

Economic, Environmental, and Resiliency Impacts of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs

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- Named one of the top 20 "world-changing" ideas by Scientific American magazine, PACE is a true public-private partnership, helping local governments achieve public policy goals around energy and resilience
- Established by state legislation in 2008, first in California, PACE was created as a tool for state and local governments to address climate change and help solve the "first-cost barrier" property owners face when investing in energy related improvements
- PACE provides financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, and hazard resilience improvements which are repaid via an assessment on the property owner's property tax bill

WHAT IS PACE?









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Impact Windows & Doors, Roofing

ABOUT YGRENE



- Founded in 2010, Ygrene is the leading PACE administrator in the country
- Ygrene is operational in over 500 local communities in California, Florida, and Missouri
- Ygrene has funded over \$1.3 billion to-date of clean energy, water conservation, and hazard resiliency improvements



WHERE IS PACE ENABLED?





Active program with funded projects

Launched PACE program

Program in development

PACE-enabled

NATIONAL PACE MARKET



- Residential PACE Market: \$5.17 billion
- Commercial PACE Market: \$750 million

Cumulative R-PACE Financing

2010-2017

Cumulative C-PACE Financing

2010-2017





- Limited comprehensive academic research on PACE financing and its environmental, energy, and economic impacts – particularly from a public policy perspective
- Ygrene is dedicated to bettering its understanding of PACE and the role PACE plays in achieving state and local public policy goals
- University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy and the Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy
- Engage leading USC Economics and Public Policy Professors Adam Rose and Dan Wei to perform rigorous and comprehensive analysis on PACE
- Fill an important gap in the state of knowledge about PACE programs and the environmental, economic, and resilience impacts in the communities PACE programs serve



Ygrene PACE Financing

- Provided over \$1.16 billion PACE financing since 2013
- Represent over 54,000 residential and commercial property improvement projects in CA, FL, and MO

Number of Ygrene PACE Improvement Projects from 2013 to July 2018

СА	32,513
Residential	31,867
Commercial	646
FL	21,855
Residential	21,766
Commercial	89
МО	162
Residential	162
Commercial	0
Total	54,530
Residential	53,795
Commercial	735





Ygrene PACE Financing

 Distribution of contract \$ of Ygrene PACE financing among various improvement categories



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Contributions of PACE Financing

- Direct benefits:
 - Reduction in electricity, gas and water use; Increase in renewable electricity generation
 - Reduction in GHG emissions
 - Reduction in vulnerability to fire & earthquakes
- Co-benefits:

Increases in business sales revenue, GDP, personal income, and employment

- Increases in taxes to various levels of government
- Reduction in insurance premiums
- Decreases in ordinary air pollutants



- Ygrene Data on PACE Projects
 - Major PACE assessment characteristics (improvement type, useful life, contract amount, type of property, settlement date, etc.)
 - Financing characteristics (interest rates, amortization period, annual coupon, fees, etc.)
 - Characteristics of property (location, building area, owner type, etc.)
 - Modeled impact estimates on energy and water savings
- Supplemental data on how to divide contract dollars between construction sector and various materials/equipment manufacturing sectors
- Benefit-Cost Ratios for benefits of hazard mitigation
- Florida Office of Insurance Regulation data on wind mitigation insurance savings



Benefits of Hazard Mitigation

- PACE financing for earthquakes and hurricane mitigation yield the following benefits:
 - reduced property damage
 - reduced death and injury
 - reduced business interruption
- Estimated benefit-cost ratios for individual improvement types -- similar to the *Mitigation Saves* (4:1) Study
- Methodology
 - Earthquakes: adapted unpublished data from *Mitigation Saves 2*
 - Hurricanes: adapted Insurance Institute for Building and Home Safety (IBHS) FORTIFIED designation levels



