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LPO's Mission

There are many areas that are mature from a technology standpoint but not mature from an access to capital standpoint — that's a nexus where there's a clear mandate for LPO to participate.

- LPO Director Jigar Shah



The U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office (LPO)

finances innovative clean energy, advanced transportation, tribal energy, energy infrastructure reinvestment, and CO₂ transportation infrastructure projects, **serving as a bridge to bankability for breakthrough projects and technologies,** de-risking them at early stages of commercialization so they can reach full market acceptance.



The Bridge to Bankability

Providing financing for technologies to go the last mile to reach full market acceptance





What LPO Offers Borrowers

The unique value of working with LPO for clean energy technology project financing

LPO loans and loan guarantees are differentiated in the clean energy debt capital marketplace in **three primary ways**:



Access to Patient Capital

that private lenders cannot or will not provide.



Flexible Financing customized for the specific needs of individual borrowers.



Committed DOE Partnership

offering specialized expertise to borrowers for the lifetime of the project.



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LPO Financing Programs

Project Types		Loan Program	Loan Types
Innovative Energy and Supply Chain		Title 17 (1703)	Loan Guarantees
State Energy Financing Institutions		Title 17 (1703)	Loan Guarantees
Advanced Transportation		Title 17 & ATVM	Loan Guarantees (Deployment) Direct Loans (Manufacturing)
Tribal Energy		TELGP	Direct Loans & Partial Loan Guarantees
CO ₂ Transportation Infrastructure			Direct Loans
Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment		Title 17 (1706)	Loan Guarantees



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment 1706 EIR

A new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) program that leverages existing energy infrastructure

Eligibility

EIR guarantees loans to energy infrastructure reinvestment projects that:

1. Retool, repower, repurpose, or replace energy infrastructure that has ceased operations *

<u>or</u>

2. Enable operating energy infrastructure to avoid, reduce, utilize, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases.

* Projects replacing energy infrastructure with fossil electricity generation require controls or technologies to avoid, reduce, utilize, or sequester air pollutants and anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases.

- No innovation requirement
- Environmental remediation costs can be eligible for EIR financing as part of a large reinvestment project.

* **NOTE:** IRA appropriates \$5 billion through Sep 30, 2026 to carry out EIR, with a total cap on loans of up to \$250 billion.



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment

1706 EIR financing has the potential to support many transformative projects

Example Projects

- Power plant (or associated infrastructure) <u>retooled</u>, <u>repowered</u>, <u>repurposed or replaced</u> with
 - Renewable energy (and storage)
 - Distributed energy (e.g., VPPs)
 - Transmission interconnection to off-site clean energy
 - New manufacturing facilities for clean energy products or services
 - Nuclear generation
- Transmission line reconductoring and voltage upgrades

- Emissions control technologies, including carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)
- Pipeline conversion (e.g., H₂, CO₂)
- Upgrade refineries for biofuels or hydrogen
- Upgrade or uprate existing generation facilities (with inclusion of emissions control technologies in the case of projects on fossil generation)



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment

1706 EIR financing can support an equitable energy transition

Customer and community benefits

- **Community benefits:** EIR applicants must demonstrate how they will engage with and how their project will benefit communities where the investment is taking place.
- **Financial benefits.** Electric utilities that apply for an EIR loan guarantee must provide assurances that financial benefits received from the guarantee will be passed on to the customers of, or associated communities served by, that utility.
- **Stackable tax credits.** LPO's loan guarantees can be combined with tax credits available for renewables, storage, offshore wind, and nuclear. Repurposing fossil infrastructure with cleaner generation enables a 10% bump to the tax credit for location in an energy community.

Other policy considerations (apply to all Title 17)

- Federal support restriction on grants or some off-taker agreements
- GHG reduction requirements
- Foreign ownership considerations



Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment

EIR is a financial tool for reinvestment and revitalization of energy communities

Financing the energy transition

- Utilization of existing infrastructure, sites, and skilled workforce
- Community benefits across U.S. policy priorities:
 - Justice 40
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility
 - Good Jobs
 - Workforce and Community Agreements





Title 17 General Loan Terms

Interest Rate and Costs

Interest rate

- Treasury + 3/8ths (0.375%) + risk-based charge
- Treasury rate is fixed according to loan tenor (maximum thirty years)

