

# Future AI and Data Center Growth Raise Urgent Grid Questions in the Philippines, Says Solaren

*As potential AI and hyperscale data centers drive up energy demand, Solaren highlights the risks to the Philippine grid and calls for coordinated planning.*

LA PAZ, TARLAC, PHILIPPINES, September 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Solaren: Potential Grid Pressure From AI and Data Centers Triggers Urgent Call for Energy Planning in the Philippines

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Data center demand is growing faster than the grid. If we don't act now, we'll miss our window to anchor the next wave of digital growth.”

*Neil Pearce, Founder & Director, Solaren Renewable Energy Solutions Corp.*

The rise of artificial intelligence and massive data center projects is triggering a new kind of energy challenge across Southeast Asia. In the Philippines, it's also exposing a fragile, underbuilt grid and raising hard questions about long-term infrastructure readiness.

[Solaren Renewable Energy Solutions](#), a commercial energy provider based in Central Luzon, warns that unless the grid adapts quickly, global tech investors may look elsewhere.

“Data centers don't just need clean energy — they need reliability and scale,” said Neil Pearce, Founder of Solaren. “Without planning, we risk losing projects to countries with more resilient energy systems.”

## AI and Cloud Outpacing Local Energy Supply

According to recent coverage in Benzinga, U.S. utilities expect data centers to triple electricity demand in the next few years. In the Philippines, the pressure is already being felt:

One Luzon electric cooperative reached 101 MW peak demand in 2023

Another forecasts 90 MW by 2025 — already at risk of shortfall

Brownouts and summer outages remain common, especially in high-growth regions

Developers are reportedly scouting sites in Central Luzon. This area already offers land, fiber connectivity, and tax incentives. But electricity remains the bottleneck.

### Renewable + Storage Models Gaining Ground

Across Central Luzon, companies like Solaren are experiencing a growing demand for co-located [solar and battery storage systems](#) to help stabilize peak loads and mitigate exposure to fuel and commodity price volatility.

Several approaches are being proposed:

Utility-scale solar near economic zones to relieve strain on the transmission system

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to smooth demand curves and handle frequency

On-site generation for mission-critical infrastructure and corporate campuses

These are not just climate investments — they are infrastructure strategies. Other countries have adopted similar models to reduce reliance on imported fuel and attract foreign direct investment (FDI) into the digital sector.

### What's at Stake

Handled correctly, this new demand wave could bring:

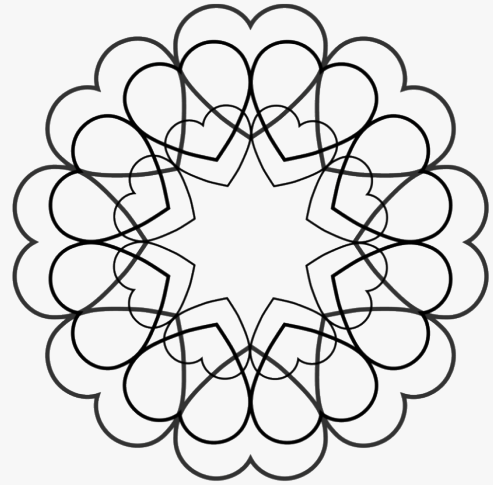
Billions in clean infrastructure investment

Job creation beyond BPO into cloud, energy engineering, and data systems

Positioning the Philippines as a digital hub in Southeast Asia

Handled poorly, the risks include:

Grid instability and rising costs



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What Needs to Happen Now

Solaren outlines four immediate priorities:

Fast-track energy projects tied to economic zones

Scale grid storage to reduce blackouts and load curtailment

Protect residential ratepayers from industrial energy cross-subsidies

Upgrade key transmission lines in Central Luzon (Clark, Subic, Tarlac)

“This isn’t about 2035 planning. Developers are ready now,” said Pearce. “If we don’t act, these investments will go to Vietnam, Malaysia, or Singapore.”

Investor Perspective

The energy equation is straightforward:

Upside: Co-located solar and storage tied to data centers can offer stable, contracted revenue streams that act like infrastructure bonds

Downside: Without grid upgrades and clear energy policies, the Philippines risks being seen as a blackout-prone, high-risk market

Solaren supports the ongoing efforts of regulators, utilities, and investors to improve national energy resilience and welcomes public-private cooperation to meet future demand.

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