



Integrating solar and storage technologies into Korea's energy landscape

Business models and policy implications

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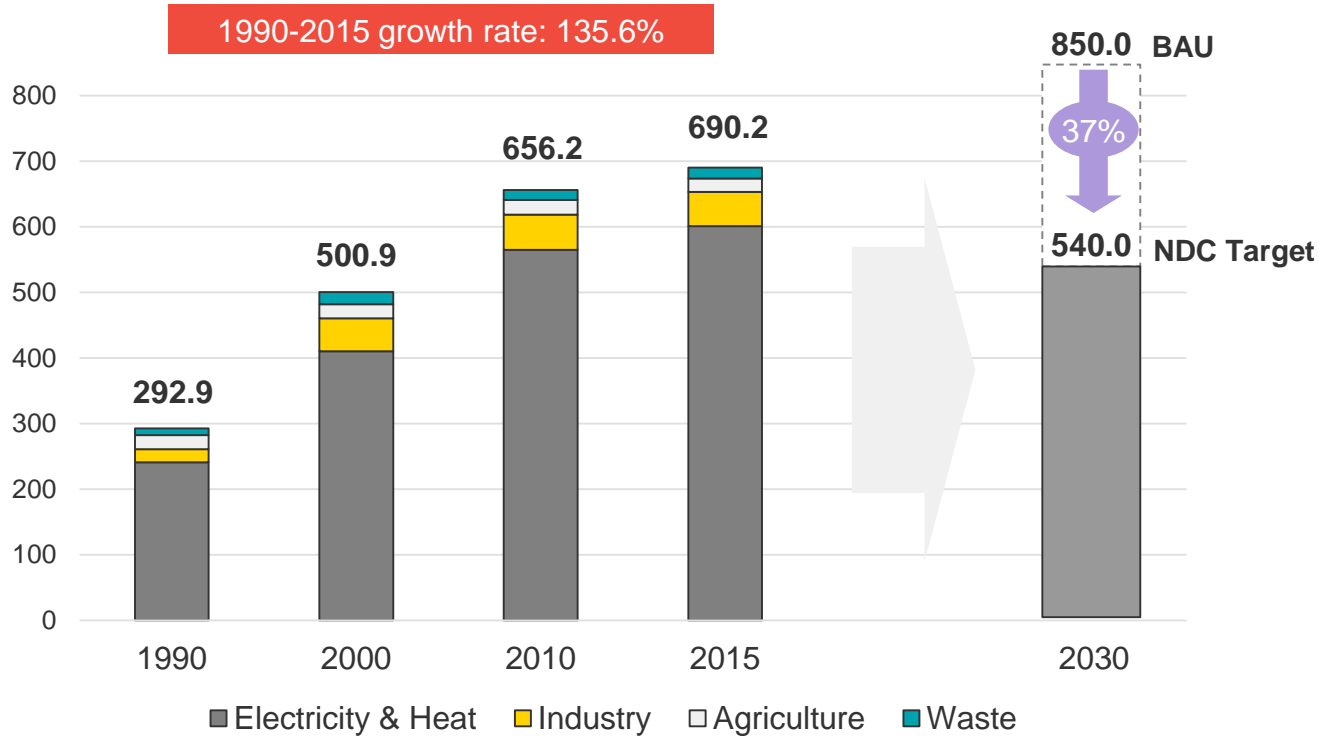
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Korea has seen significant growth trajectory in carbon emissions due to large manufacturing base

South Korea's GHG Emission Trends* and NDC Target

(million ton, CO₂ eq.)



* Gross Emission, excepted LULUCF absorption

Source: National greenhouse gas inventory report of Korea(2017)

Local air pollution is threatening daily lives of citizen and calls for policy intervention toward clean energy

“total 130 of ultra fine dust and fine dust alarms issued In Korea 2017. 1Q”



Authorities announced package of measures to reduce fine dust emission by 30%, ~2022



Shut-down of coal power plants aged over 30yrs



Early retirement of 77% aged diesel vehicles



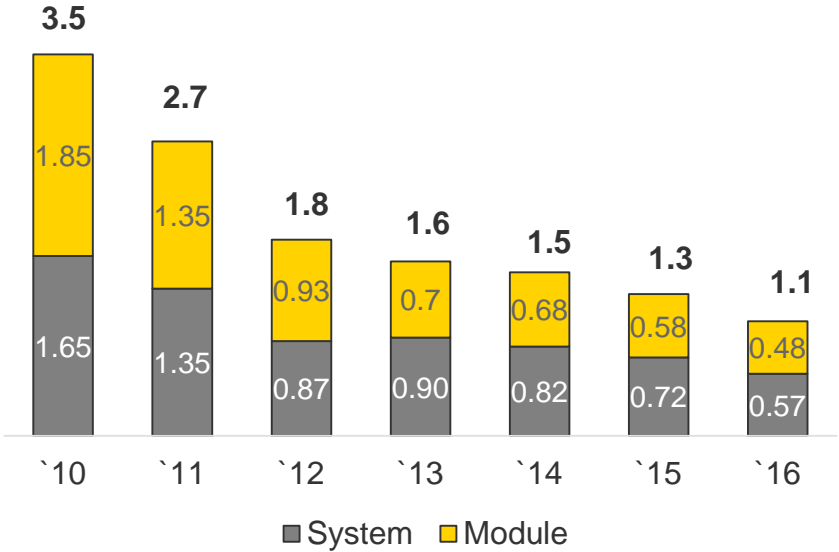
Enhancement of emission standards for industrial sites

Source: Media research

Declining cost of technology is making clean energy more competitive compared to traditional energy technology

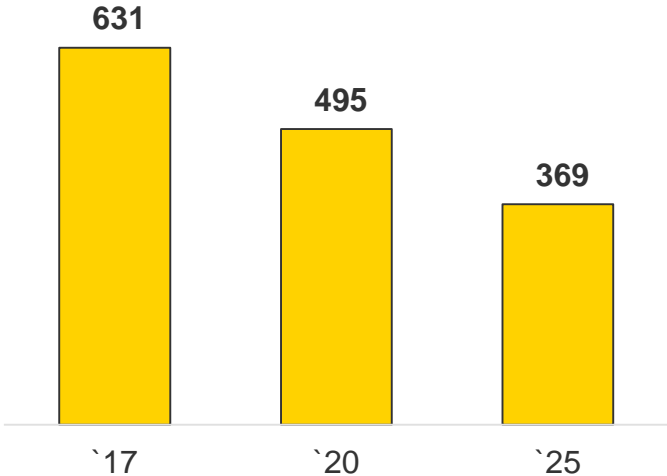
Solar PV module price trends

(\$/W)



1MW ESS installment cost forecast

(\$/KWh)



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance



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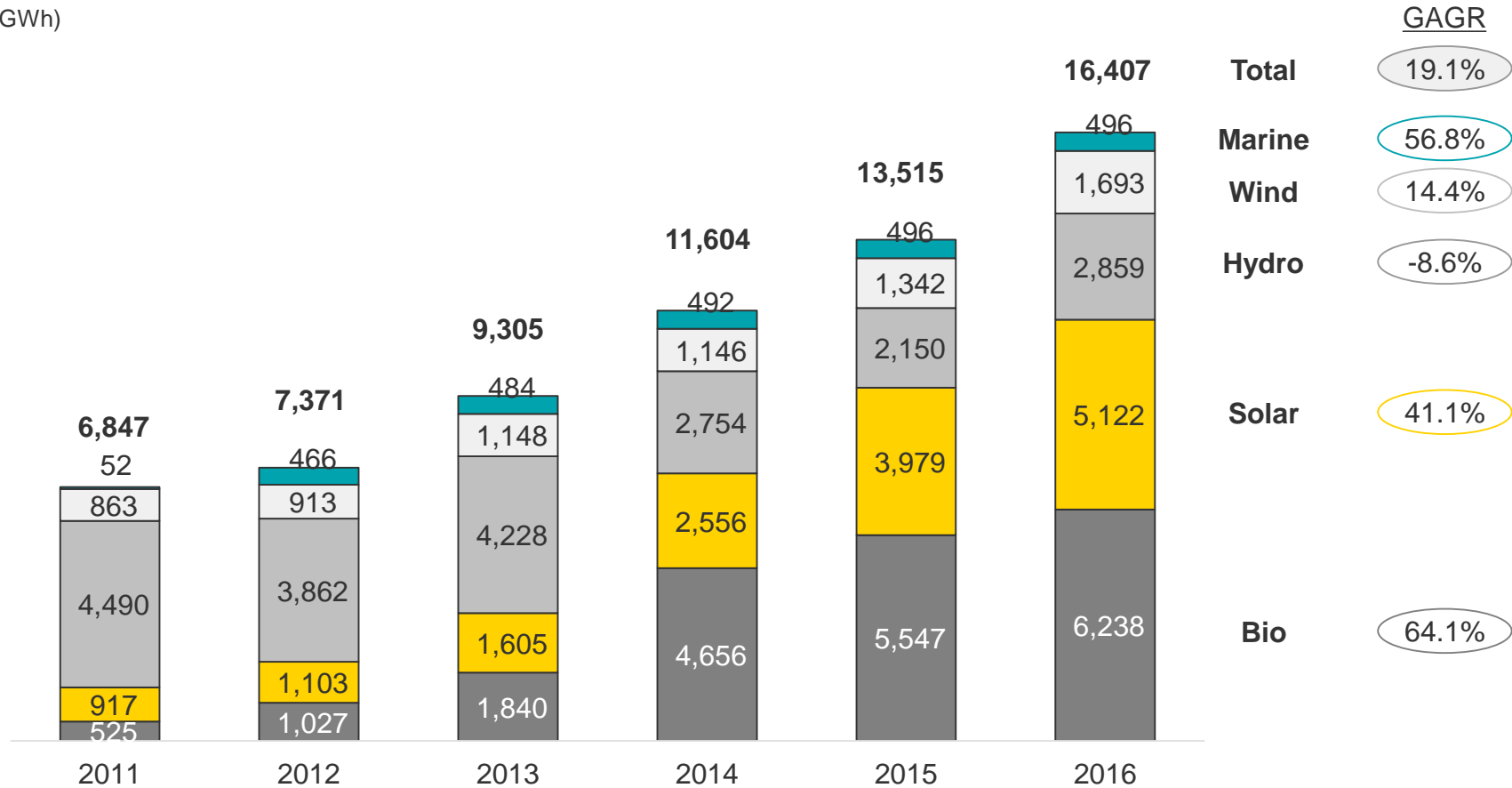
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RE grew 19% annually for past 5 years, with significant increase in solar and biomass

South Korea's renewable generation trends by source *

(GWh)