Third-party expenses

Advisor fees for costs of outside experts during due diligence

Other fees

- Facility fee · Maintenance fee
- No upfront application fees

Loan Structure

• LPO loan must be senior secured debt or *pari passu* with existing obligations

Eligible Costs and Other Terms

Loan size

- No minimum or maximum, but loans smaller than \$100 million are uncommon
- Eligible project costs detailed in new Guidance (forthcoming)
- Loan guarantee can be up to 80% of project costs (commonly less), while significant financial interests required of project sponsor

Eligible lenders

- Federal financing bank (US Treasury) up to 100% loan guarantee
- Commercial lender up to 90%
- LPO provides loan guarantees (not loans)



The LPO Loan Transaction Process

LPO engages early with applicants and remains a partner throughout the lifetime of the loan

Pre-Application Consultations

Meet with LPO for no-fee, preapplication consultations, including discussions on the application process and the proposed project.



More Variable Timing Lengths of these stages vary greatly, depending on project complexity and readiness.



Less Variable Timing

Timing for these stages is largely fixed, with targeted timelines.

Formal Application Submission

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Title 17: Submit Part I application to determine technical eligibility (innovation and greenhouse gas emissions calculation). There is no review of business plan or financial structure in Part I. If invited, submit more thorough Part II application to determine project viability and ability to move into due diligence.

ATVM: Submit single application to determine basic eligibility and project viability.

TELGP: Tribal borrower engages with a commercial lender. Lender applies for a loan guarantee on behalf of Borrower and project.

Due Diligence & Term Sheet Negotiation

Title 17 & ATVM: Enter confirmatory due diligence and negotiate term sheet.

TELGP: Borrower, Lender, and DOE engage in confirmatory due diligence and term sheet negotiation.

All Programs: Any thirdparty advisor costs are paid for by the applicant.

Credit Approval Process

Formal approval process of the term sheet, including interagency consultations.

Conditional Commitment

An offer by DOE of a term sheet to the borrower for a loan or loan guarantee subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Loan Closing & Project Monitoring

Negotiate and execute loan documents using the approved term sheet. Loan closing and funding are subject to conditions precedent in the executed loan documents.

Applicant pays applicable costs and fees. After loan closing, LPO monitors the loan.



Key Considerations

What LPO needs to see in project applications

Projects must meet eligibility criteria for applicable program

For EIR, includes **qualifying 'energy infrastructure'** and achievement of **"retool, repower, repurpose, or replace" requirement** or significant emission reductions at operating infrastructure

- Reasonable prospect of repayment
- Other policy considerations (e.g., community benefits, GHG reductions, etc.)



Discussion

Common questions that we receive

- Can I apply for both a loan and a grant?
- Is there a minimum or maximum project size (total cost)?
- Can I file multiple applications?
- What is the application process? How long and burdensome is it?
- How do customers and communities benefit from using LPO financing?

We want to help!

- Do you see value in LPO financing?
- What do you need, or will you need to see, to make LPO financing useful?





Let's Talk About Your Project

Contact LPO to see what financing options may be available for your project



Call or write to schedule a no-fee, pre-application consultation: **202-287-5900** | LPO@ha.doe gov



Learn more about LPO and all of its financing programs at: Energy.gov/LPO

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Discussion on virtual power plants with Loan Programs Office

Briefing Materials April 2023 Jen Downing



What are virtual power plants?

Virtual power plants are **aggregations of distributed energy resources**, such as rooftop solar, electric vehicles and chargers, energy storage systems, and smart buildings and equipment that are controlled to **act like a traditional power plant**, large enough to be utility-scale, and dependable enough to be utility-grade.

- ✓ The term VPP refers to a wide range of models for aggregating and managing DERs
- ✓ VPPs aggregate DERs and manage devices collectively to supply power, store power, and provide other services
- ✓ VPPs can be **integrated** into real-time grid operations and long-term grid planning





Challenges the US grid is facing

We must address several challenges to electrify and decarbonize the US grid while maintaining US economic competitiveness and avoiding undue burden on consumers

Resource adequacy	 Electricity consumption is expected to rise for the first time in ~15 years as key sectors of the economy, such as transportation, are electrified
Affordability	 Electricity costs are rising, driven in large part by growth in capital expenditure Low- and moderate-income households are often priced out of energy-saving devices
Rapid decarbonization	Decarbonizing the power sector by 2035 will require reducing reliance on fossil fuel generation
Load shaping	 Electrification of cars and heating creates demand swings on 24h cycles Supply from wind and solar are variable and potentially mismatched with demand
T&D needs	 Transmission and distribution (T&D) infrastructure is underutilized, old and aging Communities oppose building new T&D lines
Reliability & Resilience	Extreme weather events are becoming more common and less predictable



