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# Solar Deployment Considerations and Case Study

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# Solar Deployment Considerations

## Provider Considerations:

- Geography – New Jersey, Hawaii, California, Arizona, Massachusetts, Connecticut.
- Geography coupled with government incentives.
- Roof less than 5 years old.
- Visibility into likely HVAC changes, roofing upgrades, etc.
- No major shading / obstructions nearby.
- Close proximity to mall electricity meters.

# Solar Deployment Considerations

## Landlord Considerations / Obstacles / PPA:

- Typical term of 15-20 years versus 5-7 year preference of most owners.
  - Removal and possible relocation of system.
  - Financial protection from new technology, better deal offers.
  - Physical considerations; How roof to be used.
- Timing – Providers often rushed to get approvals to reserve higher state rebates

# Solar Deployment Economic Considerations:

- State / Local financial incentives, aka SRECs and their associated value and projected value.
- Interconnection requirements & utility approvals.
- Annual energy consumption (load).
- Annual average & maximum energy demand.
- Load profile (hourly energy use patterns).
- Available utility rate tariffs.
- Current low cost of grid electricity makes solar difficult / non-competitive.

# Solar Deployment Physical Considerations:

- Roof / land orientation.
- Roof height.
- Roof warranty / remaining life.
- Roof capacity to accept additional weight load.
- Ability to obtain easements to prevent shading of system.
- Local wind exposure.
- Solar irradiance (insolation).
- Distance to point of interconnection.
- Interconnection voltage.
- Transmission line congestion.
- Local permitting authority.
- Environmental permitting considerations.
- Net metering & interconnection laws.
- Geotechnical / Structural characteristics
- Timeline

# Solar Deployment – Ownership Structures & Subsidies:

- REITs cannot use tax incentives; must have a TRS (taxable REIT subsidiary)
- PPA (power purchase agreement) structure may be an option.

## SUBSIDIES

- Federal ITC
- Federal Accelerated Depreciation
- State incentives / SRECs
- PACE Financing



## New Jersey Case Study:

- 30% Federal cash grant; PSE&G special loan program. No program without these subsidies.
- Bridgewater Commons (rooftop and parking deck), Paramus Park, Willowbrook Shopping Center, Woodbridge Center.
- Solar panels operational beginning late summer 2012.
- Projected to displace 6,125,000 kWh of common area electrical load; roughly 12% of total load of the 4 sites in aggregate.
- Assuming a hypothetical PSE&G rate of \$0.15 per kWh, this offsets \$918,760 of electricity cost.



# LED Parking Lot Retrofits Case Study

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# Regency<sup>®</sup> Centers.

**Preeminent national owner, operator  
and developer of neighborhood and  
community shopping centers**

- Headquarters in Jacksonville, FL
- Publicly traded REIT – \$4.39B Market Cap
- 343 centers totaling 46M square feet
- Market dominant anchors - 85% grocery



## Case Study: LED Parking Lot Retrofits



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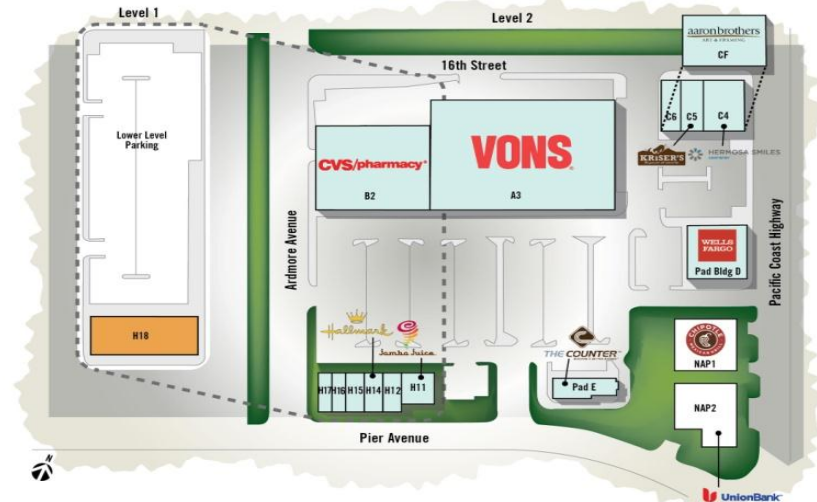