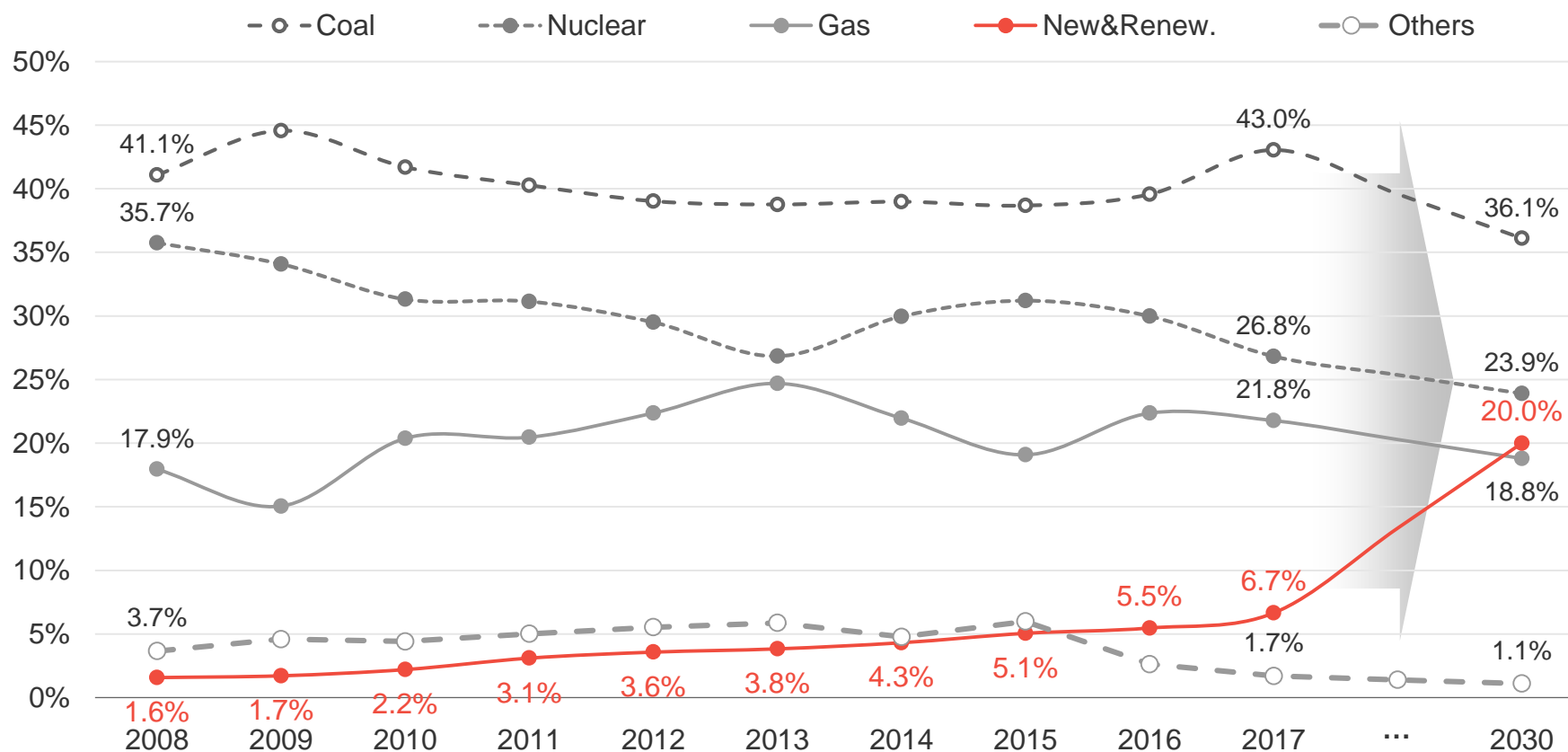


* Excluding Waste generation

Source: KEPCO statistics

While RE accounts for only 7% of total electricity generation in Korea, the new administration's 'Renewable Energy 3020' has put ambitious target to increase RE share to 20% by 2030

South Korea's Generation mix



* Others: Oil and group energy

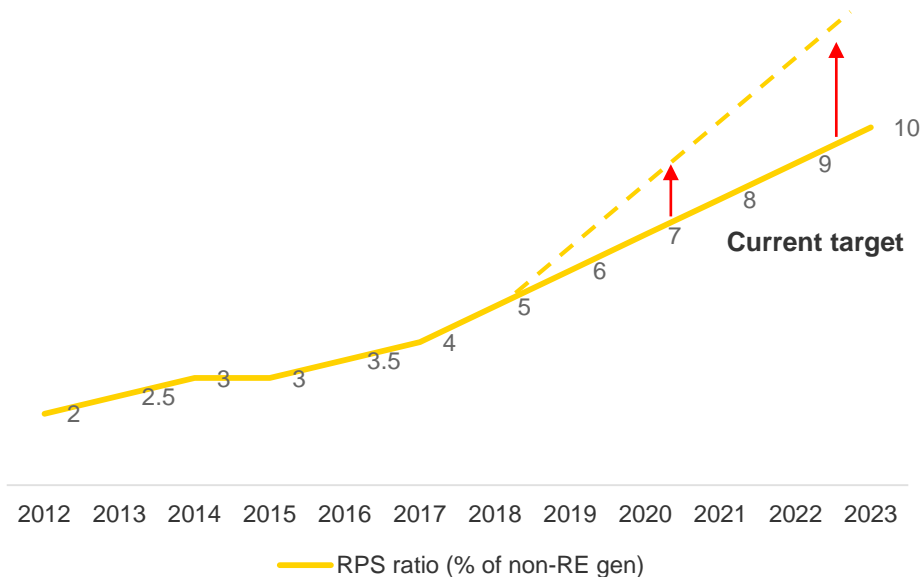
Source: KEPCO statistics

RPS is the main policy tool that helps RE projects become economically competitive by providing market-based incentive

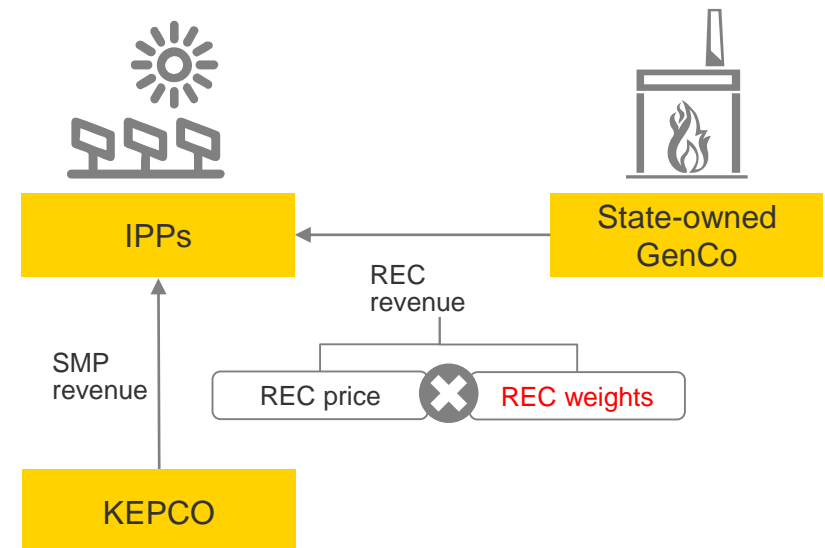
South Korea's RPS Scheme (2017 revised)

- Power companies with over 500MW of installed capacity must increase their renewable energy mix to a level set by government
- RE mix is defined as the proportion of renewable electricity generation in the total non-renewable electricity generation
- Currently the government is working to increase existing RPS target to achieve 'Renewable Energy 3020' plan

RPS ratio (% of non-RE gen)



RPS mechanism



REC weight is set to provide strong incentive for small-scale solar and hybrid application with energy storage

REC weight for solar PV

| Installation type | Details | REC weights |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| Install on general site | Under 100kW | 1.2 |
| | 100kW – under 3,000kW | 1.0 |
| | Over 3,000kW | 0.7 |
| Install in existing facility (ex. existing buildings) | Under 3,000kW | 1.5 |
| | 3,000kw and over | 1.0 |
| Floating system Installed on water | | 1.5 |
| On-site generation connected to grid | | 1.0 |
| Solar + ESS | effective in `16, `17 | 5.0 |

REC weight for other renewables

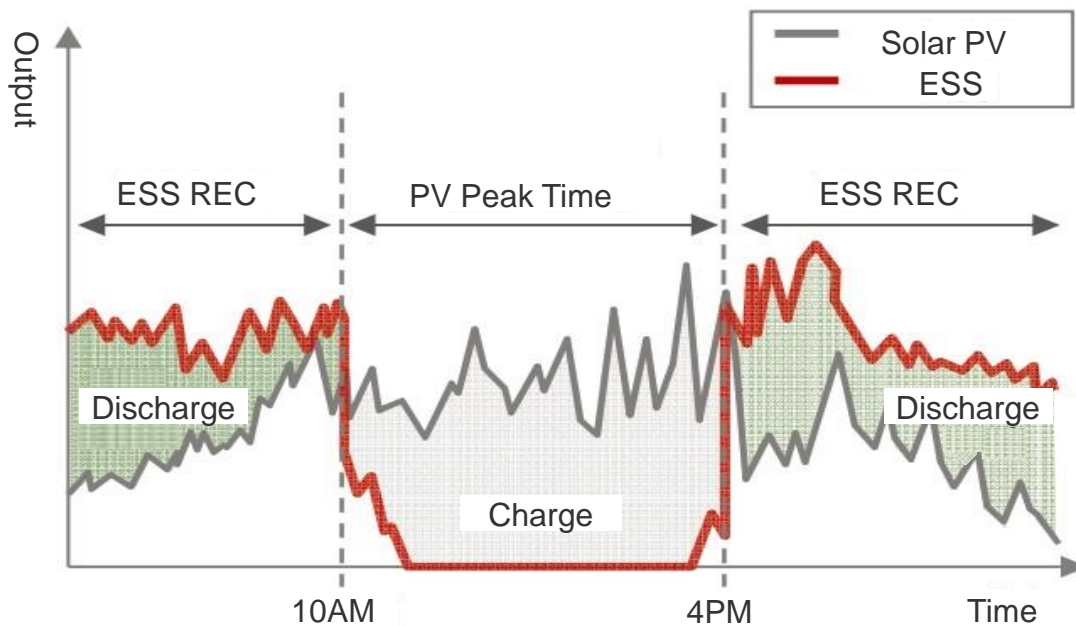
| Installation type | Details | REC weights |
|---|----------|-------------|
| IGCC, By-product gas | | 0.25 |
| Waste, Land fill gas | | 0.5 |
| Hydro, On-shore wind, RDF, Waste Gasification, Marine tidal (with embankment), on-site generation connected to grid | | 1.0 |
| Wood biomass, Off-shore wind (~5km of connection distance), Hydrothermal | | 1.5 |
| Fuel cell, Ocean energy | | 2.0 |
| Off-shore wind (over 5km of connection distance), Geothermal, Marine tidal (without embankment) | Fixed | 2.0 |
| | Variable | 1.0-2.5 |
| Wind + ESS | `15 | 5.5 |
| | `16 | 5.0 |
| | `17 | 4.5 |

Source: Korea Energy Agency

For PV+ESS, charging during PV peak time will earn the highest REC weight and also eliminate rapid power/voltage swing

REC weight 5.0 granted to solar PV + ESS

- REC 5.0 applies to all electricity discharged from solar PV+ESS during off-peak time (peak time: 10AM-4PM)
- Effective from 2017 (to be adjusted after 2018 July)