How VPPs address these challenges

VPPs address each challenge to modernize grid operations and meet our goals

Resource adequacy	 Integrate distributed generation and storage capacity into grid operations Shift consumption away from hours when power is scarce to hours it is abundant 	
Affordability	 Avoid or defer T&D and peaker plant capex when capacity is added locally via DERs instead of centralized assets; this lowers system costs and consumer bills Potentially compensate consumers and businesses for participation in load-shifting events and for excess energy that is injected back to the grid 	✓ Cleaner energy
Rapid decarbonization	 Add distributed renewable generation – e.g., rooftop solar Add distributed energy storage capacity – e.g., batteries – to smooth the supply swings associated with variable renewable sources and reduce curtailment Reduce reliance on fossil baseload generation and peaker plants 	✓ Lower cost
Load shaping	 Decrease or delay energy load – e.g., at-home EV charging, electric water heaters, heating and cooling – in response to signals from grid operators 	✓ More resilient
T&D needs	 Bypass transmission lines during peak hours when generation/dispatch is sited closer to where power is used; shrink spikes in load to increase avg utilization 	•••
Reliability & Resilience	 Equip homes and businesses with back-up power (generation and/or storage) Network distributed assets to build redundancy and eliminate single-point-of- failure 	***



The VPP ecosystem

Scaling VPPs requires support across the full ecosystem, including DERs



VPP business models

monetize the value of aggregated capacity & grid services

Distributed energy resource

providers sell/finance the devices that generate capacity

LPO aims to **mobilize**

investment across the VPP and DER ecosystem



Inducing consumers to choose DER

With targeted LPO investment to effectively lower the cost of VPP enabled DER, we can induce consumers to 'go green' with their capital purchases, accelerate deployment of VPP technologies, *and* help ensure all American homeowners have access to credit









Homeowners and businesses seek energy solutions, e.g. heating systems, EV chargers, backup power DERs are chosen as the more **affordable**, **convenient option** US households and business are **equipped for VPPs**

LPO provides low-cost financing to companies offering 'green' solutions, ensuring they are low-cost and widely available to all American homeowners



What role can <u>you</u> play in accelerating the deployment of distributed energy resources and virtual power plants?

Examples	Performance-based ratemaking	Distribution system planning requirements	All-source procurement
Examples	Energy efficiency resource standards	Non-wire alternatives	Time-variant pricing





Discussion on Innovative Transmission Technologies

Briefing Materials April 2023 Jonathan Abebe



Challenges with US Grid and LPO Opportunities

- The U.S. has established a goal of carbon free power by 2035
- The U.S. has adequate renewable energy resources to achieve this goal
- LPO can fund transmission solutions that:
 - Provide access to stranded renewables via new builds
 - Improve efficiency of existing systems
- Potential innovative transmission technologies LPO can consider include:
 - Advanced Conductors
 - Composite and/or carbon cores instead of steel cores
 - High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC)
 - Voltage Sourced Converters
 - Grid Enhancement Technologies (GETs)
 - Dynamic Line Rating
 - Advanced Power Flow Control
 - Topology Optimization



Advanced conductors are electric conductors that use a modern composite and/or carbon cores (instead of steel wires) and shaped, low resistance aluminum wire, that can operate at higher temperatures and for an extended period of time with low sag, allowing for significant increases in the thermal rating.

Type of applications:

Reconductoring of existing lines that use ACSR conductors with advanced conductors

✓ Helps maximize the thermal transfer capacity on existing ROW

✓ Lowers power line losses

✓ New construction lines using advanced conductors instead of ACSR conductors

 \checkmark Enhance grid performance and flexibility



HVDC Transmission

Voltage Sourced Converters (VSC) is the latest generation HVDC technology that replaces the previous generation Line Commutated Converters (LCC) technology.