- Proven technology with significant benefits: improve lighting quality, significantly reduce energy & maintenance expenses, dimmability, long life, higher utility rebates
- Installed at 8 properties; 12 by end of 2013



## Plaza Hermosa – Hermosa Beach, CA

- 94,716 SF neighborhood center located in densely populated area
- Aging center, but 100% occupancy with very high volume
- Retrofit 400w HPS to 172w LED
- Factors in decision to retrofit:
  - A+ center in strategic market
  - Poor color quality and significant lumen depreciation
  - High electricity rates
  - Expensive to maintain
  - SCE utility rebate
  - Increase nighttime curb appeal



## Plaza Hermosa – Technological Differences

	<u>HPS - Existing</u>	<u>LED - New</u>
		
Watts	464	172
Lumens	45000	12784
Avg. FC	4.2	2.5
Max-to-Min Ratio	51	7
Correlated Color Temperature	2100K	5700K
Color Rendering Index	20	70+
Lumen Maintenance Factor	0.7	0.92
Lamp Life Rating / L70	30,000	100,000+
Warm-Up Time	8 mins	Instant
Dimmable	No	0 - 10v
Warranty	1 - 2 years	10 years

## Plaza Hermosa – Hermosa Beach, CA



	<u>Annual Electricity</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>	<u>Annual Savings</u>	<u>% Savings</u>
Existing Conditions	115,842 kwh	\$16,218	-	
LED	45,955 kwh	\$6,434	\$9,784	60%
LED w. Dimming	23,743 kwh	\$3,324	\$12,894	79%

## Plaza Hermosa – Financial Considerations

- Costs - \$89,450
- Savings - \$15,074
  - Energy - \$12,894
  - Maintenance - \$2,180
- Rebate - \$7,368 (miscellaneous income)
- Simple Payback – 5.4 Years
  - Typical range 3.5 – 6 years
- Ignores intangible value of aesthetic improvements



# Dimmability



100% Output

## Take-Aways

- LED lighting is a viable technology for retail parking lots
  - Need to consider life cycle costs
  - Don't underestimate the visual benefits
  - Pay more attention to uniformity than foot-candles
- Use high quality LED luminaires
  - Must publish reliability data and be DLC qualified (<http://www.designlights.org/>)
  - Use reputable manufactures with 5 – 10 yr. warranty
  - Be cautious of retrofits and fixtures designed for conventional sources that have been modified to for LED
- Manufacturer and Service Provider Recommendations

# Parking Lot Lighting Controls Case Study

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## Case Study: Kimco Lighting Controls Program



- Portfolio approach to improved management of exterior parking lot lighting at open-air shopping centers
- Installed at 250 properties, with 85 additional in progress
- Significant reductions in cost, improved environmental performance, and enhanced management capabilities