BCRs by PACE Seismic Improvement Category

PACE Seismic Retrofit Categories	Commercial BCR	Residential BCR
Seismic Foundation Strengthening	0.57ª	0.39
Foundation Connection System	1.77 ^b	1.21
Structural Connection System	3.66	2.49
Seismic Other/Custom	2.18	1.49
Lateral Systems, Moment Frames	0.47 ^c	0.27
Lateral Systems, New Steel Columns	0.71 ^d	0.48
Lateral Systems, Shear Walls	1.77 ^b	1.21
Lateral Systems, Column Strengthening	0.57ª	0.39
Masonry Reinforcement	5.04 ^c	2.92

^a Estimated as one-half of the BCR for "Structural strengthening of a university science building: jacket concrete columns and beams; strengthen footings" because it includes two PACE improvement categories.

^b Estimated as one-half of the BCR for "Structural and nonstructural retrofit of a hospital building: install new concrete shearwalls, enlarge foundations, nonstructural bracing" because it includes two PACE improvement categories. ^c Based on public building estimates.

^d Based on an adjustment of "Lateral Systems, Column Strengthening", which was assumed to be a retrofit and assumed to have a 25% higher cost than New Steel Columns.



BCRs for PACE Hurricane Improvement Types

DACE Improvements	Re	Commercial		
PACE improvements	Worst-Case	Best-Case	Average	BCRs
High-Impact Windows	0.21	2.54	1.38	1.43
High-Impact Doors - Standard	0.21	2.54	1.38	1.43
Wind Resistant Roofing	0.63	4.40	2.51	2.61
Wind Resistant Shingles	0.63	4.40	2.51	2.61
Storm Shutters	0.21	2.54	1.38	1.43
Roof Deck Attachment Strengthening	1.47	4.40	2.93	3.05
Opening Protections/Garage Doors	0.21	2.54	1.38	1.43
Roof to Wall Reinforcement	0.62	3.31	1.96	2.04
Secondary Water Barrier	0.63	4.40	2.51	2.61
Waterproofing - Basement Membrane	2.20	4.40	3.30	3.43
High-Impact Doors	0.21	2.54	1.38	1.43
Gable-end Bracing	0.74	6.94	3.84	3.99
Hurricane Protection-Impact Windows & Doors	0.42	2.54	1.48	1.54
Hurricane Protection-Other	1.29	2.57	1.93	2.00



Analysis Model

- REMI PI+ Model
 - 3 regions: California, Florida, and Rest of U.S.
 - 160 sectors
 - based on historical data through 2016



Linkages between Direct Costs/Savings of the PACE Projects and REMI Inputs

Linkage	Direct Costs/Sa PACE Pro	avings of the ogram	Policy Variable Selection in REMI	Positive or Negative Stimulus to the Economy
1	Upfront Investment		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount) for Construction sector and various relevant manufacturing sectors \rightarrow Increase	Positive
2	Expenditure on PACE Administrator Fees		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount) for Monetary Authorities, Credit Intermediation sector \rightarrow Increase	Positive
3	Expenditure on Program Fees		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow State and Local Government Spending \rightarrow Increase	
4	Interest Payment of PACE Assessments		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount) for Monetary Authorities, Credit Intermediation sector \rightarrow Increase	Positive
F	Energy (Electricity &	Commercial Sectors	Compensation, Prices, and Costs Block \rightarrow Production Cost of Individual Commercial Sectors \rightarrow Decrease	Decitive
5	NG) and Water Savings	Residential Sector	Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Consumption Reallocation (amount) \rightarrow All Consumption Sectors \rightarrow Increase	Positive
6	Solar Investment	Commercial Sectors	Compensation, Prices, and Costs Block \rightarrow Production Cost of Individual Commercial Sectors \rightarrow Decrease	Desitive
	Tax Credit Residentia Sector		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Consumption Reallocation (amount) \rightarrow All Consumption Sectors \rightarrow Increase	POSITIVE 18