Expectation

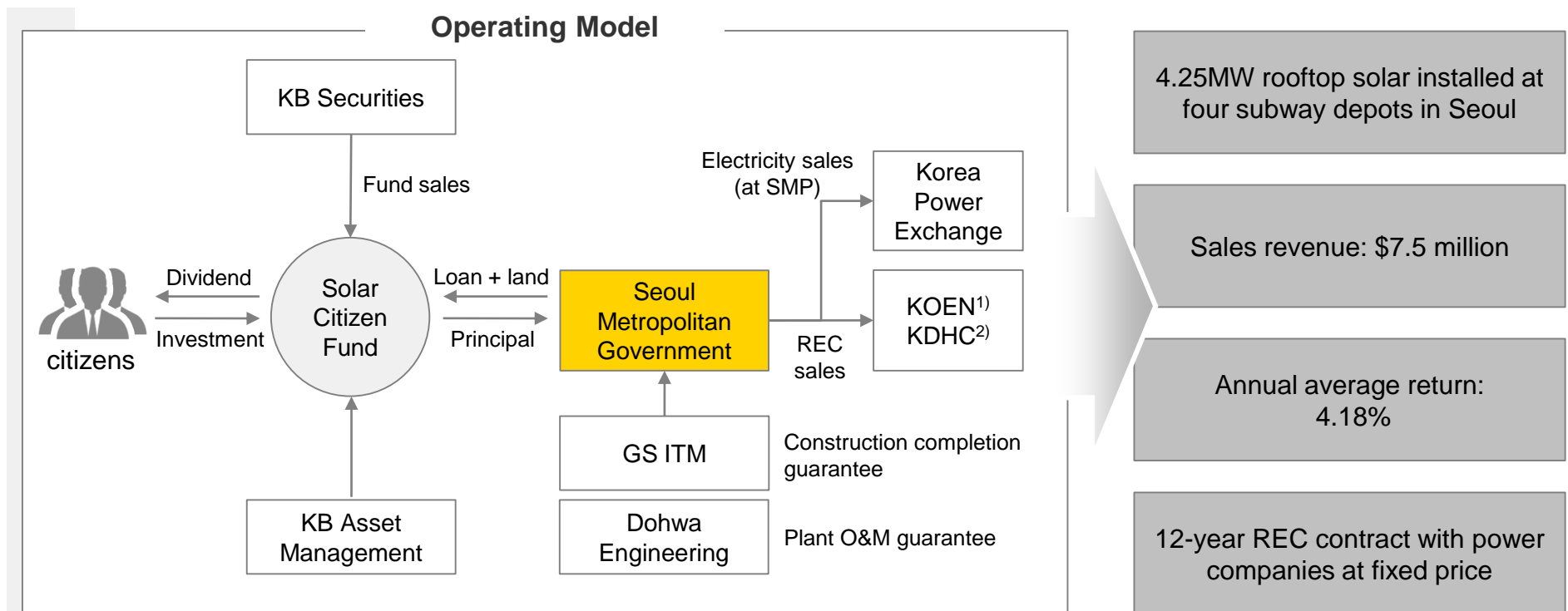
- ❖ Optimize connection capacity during PV peak hours
- ❖ Create \$400million of new ESS market (800 MWh)
- ❖ \$300million of Investment Deferral (20MW)

Challenge

- ❖ Peak demand during day-time in summer season
- ❖ Efficiency loss during conversion

Government can design funding mechanism to scale-up the investment and create public awareness on RE

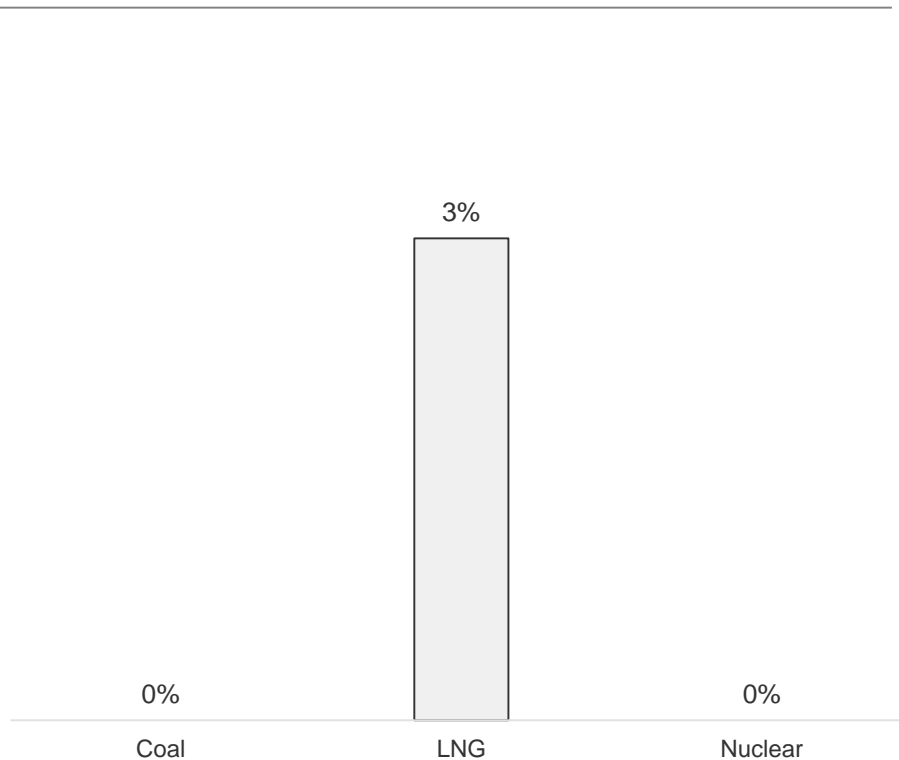
Korea's citizen fund for solar projects : Seoul Metropolitan Government case



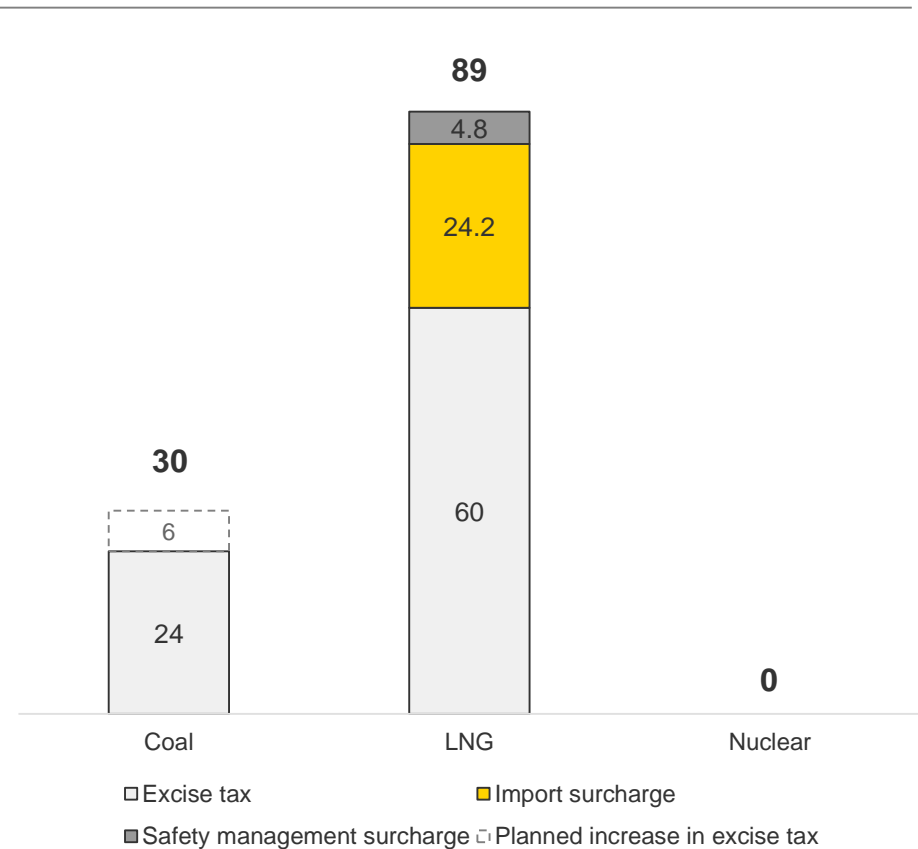
- 1) KOEN: Korea South-East Power
- 2) KDHC: Korea District Heating Corporation

However, tax and duty structure across different technology are not currently consistent with the new administration's policy direction

Basic duty rate (%)



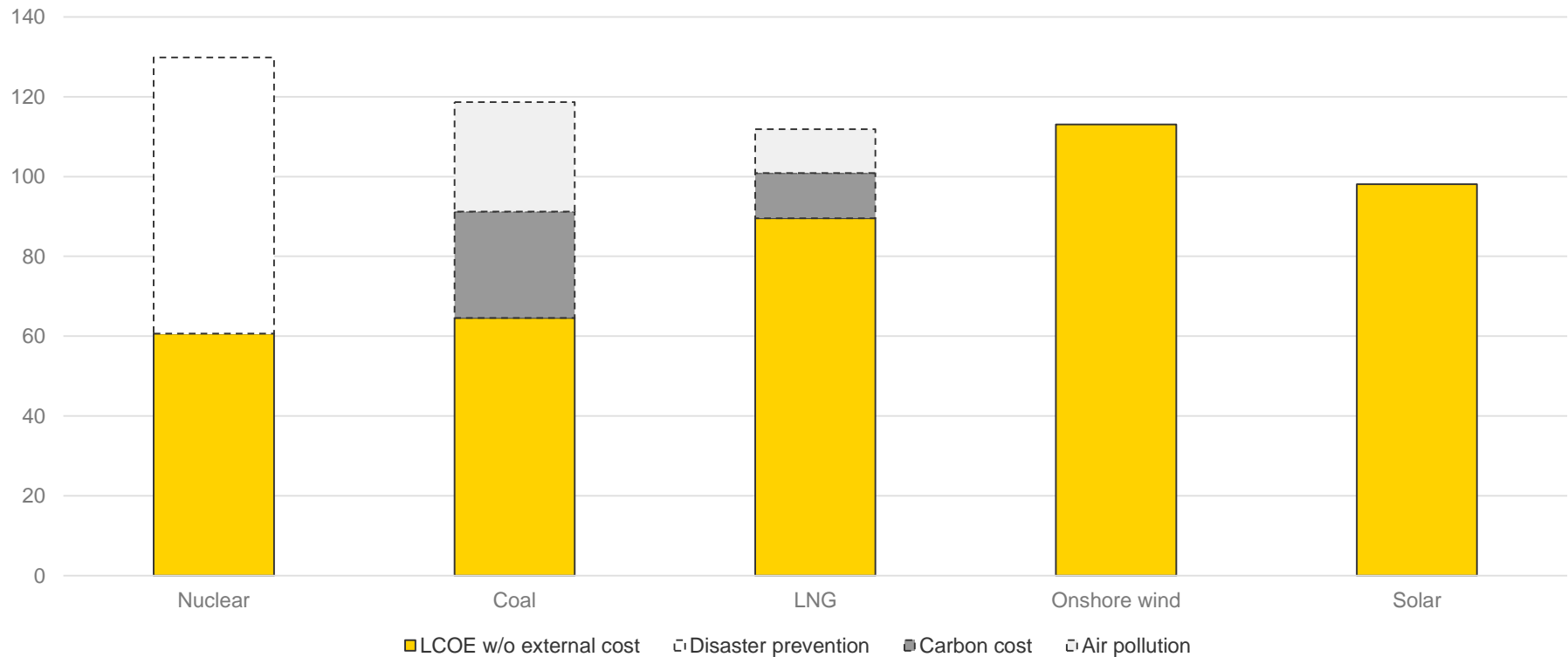
Tax rate (KRW/kg)



Source: The 8th basic plan of long-term electricity supply and demand

The government is considering using LCOE from next energy planning because LCOE reflects external cost and helps make unbiased investment decision on future energy mix

