

## **Enphase Energy**

## Still channel surfing at the start of '24 reiterate Underperform

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 72.00 USD | Price: 97.80 USD

## Cautious on the set-up as right-sizing efforts underway

Enphase Energy (ENPH) remains a challenged story for the time being, in our view, as high inventory levels at distribution partners pressure microinverter shipment volumes. ENPH previously indicated it expected to under-ship units relative to demand by \$150Mn for 4Q23, split evenly across the US and Europe. Additionally, recall ENPH announced a downsizing of its manufacturing footprint and headcount reductions, suggesting to us expectations for a protracted return to prior underlying demand levels (see our report here: ENPH: Tough times call for tough decisions). Data out of California seems to support this, with applications for new residential interconnections dropping -80% from May to November of last year. Internationally, Europe remains in disarray on elevated channel inventory levels. We see this as a key factor driving our forecast relative to consensus. We expect these broader challenges to more than offset margin tailwinds afforded by Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) credit benefits and cost savings.

## 4Q Preview: Expecting in-line quarter, see risk to 1Q

We forecast 4Q23 revenue of \$392Mn, which compares to consensus of \$328Mn and guidance of \$300-350Mn. For gross margin, we forecast 49.9% in 4Q23, which includes ~800bps of IRA credits and compares to consensus/guidance of 49.0%/ 48-51%. Our attention is focused on 1Q24 where we remain below consensus on shipments and revenue. We forecast 1Q23 shipments of 776 megawatts (MW) and revenue of \$292Mn, which compares to consensus of 905MW/\$318Mn. While we are focused on the US dynamics (and California in particular) considering the higher contribution for ENPH, we believe the primary delta in our forecast vs. consensus is International. We estimate a precipitous decline in international shipments in 4Q23 to ~200MW and hold this flat in 1Q24 as elevated inventory levels in Europe are worked through.

## Shares still screen expensive; PO to \$72

Shares continue to trade well-above both our DCF and relative valuations. At current levels, the stock trades ~50% above DCF value and ~35% above relative valuation. We continue to apply a 25% weighting to our DCF valuation and a 75% weighting to our EV/EBITDA valuation. We also continue to layer in ~\$11/sh in value from IRA benefit (calculated on an NPV basis through 2033). Our PO moves from \$76 to \$72 on our latest mark-to-market and model recalibration.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	2.05	4.37	4.41	4.29	5.81
GAAP EPS	0.98	2.68	3.02	2.48	3.94
EPS Change (YoY)	54.1%	113.2%	0.9%	-2.7%	35.4%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			4.39	3.75	5.54
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	47.7x	22.4x	22.2x	22.8x	16.8x
GAAP P/E	99.8x	36.5x	32.4x	39.4x	24.8x
EV / EBITDA*	37.0x	19.2x	18.6x	21.6x	14.1x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	2.2%	5.8%	3.8%	5.9%	6.1%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 10.					

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#### Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	76.00	72.00
2023E Rev (m)	2,326.6	2,317.4
2024E Rev (m)	1,749.7	1,705.6
2025E Rev (m)	2,108.1	2,146.0
2023E EPS	4.42	4.41
2024E EPS	4.31	4.29
2025E EPS	6.81	5.81

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#### Stock Data

Price	97.80 USD
Price Objective	72.00 USD
Date Established	6-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	C-3-9
52-Week Range	73.49 USD - 247.00 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	13,355 USD / 136.6
(mn)	
Free Float	96.7%
Average Daily Value (mn)	396.81 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	ENPH / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	ENPH US / ENPH.OQ
ROE (2023E)	55.4%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2022A)	99.0%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Enphase Energy

