



bp boosts its renewables business in the US with 9GW solar acquisition from 7X Energy

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- Acquiring 9GW pipeline of high-quality solar projects
- Accelerates progress towards target of developing 20GW of low carbon energy by 2025
- Demonstrates bp's continued commitment to investing in clean energy in the US
- Projects expected to meet bp's disciplined 8-10% returns threshold.

bp reached an agreement today to purchase 9GW of solar development projects in the US from independent US solar developer 7X Energy. The acquisition represents a significant step towards bp's target of growing its net developed renewable generating capacity to 20GW by 2025 and aim to increase this to 50GW by 2030.

The deal will also grow bp's renewables pipeline from 14GW to 23GW. The assets will be developed through bp's 50-50 solar joint venture Lightsource bp, a global leader in solar energy, applying Lightsource bp's capabilities to accelerate bp's renewables targets.

bp will pay 7X Energy \$220 million for the projects and 1GW of "safe harbour" equipment and expects the acquisition to complete in 30 days. The projects are expected to meet bp's disciplined low carbon investment criteria, generating returns of at least 8-10%.

Dev Sanyal, bp executive vice president of gas and low carbon energy, said: "With this purchase, we are continuing to put our strategy in action as we grow our renewables business in a deliberate and disciplined way. It brings us 9GW of high-quality solar projects in markets where we can create integrated renewable energy offers through our trading and customer franchises.

"We will bring the industry-leading expertise of Lightsource bp together with the breadth of bp's integration capabilities in the US to develop this portfolio of projects. This is a significant step as we continue to deliver on our net zero ambition."

Dave Lawler, bp America chairman and president, said: "bp's new high-quality solar portfolio will provide low carbon energy, create US jobs and deliver the competitive returns our shareholders expect.

"In line with our strategy, we'll aim to integrate these projects with our existing onshore and offshore wind, natural gas, and trading and shipping businesses to give customers what they want - reliable, affordable and clean energy."

Solar energy is the fastest growing power source in the US and is expected to quadruple over the next 10 years. It currently accounts for more than 40% of all new electricity generating capacity added in the US.

The projects are spread across 12 US states, with the largest portfolios in Texas (ERCOT) and the Midwest (PJM). Assets with a combined generating capacity of 2.2GW are expected to reach final investment decision (FID) by 2025, with the remaining progressing by 2030. Once developed, these projects will have the capacity to generate enough clean energy to power around 1.7 million US homes. The development is also expected to support thousands of jobs through construction.

As an integrated energy company, bp is able to combine its trading, mobility and customer expertise with Lightsource bp's world-class solar project development experience and execution capabilities.

Nick Boyle, group chief executive officer of Lightsource bp, added: "This transaction speaks volumes about the success of our JV with bp, and how we leverage each other's strengths to realize our ambitions for solar and a low-carbon future. It also positions Lightsource bp as a growing force in the US solar market, as we expand our portfolio across the United States."

bp is America's largest energy investor since 2005, investing more than \$125 billion in the economy and supporting more than 125,000 additional jobs through its business activities.

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