HVDC Transmission provides a number of advantages over traditional High Voltage Alternative Current (HVAC) Transmission. Among these are:

Unlimited	High Power	Low Line	Independent	Connection of	High
Cable	Density	Losses	Reactive Power	Unsynchronized	Reliability
Length			Control	Systems	



Grid Enhancement Technologies

Dynamic Line Rating	Hardware and/or software used to appropriately update the calculated therma limits of existing transmission lines based on real-time and forecasted weather conditions (ambient air temperature, wind, solar heating intensity, etc.) and measurements of other conditions of the line (transmission line tension or transmission sag).
Power Flow Controllers	Hardware and software used to push or pull power, shifting the flow of power across a mesh network, helping to balance overloaded lines and underutilized corridors within the transmission network.
Topology Optimization	Software used to find reconfiguration options of transmission systems that car reliably route power around the congested facilities



Q&A





Pathways to Commercial Liftoff: Long Duration Energy Storage

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Briefing for the Missouri Public Service Commission Katheryn Scott LDES complements renewables, reduces the need for new natural gas, and diversifies storage supply chains







Enabling high renewable development and enhancing resilience

LDES reduces the cost and risk associated with high renewable pathways by balancing intermittent renewables and reducing the costs and risks around grid expansion.

LDES also **enhances local resiliency** to respond to increasingly extreme weather events. Reducing the need for new natural gas capacity

Having available and cost-effective LDES reduces the need for 200 **GW+ of new natural gas capacity** in a net-zero world.

As a result, pathways that leverage LDES are projected to **deliver** ~**\$10-20B in annual savings by 2050.**

Diversifying domestic energy storage supply chain

A diversified set of storage technologies reduces the risk of net-zero goals being contingent upon lithium-ion manufacturing buildout, in addition to increasing the potential availability of lithium-ion for EVs.



Storage technologies can be segmented based on their duration of dispatch with LDES filling the Inter-day to Multi-day / week role



1 Technologies & market use cases may span across duration categories (e.g., technology's duration may encompass both Multi-day / w eek and Seasonal shifting 2 LDES systems with 36+ hours of duration are considered Multi-day / w eek as they can discharge to cover 2+ full days of peak demand (e.g., 8a to 8p)

3 Pumped storage and Mechanical storage can operate effectively as both short-duration and inter-day LDES systems



There are three types of energy storage divided by the type of energy stored

Mechanical

- Stored as **mechanical potential** ٠ energy (elevated material or pressure)
- Used as kinetic energy to power ٠ a turbine.



Thermal

- Stored as thermal potential energy / heat
- Used as **steam** for turbine or with • specialized semiconductor panels

Sensible heat (Hot sand)



NON-EXHAUSTIVE – MORE DETAIL ON NEXT PAGE

Electrochemical

- Stored as chemical potential **energy** (unreacted chemicals)
- Used as chemical bonds formed • and release electrons





Image Sources fromleft to right: DOE Water Pow er Technology Office, Hydrostar, National Renew able Energy Laboratory, Rachel McKerracher, Redflow, Sumitomo Electric

These numerous LDES technologies have different characteristics

NON-EXHAUSTIVE – HYDROGEN AND HYBRID LONG DURATION STORAGE EXCLUDED Less Desirable					ore Desirable		
A Faces g	jeologic constraints¹	Not enough public datapoints to obtain a reliable value	ue Inter-da	y 🖊 C	an function as both	Mul	lti-day / week
Duration	Energy storage form	Technology	Nominal duration, hrs	LCOS⁵, \$/MWh	deployment size, MW	Average RTE ¹ , %	TRL
	Mechanical	Traditional pumped hydro (PSH)	0–15	70–170	200 – 400	70–80	9
		Novel pumped hydro (PSH)	0–15	70–170	10–100	50–80	5-8
Inter day		Gravity-based	0–15	90–120	20–1,000	70–90	6-8
inter-uay		Compressed air (CAES)	6–24	80–150	200–500	40–70	7-9
		Liquid air (LAES) ¹	10–25	175–300	50–100	40–70	6-9
		Liquid CO2 ¹	4–24	50–60	10–500	70–80	4-7
	Thermal	Sensible heat (e.g., molten salts, rock material, concrete) ²	10-200 ²	300	10–500	55–90	6-9
		Latent heat (e.g., aluminum alloy)	25–100	300	10–100	20–50	3-5
Multi-day / week		Thermochemical heat (e.g., zeolites, silica gel)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
	Electrochemical	Aqueous electrolyte flow batteries	25–100	100-140	10–100	50–80	4-9
		Metal anode batteries	50–200	100	10–100	40–70	<mark>4-</mark> 9
		Hybrid flow battery, with liquid electrolyte and metal anode (some are Inter-day) ^{2,3}	8–50 ²	XX	>100	55–75	4 -9