# The Case for Improved Lighting Controls

## Traditional Controllers



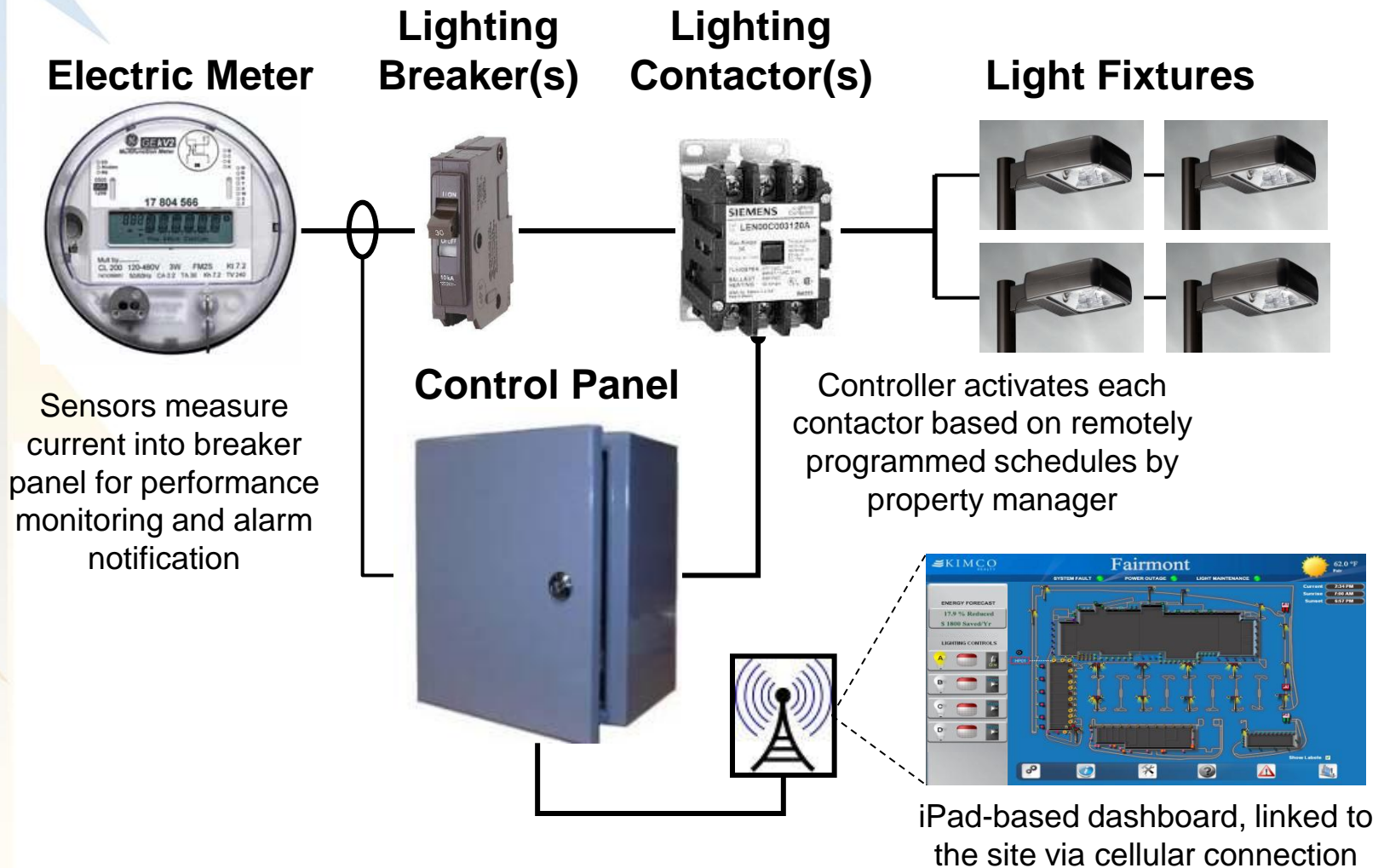
- Low cost and easy to install
- Manually adjusted, in-person
- Subject to failure, with no warning or notification provided
- Relative imprecision can lead to un-necessary burn times

## Advanced Controllers



- Higher price point + ongoing fees
- Internet-connected, with remote monitoring and control capability
- Alarming functionality to notify of power outage, use anomalies, etc.
- Improved precision = reduced burn times and cost savings