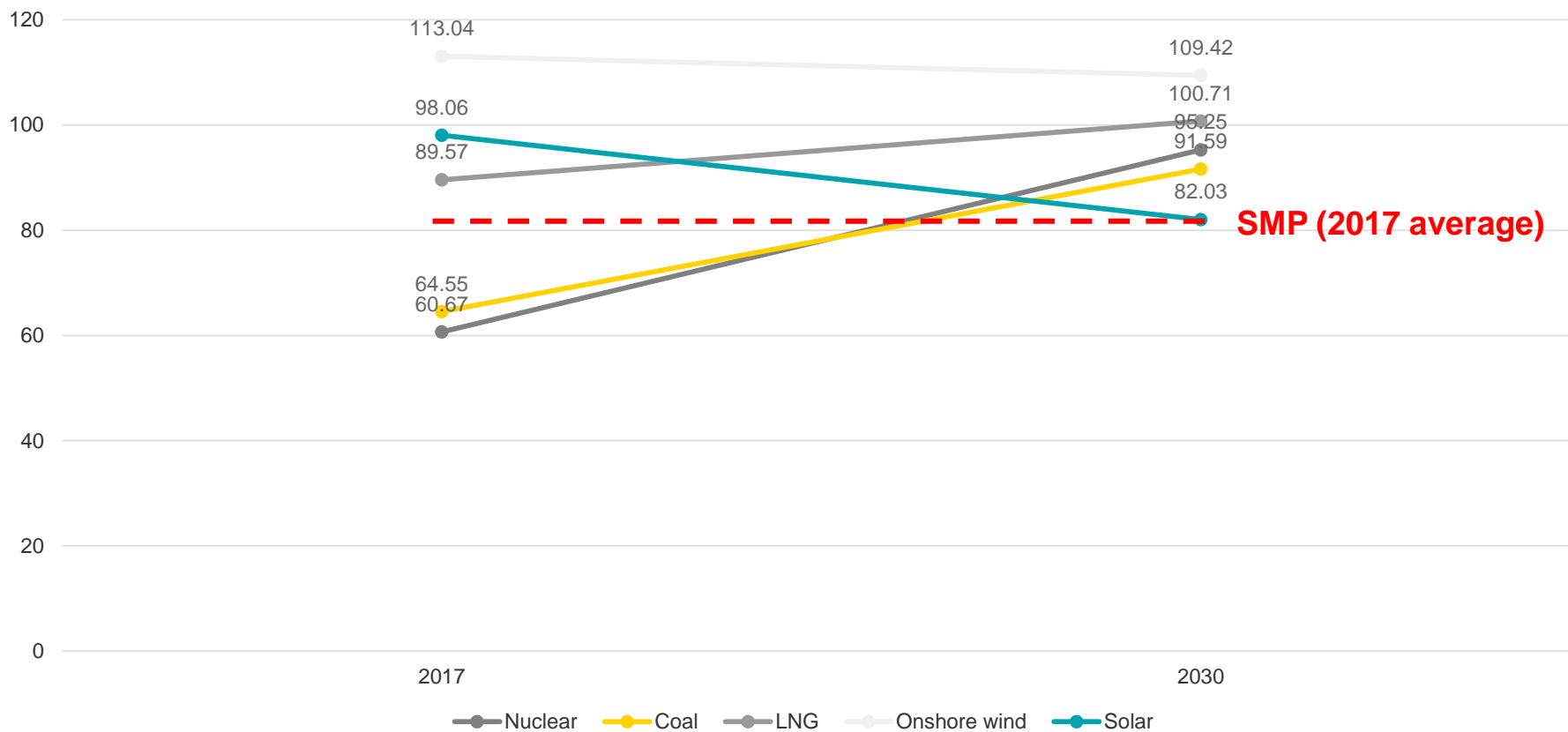
2030 LCOE projection by technology assuming maximum external cost (KRW/kWh)



Source: Energy & Climate Policy Institute

LCOE comparison by each technology indicates that solar will become more cost-competitive and reach grid-parity by 2030, whereas fossil fuel will no longer be profitable due to their associated external cost

2030 LCOE projection by technology assuming 50% external cost (KRW/kWh)



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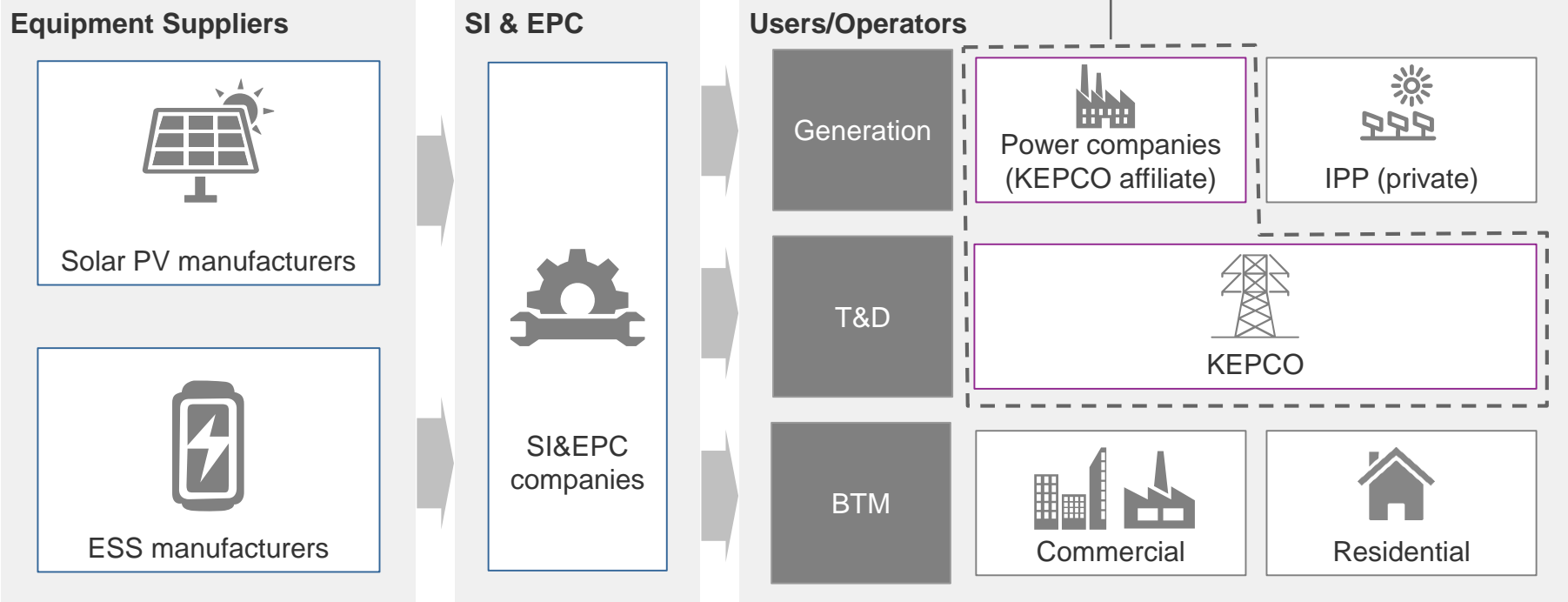
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Korea energy market is largely dominated by the state-owned utility KEPCO and its 6 affiliate power companies

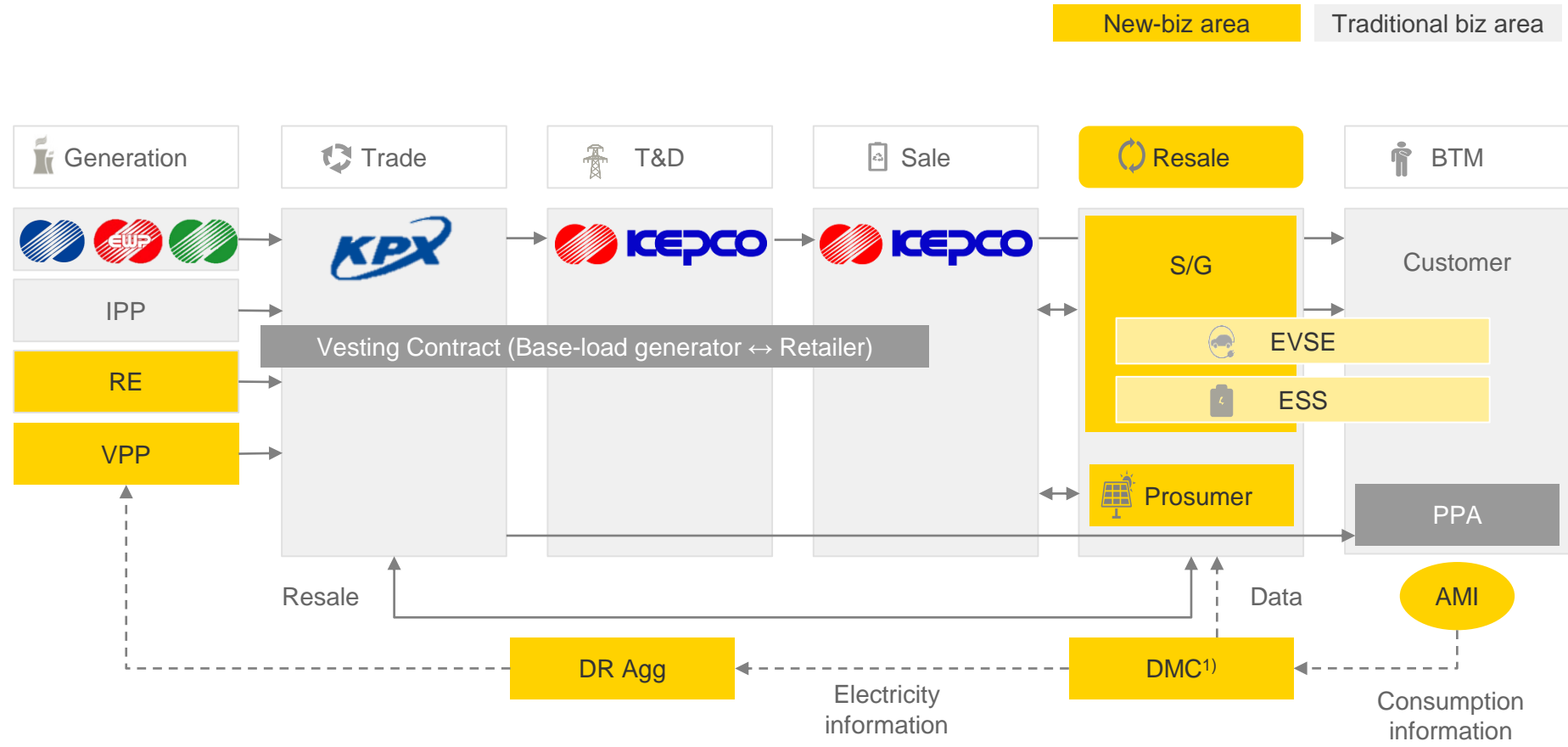
1 Public power & utility companies



2 Private Suppliers

Supply Technologies & Business development

KEPCO and power companies are exploring new biz opportunities in downstream due to increasing RE penetration



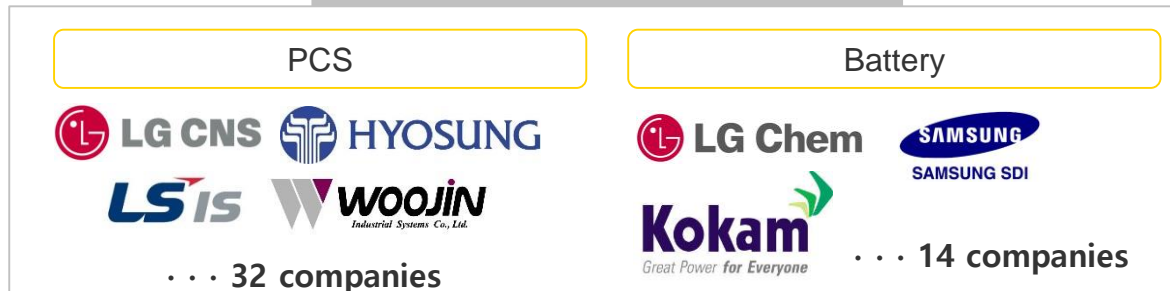
1) DMC: Data Management Center

KEPCO deployed the world's largest FR-ESS on its own grid for grid stability and operational cost saving



Engineering by KEPCO

Equipment supply



Installed capacity
(2015 - 2017)