iQmethod <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Return on Capital Employed	23.2%	28.3%	22.9%	17.0%	19.6%
Return on Equity	64.0%	101.1%	55.4%	35.0%	34.39
Operating Margin	25.3%	29.3%	31.3%	35.1%	43.99
Free Cash Flow	300	776	503	789	814
<i>iQ</i> method <sup>™</sup> – <b>Quality of Earnings*</b>					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash Realization Ratio	1.2x	1.3x	0.9x	1.3x	1.0
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.6x	1.0x	1.4x	0.9x	0.8
Tax Rate	NM	12.3%	15.7%	13.5%	11.19
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	213.5%	99.0%	21.2%	-22.7%	-43.89
Interest Cover	7.7x	NM	NM	46.5x	NN
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Sales	1,383	2,346	2,317	1,706	2,14
% Change	78.6%	69.6%	-1.2%	-26.4%	25.89
Gross Profit	548	975	1,087	895	1,25
% Change	58.4%	77.8%	11.5%	-17.6%	39.99
EBITDA	382	736	759	655	1,00
% Change	82.0%	92.9%	3.1%	-13.8%	52.99
Net Interest & Other Income	(94)	(7)	62	82	(6
Net Income (Adjusted) % Change	292 55.1%	635 116.9%	639 0.7%	625 -2.1%	863 38.0%
Free Cash Flow Data (Dec) (US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	140	389	438	362	58
Depreciation & Amortization	32	50	49	55	6
Change in Working Capital	15	123	(117)	129	(88)
Deferred Taxation Charge	(31)	0	(60)	0	(
Other Adjustments, Net	196	265	264	293	30
Capital Expenditure	(52)	(50)	(70)	(50)	(50
Free Cash Flow	300	776	503	789	814
% Change	53.1%	159.0%	-35.2%	56.7%	3.29
Share / Issue Repurchase	0	0	0	0	
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	-
Change in Debt	612	253	0	0	1
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash & Equivalents	119	473	976	1,765	2,57
Trade Receivables	334	441	508	350	44
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## **Company Sector**

Alternative Energy

#### **Company Description**

Enphase Energy sells micro-inverters, energy storage, and software solutions catered to residential (rooftop) solar applications.

#### **Investment Rationale**

We are Underperform rated on ENPH as the core business growth is uncertain and at risk of deceleration over the next two years. ENPH is a profitable, FCF-generating engine with a strong financial position, but we argue fundamentals are strained while shares face significant multiple compression risk. We look for further growth from international expansion and new strategic initiatives, but gradual materialization does not offset further negative re-rating catalysts in the near term.

#### **Stock Data**

Average Daily Volume 4,057,391

## **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2022	2023
Q1	0.76A	1.32A
Q2	1.04A	1.42A
Q3	1.20A	0.99A
Q4	1.45A	0.67E

## How to frame shares from here?

The outlook for shipments is challenged for ENPH microinverters as channel inventory levels remain elevated. We note data points in both the US and Europe which seem to suggest a protracted recovery through at least the first half of 2024. California has historically accounted for 20% of ENPH revenue, and new residential solar installations in the state have significantly declined following changes in net metering policy (NEM 3.0). Elsewhere, European demand is equally pressured, albeit for different reasons. Elevated channel inventory, particularly panels, continues to pressure sell-through volumes. We perceive this as an underappreciated angle and reflect our concerns in our International shipment expectations which are well-below consensus. We see the decision to resize the manufacturing footprint as supporting our view for a protracted recovery in volumes. While we do not subscribe to the IRA repeal risk narrative, we nonetheless see this as an additional pressure point limiting shares. On balance, we look for a muted 1Q24 guide with limited visibility to a recovery through 1H24. We see the ongoing distress among the 'long tail' and corresponding consolidation of market positions by the larger operators in resi solar in the US as likely working against ENPH strategy on the margin. On the balance, we expect a challenged backdrop and remain surprised by recent broader recovery considering recent datapoints.

Exhibit 1: ENPH price performance vs. peers and rates (UST 10Yr inversed)

Look for sustained underperformance vs. peers and rates ahead as end market dynamics remain challenged



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Enphase Energy: Cautious pressure points still stacking up: Reduce forward estimates, PO further
Enphase Energy: Demand Headwinds are Here, and They Will Linger. Move to Underperform
Enphase Energy: US Resi Growing Pains & ENPH is at the Center of the Debate; 1023 Preview

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## Recalibrating the model to reflect cautious set-up

Our cautious view on end market dynamics is reflected in our estimates for shipments through our forecast. In the US, we look for sequential declines in both 4Q23 and 1Q24 for microinverter shipments as end markets remain pressured. Internationally, we expect an even steeper decline in 4Q23 followed by no growth in 1Q24 and only modest growth in 2Q24 as channel inventory levels normalize. We are essentially in-line with consensus for microinverter pricing at 30c/watt in 2024 and 28c/watt in 2025. We continue to credit ENPH with IRA benefits which provide sizable margin uplift. We forecast IRA benefits of \$41Mn in 2023, \$162Mn in 2024, and \$327Mn in 2025. Our 2025 forecast is reduced from \$495Mn in 2025 as we recalibrate our model to better align with demand trends. We had previously assumed full utilization of ENPH's 5M units/quarter US manufacturing capacity in 2025. We now reduce this to 3.3Mn considering the broader challenges facing the sector.