Linkages between Direct Costs/Savings of the PACE Projects and REMI Inputs

Linkage	Direct Costs/Savings of the PACE Program		Policy Variable Selection in REMI	Positive or Negative Stimulus to the Economy	
7	Insurance	Commercial Sectors	Compensation, Prices, and Costs Block \rightarrow Production Cost of Individual Industrial and Commercial Sectors \rightarrow Decrease	Positivo	
7 Premium Savings	Premium Savings	Residential Sector	Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Consumption Reallocation (amount) \rightarrow All Consumption Sectors \rightarrow Increase	POSILIVE	
	Annual Amortized Commercial Sector		Compensation, Prices, and Costs Block \rightarrow Capital Cost (amount) of Individual Commercial and Industrial Sectors \rightarrow Increase		
8 Pa As Bo	Payment by PACE Assessment Borrowers	Residential Sector	Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Consumption Reallocation (amount) \rightarrow All Consumption \rightarrow Decrease	Negative	
9	Water Demand De Water Supply Sect	crease from the or	Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount) for Water, Sewage and Other Systems sector \rightarrow Decrease	Negative	
10	Decrease Demand of Electricity		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount) for Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution sector \rightarrow Decrease	Negative	
11	Decreased Demand of NG		Output and Demand Block \rightarrow Exogenous Final Demand (amount)	Negative	



Analysis of Results

Energy & Environmental Impacts (entire lifetime) Based on > \$800 million of project financing California Ygrene PACE Projects

- 2.8 billion gallons water savings
- 3.3 billion KWh energy savings
- 3.6 billion cf of natural gas savings
- \$1 billion utility bill savings
- 1.11 million metric tons of GHG emissions reductions



Energy & Environmental Impacts (entire lifetime) Based on > \$400 million of project financing Florida Ygrene PACE Projects

- 804 million kWh electricity savings
- 400 million cf of natural gas savings
- \$94 million utility bill savings
- 445,000 metric tons of GHG emissions reductions



Avoided Disaster Losses of Florida PACE Hurricane Improvement Projects

Project Implementation Year	Residential	Commercial	Total
2013	\$170,628	\$14,071	\$184,698
2014	\$5,883,471	\$508,675	\$6,392,146
2015	\$21,422,128	\$329,204	\$21,751,332
2016	\$72,222,531	\$1,127,828	\$73,350,359
2017	\$263,971,847	\$957,525	\$264,929,372
2018	\$140,228,290	\$923,796	\$141,152,086
Total	\$503,898,895	\$3,861,098	\$507,759,993



Annual Insurance Savings for Florida Hurricane Projects (2018\$)

	Residential Projects			Commercial Projects		
	Average	Lower- Bound	Upper- Bound	Average	Lower- Bound	Upper- Bound
2013	17,232	8,616	25,848	624	312	936
2014	270,541	135,271	405,812	6,237	3,119	9,356
2015	1,465,810	732,905	2,198,715	7,895	3,947	11,842
2016	5,761,945	2,880,972	8,642,917	17,430	8,715	26,145
2017	18,110,311	9,055,155	27,165,466	28,657	14,329	42,986
2018	9,778,862	4,889,431	14,668,293	18,054	9,027	27,081
Total	35,404,701	17,702,351	53,107,052	78,897	39,449	118,346

Total cumulative insurance savings over the entire analysis period is over \$700 million.



Macroeconomic Impacts

California Ygrene PACE Projects

- \$135 million average annual increase of GDP and 1,305 person-year jobs per year during up-front investment period (2013-18)
- NPV (2013-2067) of GDP impacts is \$680.3 million
- 10,270 total cumulative person-year jobs generated
- NPVs of gross output and personal income impacts are \$1,313.8 million and \$506.6 million
- NPV of non-market value of electricity generation of \$277 million