376MW

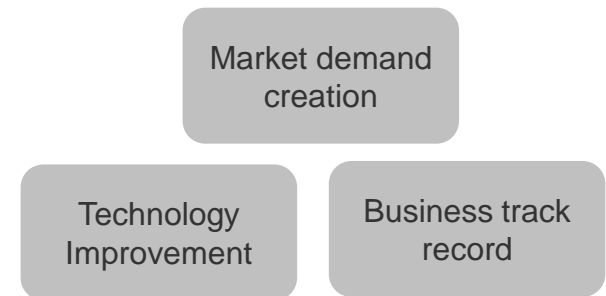
Operation cost
saving

Annual
\$ 400 million

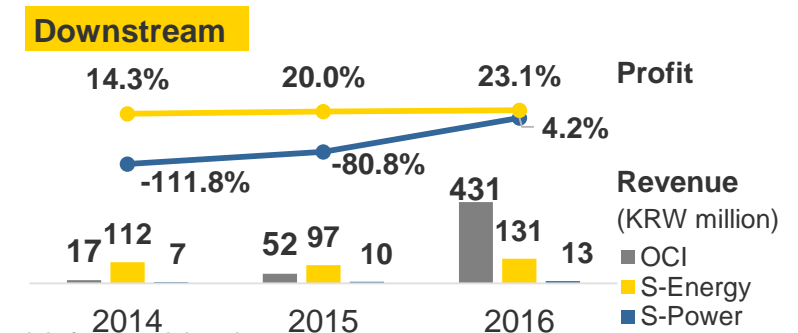
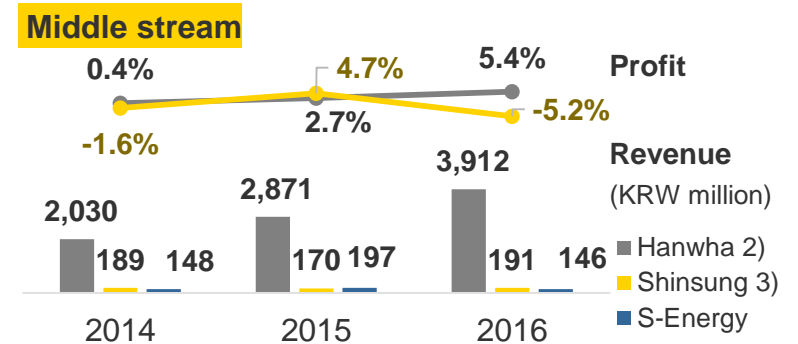
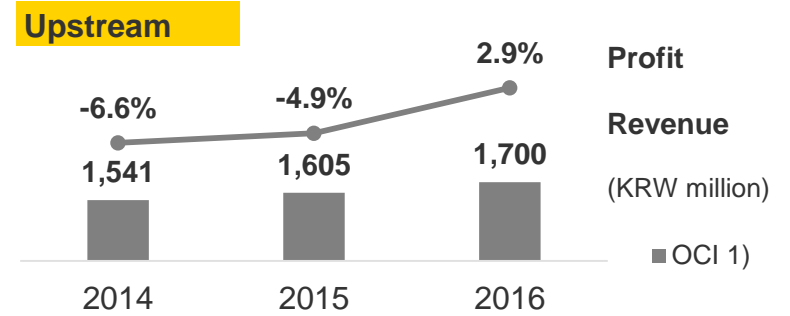
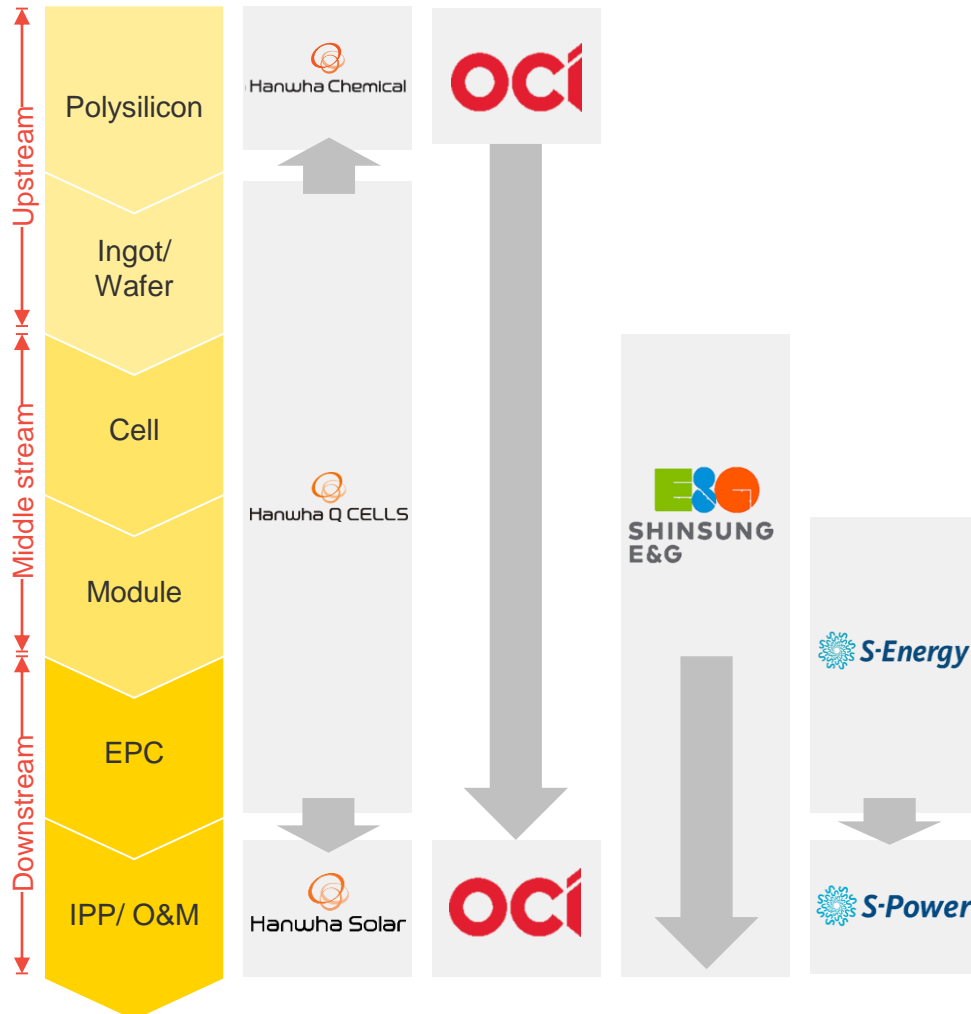
Payback period

0.5 years

Industry activation



For solar value-chain, major conglomerates are expanding vertically to win in cost-driven market

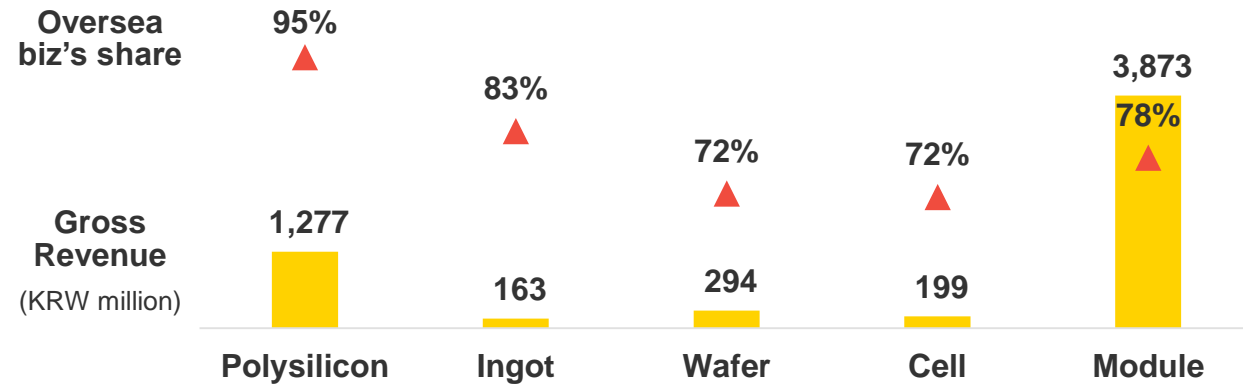


1) OCI Basic Chemical BU; 2) Incl. subsidiary Hanwha Q-cell's; 3) consolidated Module~EPC~O&M, mainly from module sales

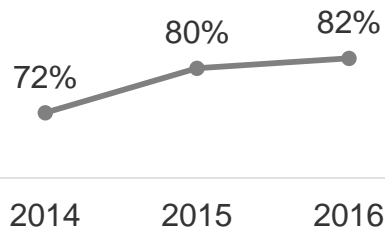
Source: Company data

Solar PV manufacturers are increasing their production capa and sales in overseas market to gain economies of scale

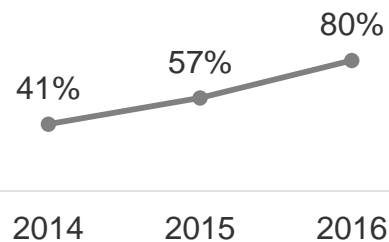
2016 South Korea solar PV industry revenue by category



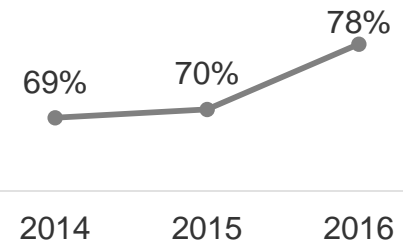
OCI (Basic Chemical)



Shinsung E&G (Cell & Module)

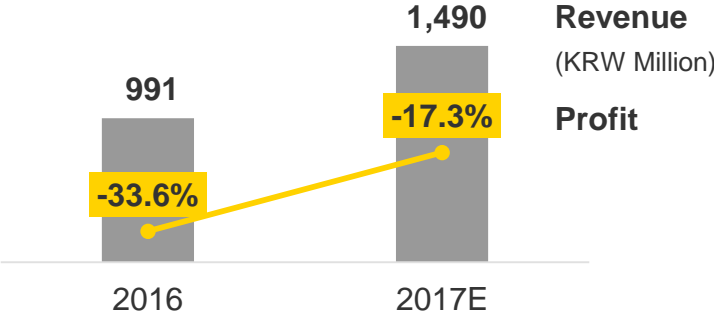
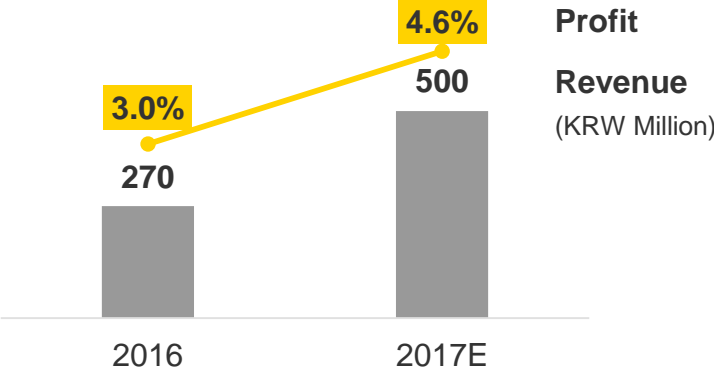
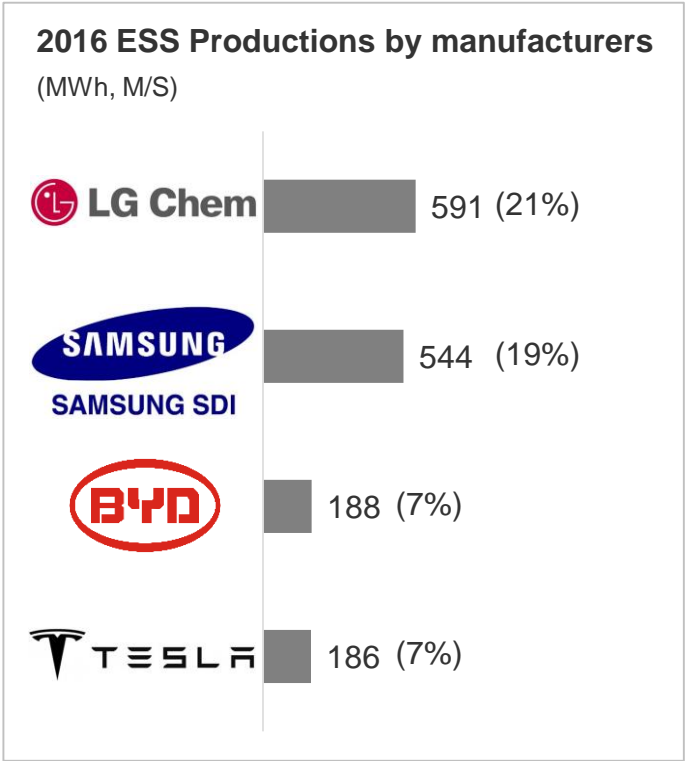