**Exhibit 2: ENPH earnings dashboard – we continue to see clear downside risk to 1Q guide as well as risk throughout '24** We look for a muted recovery in shipments pressure results through 2025

	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2024	2025
Key Metrics												
Shipments & ASPs												
Microinverter Shipments (MWdc)	5,903.4	1,957.0	2,121.3	1,585.6	870.6	6,534.5	776.1	941.8	1,380.5	1,545.5	4,643.8	5,861.9
Resi US	4,288.9	1,223.1	1,230.4	983.1	663.6	4,100.1	564.0	705.0	987.1	1,085.8	3,341.9	4,010.3
Resi International	1,614.2	733.9	890.9	602.5	197.0	2,424.4	197.0	216.7	368.4	423.7	1,205.9	1,507.4
Commercial	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	10.0	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	36.0	96.0	344.2
Storage Shipments (MWh)	509.6	97.4	83.9	86.5	90.5	358.2	79.8	97.1	135.6	145.6	458.1	758.6
Microinverter Blended ASP (\$/W)	\$0.33	\$0.331	\$0.304	\$0.310	\$0.306	\$0.31	\$0.304	\$0.304	\$0.297	\$0.297	\$0.30	\$0.28
VA Consensus	\$0.33	\$0.33	\$0.31	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.31	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.29
Storage ASP (\$/kWh)	\$738	\$738	\$738	\$627	\$627	\$683	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$584
Income Statement												
Resi US Revenue	1,422.7	399.6	376.6	311.0	205.7	1,292.9	174.9	218.6	301.1	331.2	1,025.6	1,169.2
Resi International Revenue	516.9	229.0	268.0	180.8	59.1	736.9	58.1	63.9	105.0	120.8	347.8	413.0
Commercial Revenue	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.0	2.7	3.6	4.5	6.5	17.3	58.9
Storage Revenue	376.3	71.9	61.9	54.3	56.8	244.8	49.1	59.7	83.4	89.5	281.7	443.2
EV Charging Revenue	30.0	6.1	4.7	5.0	5.7	21.5	6.8	7.4	8.8	10.2	31.4	61.7
Total Revenue (\$mn)	\$2,346.0	\$726.0	\$711.1	\$551.1	\$329.2	\$2,317.4	\$291.5	\$353.3	\$502.8	\$558.1	\$1,705.6	\$2,146.0
YoY	69.6%	64.5%	34.1%	-13.2%	-54.6%	-1.2%	-59.8%	-50.3%	-8.8%	69.5%	-26.4%	25.8%
Prior	\$2,346.0	\$726.0	\$711.1	\$551.1	\$338.4	\$2,326.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,749.7	\$2,108.1
Guidance		\$700-740	\$700-750	\$550-600	\$300-350							
VA Consensus	2,331	726	711	551	326	2,315	320	409	501	556	1,803	2,461
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	\$991.9	\$331.9	\$328.6	\$266.6	\$164.2	\$1,107.1	\$158.8	\$192.8	\$267.4	\$298.8	\$917.8	\$1,276.7
VA Consensus	993.8	\$332.0	\$328.7	\$266.7	\$159.8	1,086.9	\$155.7	\$198.7	\$250.9	\$281.2	890.2	1,261.9
% Margin	42.3%	45.7%	46.2%	48.4%	49.9%	47.8%	54.5%	54.6%	53.2%	53.5%	53.8%	59.5%
VA Consensus (Implied)	42.6%	45.7%	46.2%	48.4%	49.0%	47.0%	48.7%	48.6%	50.1%	50.6%	49.4%	51.3%
Guidance (w/ IRA)		41-44%	42-45%	42-45%	40-43%							15%
Guidance (w/o IRA)					48-51%							
Baseline Target: 35%												
					\$0.08							
IRA Credits		-	\$1.2	\$14.5	\$24.8	\$40.5	\$30.9	\$37.1	\$43.3	\$50.1	\$161.5	\$326.7
Prior		-	\$1.2	\$14.5	\$24.8	\$40.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$161.5	\$495.0
Non-GAAP OpEx	305.5	98.4	98.2	99.0	85.6	381.2	78.8	78.6	77.9	81.1	318.3	335.5
VA Consensus	305.0	98.4	98.0	98.8	88.3	383.5	78.2	82.1	83.4	84.2	328.0	372.8
% Revenue	13%	13.5%	14%	18%	26%	16%	27%	22%	15%	15%	19%	16%
Guidance		\$100-104	\$98-102	\$101-105	\$85-89							
Guidance Post 1H24 Restructuring								\$75-80				
Baseline Target: 15% of Rev.												
Non-GAAP Operating Income	\$686.4	\$233.6	\$230.5	\$167.6	\$78.6	\$710.2	\$80.0	\$114.2	\$189.5	\$217.7	\$599.5	\$941.2
VA Consensus	688.8	233.5	230.2	167.4	70.6	701.4	75.0	114.4	163.9	193.5	546.8	888.8
% Margin	29%	32%	32%	30%	24%	31%	27%	32%	38%	39%	35%	44%
Baseline Target: >20%												
Adj. EBITDA (w/ IRA Credits)	\$736.4	242.6	248.3	187.0	81.5	\$759.5	93.9	128.1	203.4	231.6	\$654.9	\$1,001.3

