

## The Role of YieldCos in Financing Renewable Energy Projects

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**What is a Yield Co?**



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**A YieldCo** is a company formed with the following characteristics:

- The company will be publicly-traded
- Its chief objective will be to buy and hold operational assets
- Dividends will be paid to the YieldCos investors via its cash flows (through Power Purchase Agreements: PPAs)
- “YieldCos on average distribute 80% or more of available cash as dividends” (Bloomberg New Energy Finance)



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**YieldCo background:**

- Not a new concept – model used in Canada
- Similar in broad terms to Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) and Real Estate investment Trusts (REITs) – *but with important differences*
- Dividends will be paid to the YieldCos investors via its cash flows made possible by its PPAs
- Focus on US *solar* market (though exceptions like liquefied natural gas and recent Terraform deal)



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