S-Energy (Module)



Source: Korea Energy Agency; Company data

Korea has leading lithium-ion battery manufacturers and they are starting to make a profit



- ❖ EV sector accounts for a large portion of the rev.
- ❖ ESS sector turned around in 2016, cutting losses in EV sector

Source: Company data; Media research

Heavy electronic/IT companies perform as SI and/or EPC in ESS market

ESS SI & EPC players

Electronic Equipment



IT

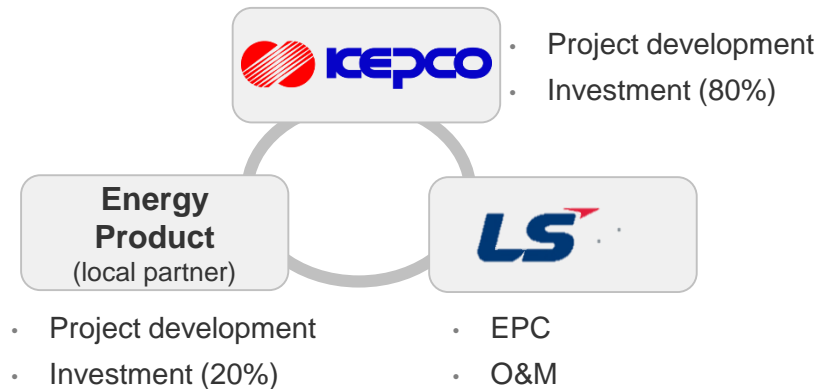


Heavy industry



- SI or EPC players in private sector develops oversea business on their own or in cooperation with public utilities

Hokkaido PV+ESS power plant





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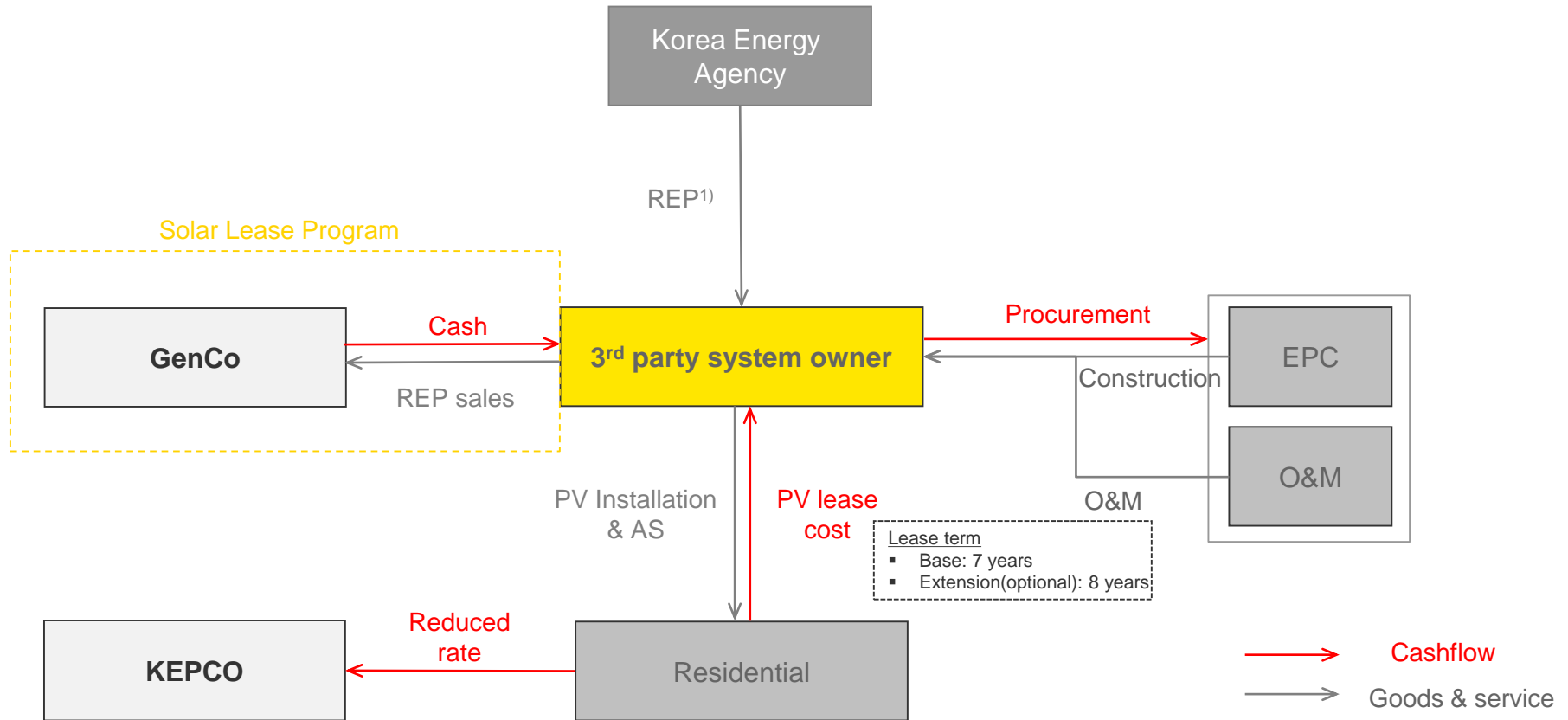
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Model 1: Third-party ownership (residential)

Third-party ownership enables system owner to build PV on residential customer premise and get monthly lease payment

Third-party owned model



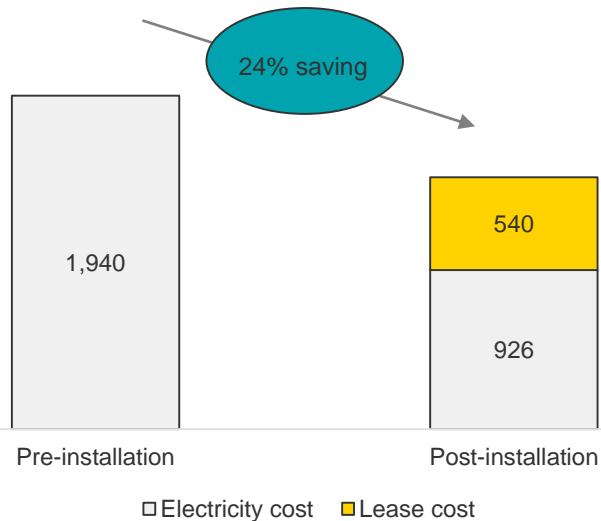
¹⁾ Renewable Energy Point: eligible for single house under 3kW @234 KRW / kWh based on 2017 solar lease program

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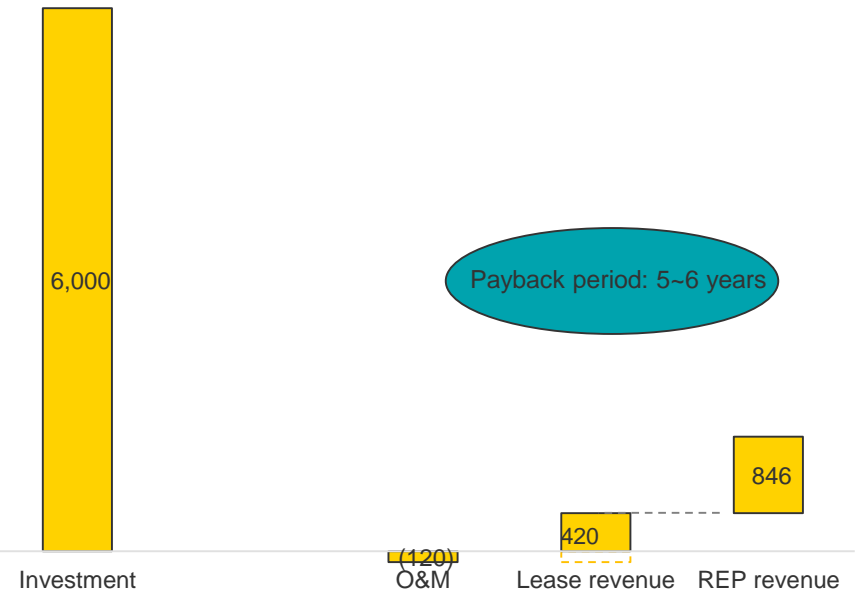
Solar lease program is on track to achieve its goal of installing PV in 1 million houses due to the program's economic benefit

Consumer cost (annual)¹⁾

(Unit: Thou KRW)



System owner cost/revenue (annual)

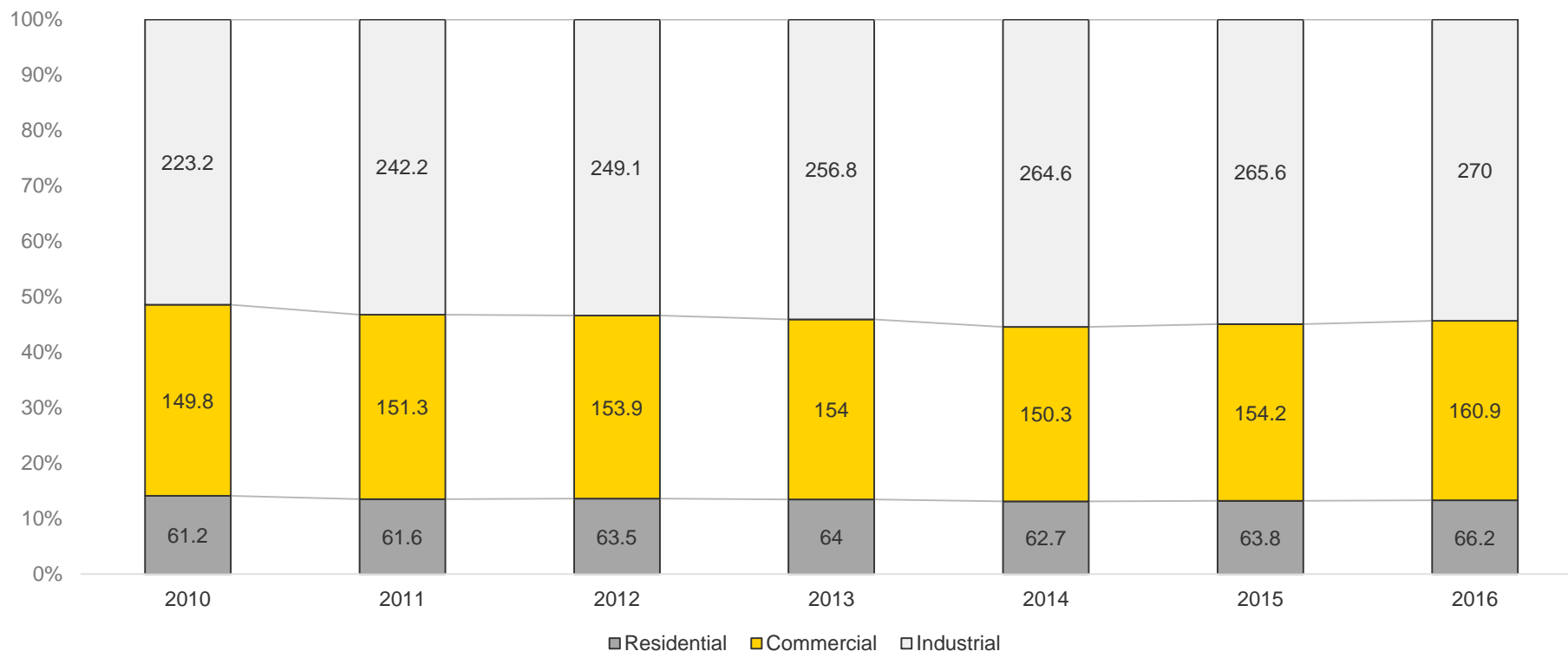


¹⁾ 3kW single house; maximum least cost assumed based on 2017 solar lease program