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Prior	\$736.4	\$242.6	\$248.3	\$187.0	\$90.4	\$768.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$669.5	\$1,161.5
Adj. EBITDA (w/o IRA Credits)	\$736.4	242.6	247.1	172.6	56.8	\$719.0	62.9	91.0	160.1	181.5	\$493.4	\$674.6
Prior	\$736.4	\$242.6	\$247.1	\$172.6	\$65.7	\$727.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$508.0	\$666.5
Margin, % (w/ IRA Credits)	31%	33%	35%	34%	25%	33%	32%	36%	40%	41%	38%	47%
Margin, % (w/o IRA Credits)	31%	33%	35%	31%	17%	31%	22%	26%	32%	33%	29%	31%
Non-GAAP EPS, Diluted (w/ IRA Credits)	\$4.37	\$1.32	\$1.42	\$0.99	\$0.67	\$4.41	\$0.69	\$0.88	\$1.31	\$1.47	\$4.29	\$5.81
Prior	\$4.39	\$1.32	\$1.42	\$0.99	\$0.72	\$4.42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$4.31	\$6.81
VA Consensus	\$4.58	\$1.36	\$1.46	\$1.02	\$0.55	\$4.43	\$0.56	\$0.80	\$1.10	\$1.28	\$3.81	\$5.70

**Source:** Company filings, Visible Alpha, BofA Global Research estimates

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Exhibit 3: ENPH forecasts: BofAe vs. consensus

We remain below consensus for shipments and revenue on expectations for a protracted recovery across key end markets