Macroeconomic Impacts

Florida Ygrene PACE Projects

- \$53 million average annual increase of GDP and 637 person-year jobs per year during up-front investment period (2013-18)
- NPV (2013-2067) of GDP impacts is \$635.6 million
- 12,268 total cumulative person-year jobs generated
- NPVs of gross output and personal income impacts are \$1,181.6 million and \$533.8 million
- NPV of non-market value of electricity generation of \$19.6 million



Decomposition Analysis

- Evaluate how the various factors affect the aggregate macroeconomic impact results
- Help identify major factors that affect the bottomline results
- Conducted by running REMI simulations for each individual factor one at a time
- Use as a basis to identify influential factors to run sensitivity analysis



Analysis of Results (cont'd) Decomposition Analysis





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Sensitivity Analysis

- Sensitivity test on the assumption of dollar-for-dollar displacement of other purchases to repay PACE financing
- Alternative assumption reduces the direct offset by 10%
- Positive net employment and GDP impacts increase by about 12% in California and 6% in Florida
- NPV of non-market value of electricity generation remains the same



Sensitivity Analysis

- Sensitivity analyses in which we add the dampening impacts from the decreased demand for electricity and natural gas from the energy supply sectors
- For California, the NPV of GDP impacts decreases from \$680.9 million to \$300 million; employment impacts decrease from 10,270 to 5,057 person-year jobs.
- For Florida, the NPV of GDP impacts decreases from \$636 million to \$588 million; employment impacts decrease from 12,268 to 11,657 person-year jobs.



Analysis of Results (cont'd) Summary Results for California

Type of Impacts	GDP Impacts (million 2015\$)	Employment Impacts (person-year jobs)	Other
Ygrene Financing Upfront Expenditures	491.29	7,010	
Ygrene and Other Program Fees	54.08	772	
Interest Payments to the Finance Sector	486.98	7,019	
Energy (Electricity and Natural Gas) Cost Savings	339.60	7,339	
Water Cost Savings	7.86	174	
Solar investment Tax Credit	76.41	1,103	
Annual Repayment of PACE Financing	-754.85	-12,744	
Decreased Demand from Water Supply Sector	-21.09	-402	
Hurricane Insurance Savings	n/a	n/a	
Avoided Disaster Losses	2.36		
Water Conservation (billions of gallons)			2.8
Electricity Consumption Reductions (million MWh)			3.3
Natural Gas Consumption Reductions (bcf)			3.6
Non-Market Electricity Production (million 2015\$)	141.95	n/a	
Greenhouse Gas Reductions (metric MtCO2e)			1.11
Social Cost of Carbon ^f (million 2015\$)	42.81		
Total	867.40	10,271	n/a



Analysis of Results (cont'd) Summary Results for Florida

Type of Impacts	GDP Impacts (million 2015\$)	Employment Impacts (person-year jobs)	Other
Ygrene Financing Upfront Expenditures	266.65	4,549	
Ygrene and Other Program Fees	25.91	444	
Interest Payments to the Finance Sector	329.11	6,423	
Energy (Electricity and Natural Gas) Cost Savings	32.59	738	
Solar investment Tax Credit	3.96	69	
Annual Repayment of PACE Financing	-354.13	-7,191	
Hurricane Insurance Savings	331.47	7,235	
Avoided Disaster Losses	507.76		
Energy Consumption Reductions (million KWh)			804
Non-Market Electricity Production (million 2015\$)	10.00	n/a	
Natural Gas Consumption Reductions (million cf)			400
Greenhouse Gas Reductions (metric MtCO2e)			0.45
Social Cost of Carbon ^e (million 2015\$)	21		
Total	1,174.32	12,267	n/a



Conclusion

- PACE represents an innovative mechanism to provide affordable financing for improvements to residential and commercial properties and to achieve various other public benefits
- In addition to the direct benefits, our results indicate substantial co-benefits of PACE in terms of GDP increase, job creation, insurance savings, and disaster loss reduction
- Next step of analysis -- public policy impacts of PACE financing

Thank you!

Comments and Questions?