Model 1: Third-party ownership (C&I)

Industrial sector accounts for over half of total electricity consumption, and thus energy storage will have bigger impact on reducing the bill

Annual electricity consumption by sector (2010-2016)

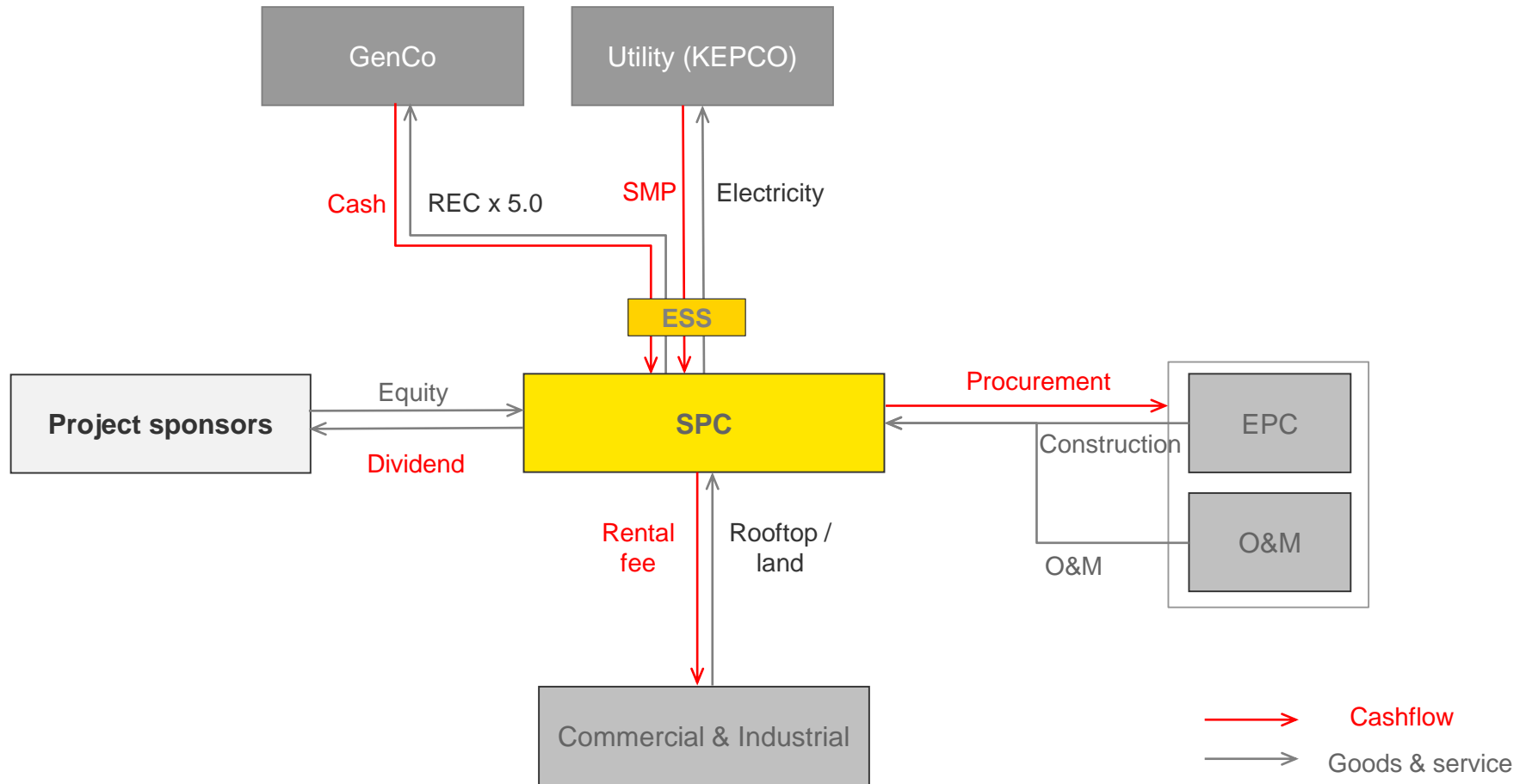


Source: Korea Energy Agency

Model 1: Third-party ownership (C&I)

For C&I, hybrid application of PV + energy storage has become popular as the customer can offset their electricity bill with REC

Third-party owned model



1) Source: News Clipping

Model 1: Third-party ownership (C&I)

Wastewater treatment facility provides project developers sufficient space to install PV and earn high REC weight, while allowing provincial government to create new source of steady income



Wastewater treatment facility (Gwangmyeong)

- Project sponsor: KD power, Q1 solar
- Project size: 1.8 MW
- Rental contract: 10 years
- Rental fee: 30,000 KRW / kW (approx. USD 50k / year)

Wastewater treatment facility (Seonam/Joongrang)

- Project sponsor: Hanwha Q Cell
- Project size: solar 3.6MW
- Rental contract: 10 years

Model 1: Third-party ownership (C&I)

Companies also use their own property as marketing tool to showcase their technology

LS-IS Busan Office (PV+ESS)



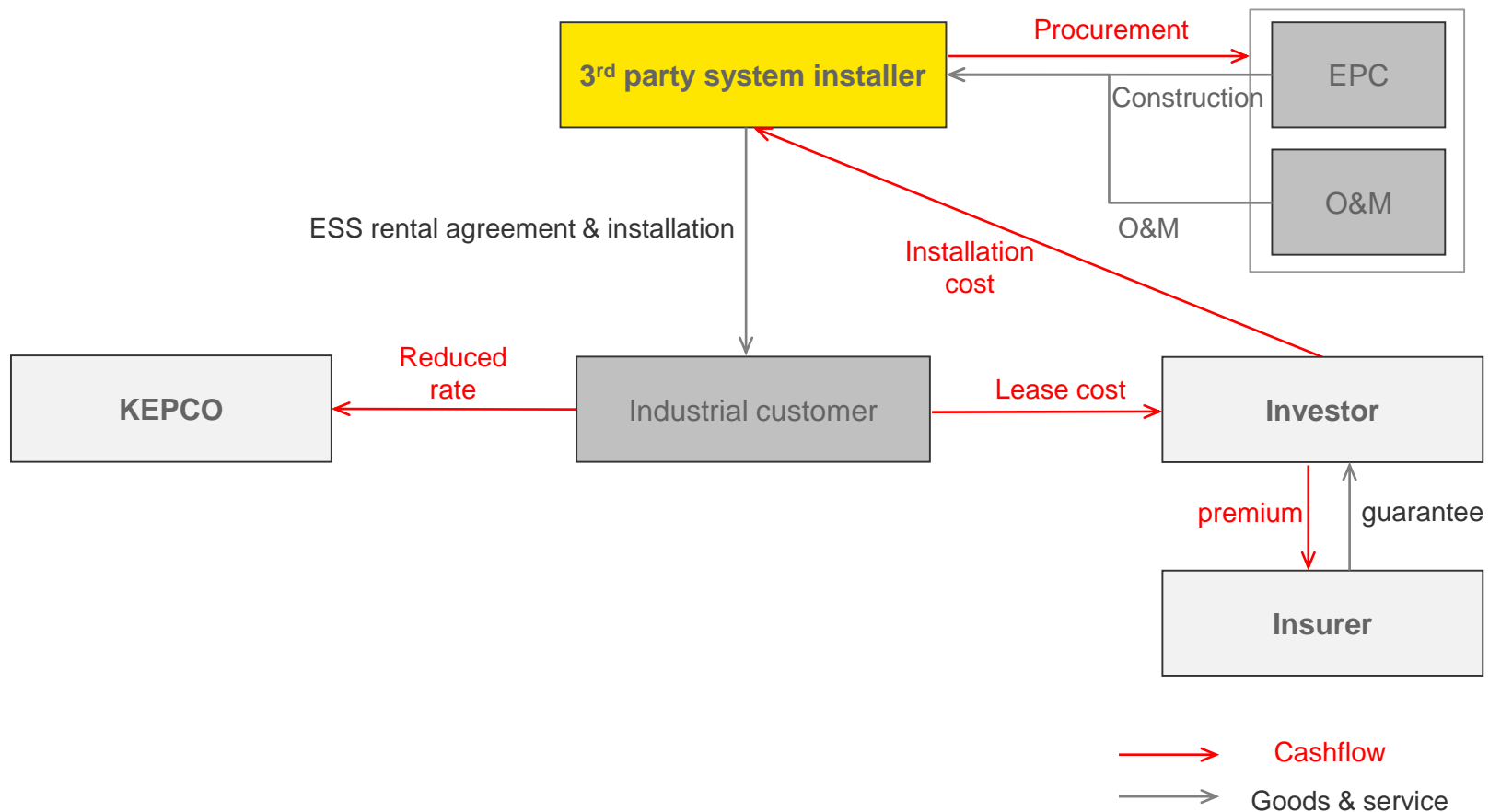
- System: PV 1MW, PCS 1MW, Battery 3MWh (USD 4 million)
- Construction period: Sep - Dec 2017
- Target revenue: USD 600k from SMP + REC sales

Source: Korea Energy Agency

Model 2: Customer ownership

Similar to automotive lease model, customer ownership model eliminates customer's burden of paying upfront cost and transfers the asset ownership to the customer once the term expires

Customer owned model



Model 2: Customer ownership

ESS has different applications from power generation to end customers and thus have multiple business model in accordance with its application

| | Application | Purpose | Benefit |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Generation | Capacity firming | Maintain the intermittent power output from RE at a firm level for a period of time | Smooth the output and control ramp rate (MW/min) to eliminate rapid voltage and power swings on the electrical grid |
| | Load levelling | Store power at off-peak and delivering it at on-peak | Reduce the load on less economical peak-generating facilities |
| | Frequency regulation | ESS is charged or discharged in response to an increase or decrease in grid frequency | Improve power quality |
| | Spinning reserve | Provide seconds-scale reserve to respond to generation or transmission outage | Eliminate the need to have back-up generators |
| T&D | Voltage support | Protect loads against sharp drop of voltage in grid | Maintain voltages within the acceptable range |
| | T&D deferral | Maintain adequate T&D capacity to serve load requirement | Defer the need for the upgrade |
| BTM | Peak shaving | Reduce peak demand | Avoid installations of additional capacity |
| | Energy arbitrage | Charge at off-peak, discharge at on-peak | Save on electricity bills |

