 million kWh solar + 150 kW demand reduction
  - \$ 23,000 solar energy annual savings
  - \$ 93,000 storage revenue & peak demand savings
  - \$ 37,000 ground source heat pump incentives
  - \$ 16,000 health benefits



#### Ground Source Heat Pump with Solar + Storage Annual Savings vs. Debt Service



# Solar Canopies & Schools