1 Demand potential / market size is limited by the requirement for specific geological formations

2 Codified based on primary technology type

3 Can function as inter-day, but organized based on longest duration potential

4 Some flow batteries under development will not work for multi-day, but it is categorized here as such given the technology's maximum duration



Source: DOE LDES Pathw ay to Commercial Liftoff Report, LDES Council Net-Zero Pow er Report 2021, Wood Mackenzie Long Duration Energy Storage Report 2022, Company w ebsites, Academic research

Achieving liftoff – self-sustaining commercial deployments – requires improvements in technology, market compensation, and supply chain development



- Liftoff occurs when LDES technologies are deployed (without projectspecific intervention) at scale across the US power grid
- Within this decade, it is most important that LDES technologies are demonstrated in-field and begin to receive adequate market compensation for the future value they bring to a net-zero grid

1 Liftoff is characterized by significant improvement in technology and operating parameters, market recognition of LDES's fullvalue, and industrial-scale manufacturing and deployment capacity. These improvements are needed to attract the private capital that is needed to meet LDES deployment targets

2 Need for Multi-day / w eek technologies remains in both Li-ion scenarios; Aggressive Li-ion w ill reduce need for supply chain buildout

3 \$ / kW - year varies by geography





Why Pathways to Commercial Liftoff

This is a critical moment of transition

We are facing a climate crisis, and must act in the next 10 years

COVID & geopolitical events have disrupted global supply chains

The Biden Administration has set bold decarbonization goals via an equitable transition that creates jobs and strengthens supply chains & domestic manufacturing

\$10T¹ of incremental investment is needed to achieve net-zero 2050

20+ technologies must commercialize (i.e., move across the RDD&D continuum) and get to scale (on order of \$100B per sector); interdependent systems must transition in coordination

Each technology faces complex barriers to deployment that require intentional, coordinated action across public and private sector

Private sector will lead the required investment, but DOE / USG must enable through public investments & policy

Pathways effort was started to shape and accelerate this investment

OCED, OTT, LPO, and OP (w/ sponsorship from senior DOE leadership) launched effort to collaborate, coordinate, and build trust with the private sector and create a common fact-base that drives public and private investment decisions and changes behavior of key actors across RDD&D

The effort will help to inform capital allocation decisions that address risks and barriers to scale starting with four high priority technologies – Advanced Nuclear, Carbon Management, Clean Hydrogen, and LDES









High renewables scenario drives LDES market growth with additional LDES required in scenarios with net-zero goals



4f The arbitrage opportunity for LDES increases steadily as variable renewables penetration grows



1 Percent of total CAISO energy generation that is generated by renew ables (Net-Zero 2050 High RES Scenario)







1. Includes both Diurnal and Seasonal LDES; Does not include Li-Ion.



4e Deferral of transmission upgrades using LDES could result in savings of 40%



Source: DOE LDES Pathway to Commercial Liftoff Report, Transmission Cost Estimation Guide for MTEP 22, Nantucket Island Energy Storage Assessment 2019 PNNL, ISO NE Open Access Transmission Tariff 2020

Regardless of Li-ion cost and performance, there is a need for Multi-day LDES

Li ion Multi-day / week LDES Inter-day LDES National Storage Capacity, GW



1 Assumes Li-ion batteries improve costs and performance at a moderate rate based on current Li-Ion cost curve (54% cost improvement through 2030 and 65% total improvement through 2050 relative to 2021 prices)

2 Assumes capex costs associated with energy component (e.g., battery cell) are 50% low er than in moderate scenario



4a LDES's long duration of dispatch offers higher coverage of peak load and the ability to cover multiple peaks per day without repeated cycling LDES dispatch for a warehouse with a large EV fleet, KW – LDES Grid consumption – LDES Demand rate LDES discharge periods



Source: DOE LDES Pathway to Commercial Liftoff Report, Heavy-Duty Electric Fleet Depot Charging Load Profiles & Substation Load Integration Assessment Results (NREL, 2021)



4a LDES offers better comparative savings over a much longer potential cycle life than Li-ion alternatives



Source: DOE LDES Pathway to Commercial Liftoff Report, Heavy-Duty Electric Fleet Depot Charging Load Profiles & Substation Load Integration Assessment Results (NREL, 2021)