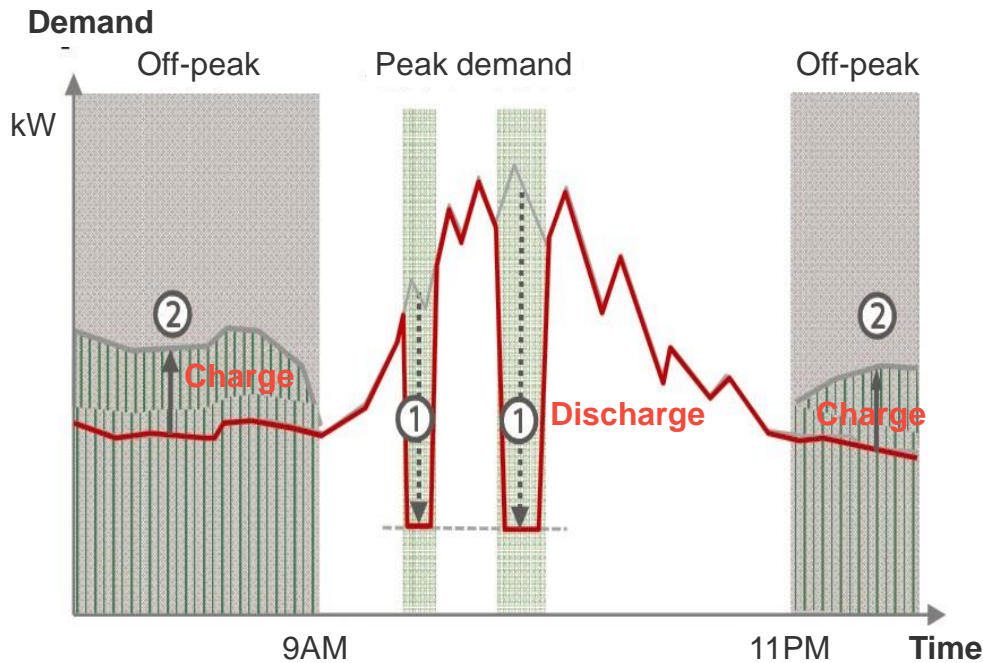
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The government's temporary ESS rate discount program boosted customer-owned ESS as peak shaving is heavily compensated

Overview of ESS rate discount program

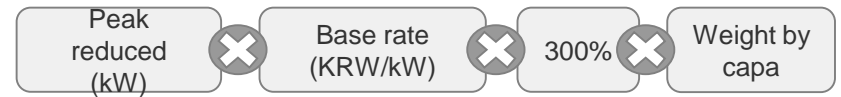
- Special electricity rates apply to ESSs deployed in general, industrial and educational buildings
- Effective 2017 – 2020

Daily load pattern with ESS peak shaving

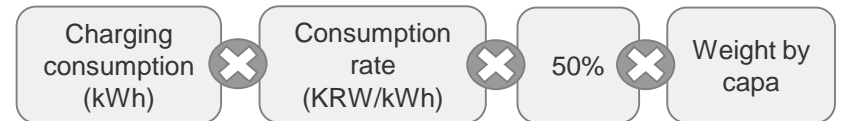


ESS rate discount program

① Base discount for peak shaving



② Discount for off-peak time charge



Weight by installed capacity

| ESS capa. compared to contracted capa | Weights |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 10% and over | X 1.2 |
| 5% ~ less 10% | X 1.0 |
| Less 5% | X 0.8 |

Model 2: Customer ownership

Large-scale ESS is being deployed as investment payback period is reduced to 3-4 years

Hyundai heavy industries (Ulsan)

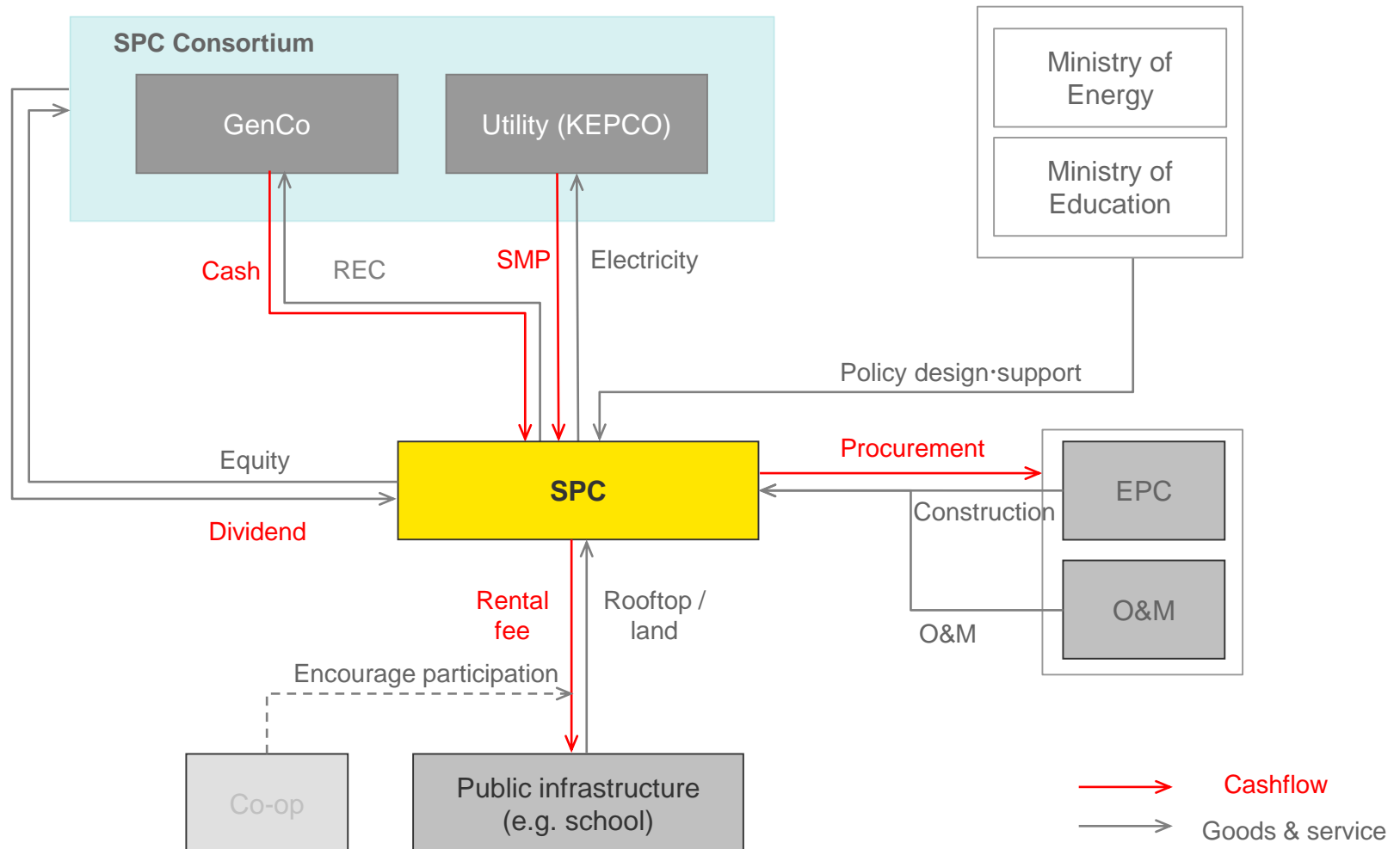


- Project sponsor: Korea Energy Agency, KEPCO energy solution, Hyundai commercial
- Configuration: Battery 51.5MWh, PCS 24MW
- Project financials
 - Total investment: \$24 million
 - Expected annual saving: \$8 million (~'20), \$5 million ('21~)
- Commission date: Nov 2017 (total 20 years)
- Operation strategy: 10% peak-shaving, ESS rate discount program

Model 3: Utility ownership

Utility firm builds and owns PV through SPC and sell power to the grid as intra-company transaction

Utility-owned model (school solar)



Model 3: Utility ownership

As utility-ownership model, KEPCO launched school solar program to install 250MW in 2,500 schools by 2020



<KEPCO-Daejeon education authority MOU signing ceremony, 2016>



<Solar PV installed on school rooftop>

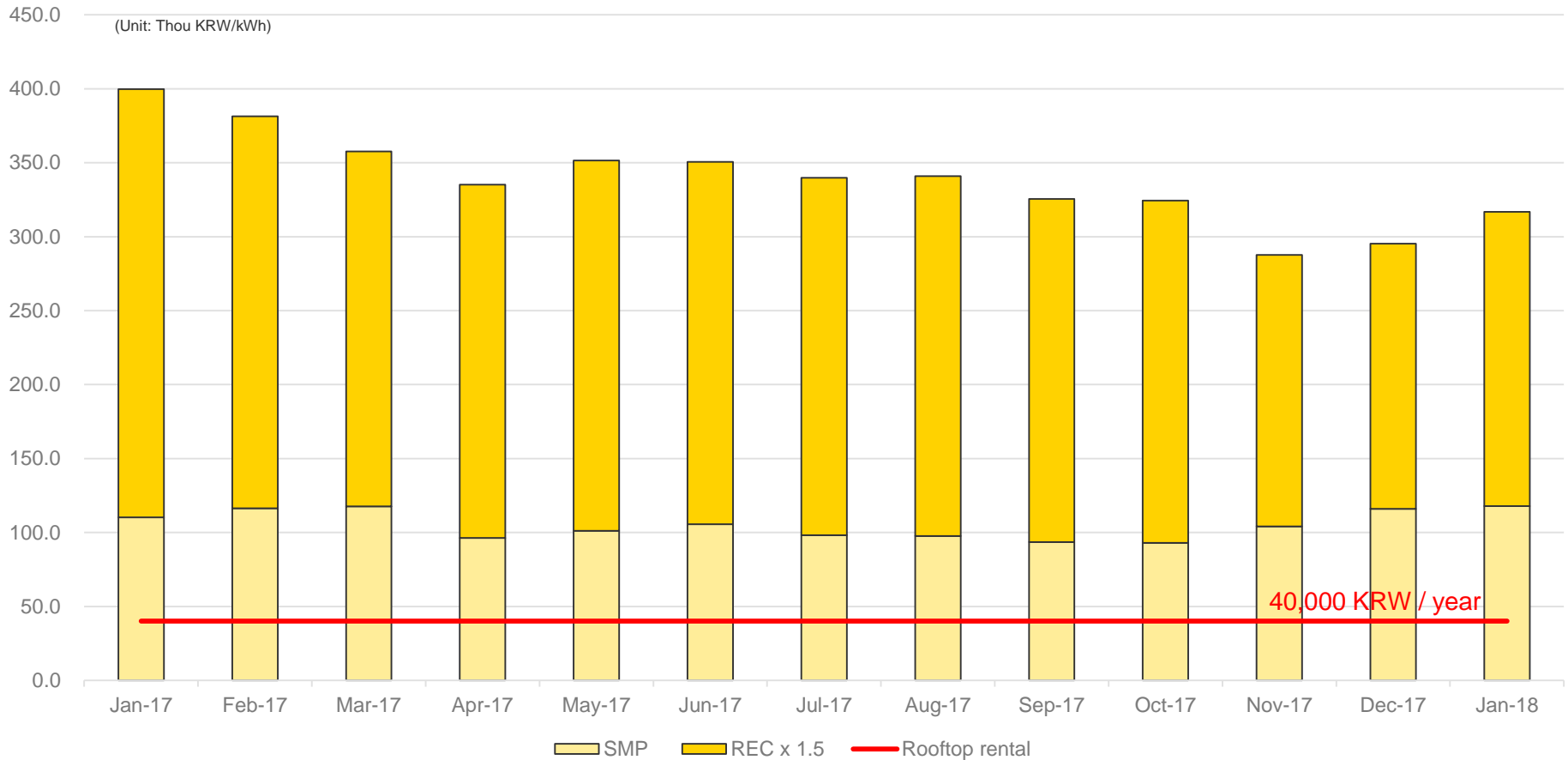
- Project sponsor: SPC(KEPCO / 6 Power Companies)
- Investment cost: \$550 million
- Project size: 250MW (2,500 out of 11,446 schools)
- PPA contract: 20 years

¹⁾ Source: News Clipping

Model 3: Utility ownership

Utility firm has set fixed KW-based price for renting school rooftop, enabling project economics indifferent from installation location

Rooftop solar PV revenue simulation for school solar program¹⁾



¹⁾ SMP and REC price based on spot price

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