# Kimco's "Gateway" System Configuration

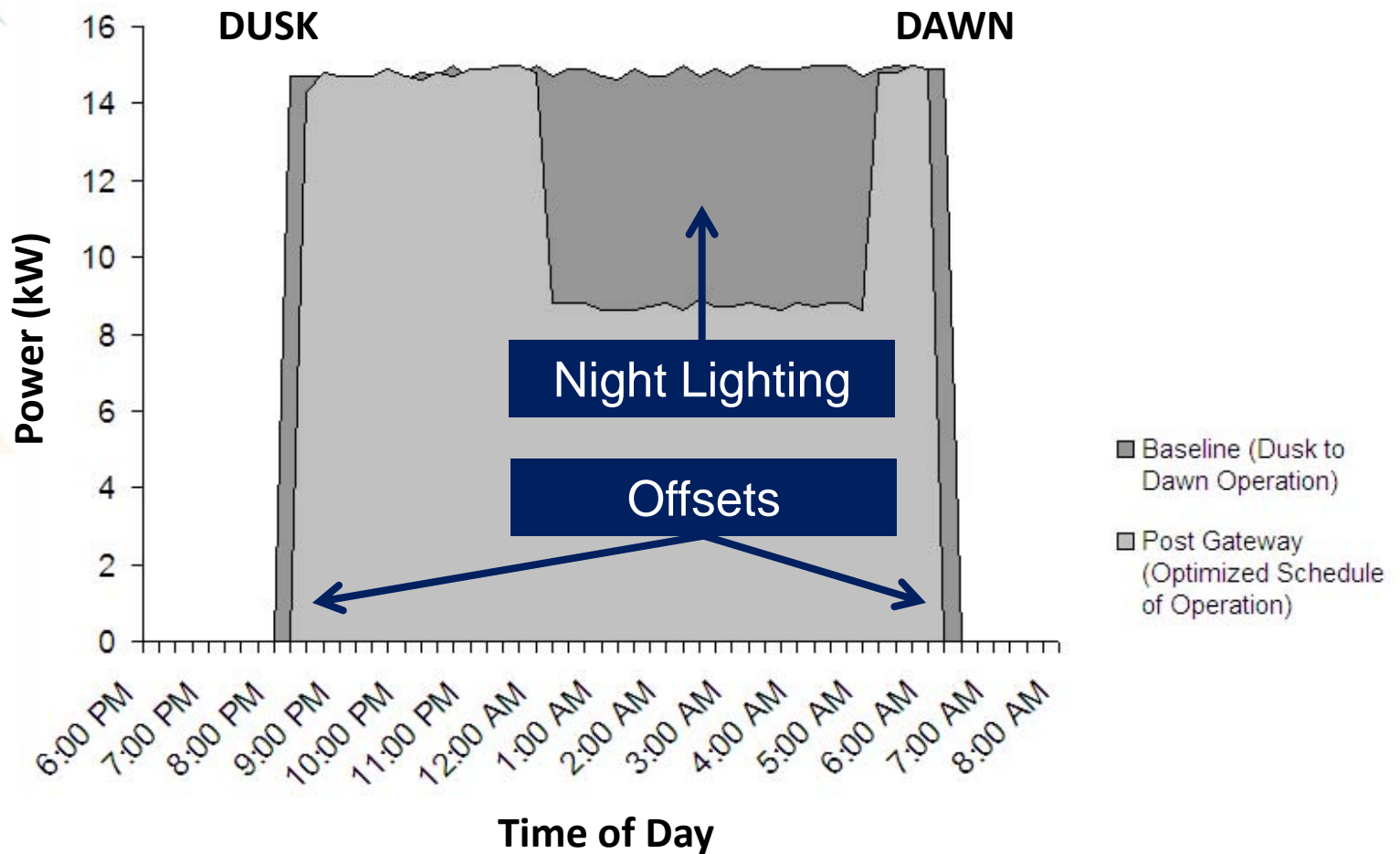


## Financial Considerations – Typical Site

- **One-time Installation Cost:** \$2,000-5,000 per house lighting panel under control
- **Monthly Cellular/Monitoring Fees:** \$50-\$200 per property
- **Typical Annual Energy Savings:** 10-20% of lighting systems brought under control
- **Payback:** 1-4 years, largely driven by:
  - Total number of panels / circuits
  - Total electric spend (consumption \* rate)
  - Accuracy of current control regime
  - Capability for “night lighting”, adaptive daily schedules, etc.



# Energy Savings Through Improved Control



## Summary Points

- Advanced lighting controls can deliver the following benefits over traditional controls:
  - Improved reliability, and confidence that lights are on when they should be (and...off when they shouldn't)
  - Potential for energy and cost savings
  - Enhanced Property Manager effectiveness (remote schedule changes, alarms, notifications, etc.)
- Maximizing energy savings requires dusk & dawn offsets, night lighting, and adaptive daily schedules
- Payback analysis omits capex/opex recovery considerations, and availability of utility incentives