	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2024	2025
BofA vs. Consensus Forecast												
Microinverter Shipments (MWdc)												
BofAe	5,903.4	1,957	2,121	1,586	871	6,534.5	776	942	1,381	1,545	4,643.8	5,861.9
Visible Alpha	5,859.1	1,957	2,116	1,611	911	6,570.3	905	1,182	1,445	1,583	5,213.8	7,204.5
% Delta	1%	0%	0%	-2%	-4%	-1%	-14%	-20%	-4%	-2%	-11%	-19%
Revenue												
BofAe	2,346.0	726.0	711.1	551.1	329.2	2,317.4	291.5	353.3	502.8	558.1	1,705.6	2,146.0
Bloomberg	2,315.4	723.0	725.5	565.7	327.6	2,316.9	318.3	410.3	496.7	555.2	1,813.0	2,464.2
% Delta	1%	0%	-2%	-3%	0%	0%	-8%	-14%	1%	1%	-6%	-13%
Solar Revenue - BofAe	1,939.7	648.03	644.52	491.84	266.72	2,051.1	235.67	286.10	410.56	458.40	1,392.5	1,641.1
Solar Revenue - VA	1,920.1	641.69	647.11	490.57	260.82	2,042.9	258.32	343.26	418.29	455.93	1,491.8	2,020.4
% Delta	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	-9%	-17%	-2%	1%	-7%	-19%
Storage Revenue - BofAe	376.3	71.86	61.90	54.25	56.77	244.8	49.09	59.71	83.40	89.53	281.7	443.2
Storage Revenue - VA	376.7	75.49	56.52	57.57	57.96	247.9	59.52	70.10	80.42	93.20	303.3	411.1
% Delta	0%	-5%	10%	-6%	-2%	-1%	-18%	-15%	4%	-4%	-7%	8%
Adj. EBITDA												
BofAe	736.4	242.6	248.3	187.0	81.5	759.5	93.9	128.1	203.4	231.6	654.9	1,001.3
Bloomberg	718.5	220.0	231.4	168.7	81.1	746.8	87.5	129.3	177.3	209.6	601.6	928.9
% Delta	2%	10%	7%	11%	1%	2%	7%	-1%	15%	10%	9%	8%

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{Company} \ \mathsf{filings}, \mathsf{Bloomberg}, \mathsf{Visible} \ \mathsf{Alpha}, \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Research} \ \mathsf{estimates}$ 

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## Shares not cheap despite pullback; PO to \$72

Shares continue to trade well above both our DCF and relative valuations. At current levels, the stock trades ~50% above DCF value and ~35% above relative valuation. We continue to apply a 25% weighting to our DCF valuation and a 75% weighting to our EV/EBITDA valuation. We also continue to layer in IRA benefits (calculated on an NPV basis through 2033) which we now value at \$10/sh (vs. ~\$11/sh previously). The decline in IRA NPV is driven by our reduced expectations for US manufacturing utilization as previously mentioned. Our PO moves from \$76 to \$72 on our latest mark-to-market and model recalibration. See below for a full summary of our valuation and key changes.

### **Exhibit 4: ENPH valuation summary**

We arrive at a \$72 PO

#### **ENPH Valuation**

	<u>Value/Sh</u>	<u>Weight</u>	Weighted Value
EV/EBITDA	\$65.00	75%	\$48.75
DCF	\$53.00	25%	\$13.25
NPV: IRA Credit Value	\$9.81		
ENPH Value/Share			\$72.00
Share Price (As of 02/05/24)			\$101.76
Premium (Discount) to Unit Price			(29.2%)
2023E Dividend Yield			0.0%
Total Potential Return			-29.25%

Source: Company filings, Bloomberg, BofA Global Research estimates

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#### **Exhibit 5: ENPH EV/EBITDA valuation**

We arrive at a \$65/sh EV/EBITDA valuation

Enphase EV/EBITDA Valuation	2024	2025
Revenues		
Microinverters	\$1,424	\$1,703
Storage	\$282	\$443
Gross Margin	\$895	\$1,253
EBITDA Ex-IRA Credits	\$493	\$675
BOS Peer Group (A)	10.5x	9.0x
Previous BOS Peer Group	11.0x	9.5x
Relative Premium to BOS (B) - Base on 1-Yr Trailing EV/EBITDA vs Peers	6.0x	4.0x
EV/EBITDA (BOS Peer + BOS Premium, A+B)	16.5x	13.0x
Previous EV/EBITDA	16.0x	13.0x
Consensus EV/EBITDA	22.0x	14.0x
Illustrative Comparables		
Power Electronics & Semis Group	18.5x	17.0x
Previous Power Electronics & Semis Group	18.0x	16.0x
Implied Relative Premium to Power Electronics, Semis	-2.0x	-4.0x
Enterprise Value	\$8,142	\$8,769
Net (Debt) Cash (Adj for Converts)	\$506	\$506
Equity Value	\$8,648	\$9,275
Shares Outstanding	138	138
Valuation	\$63	\$68
EV/EBITDA Value vs. Current Share Px	-38%	-34%
EPS	\$4.41	\$4.29
Implied P/E (excl. Net Cash)	13.5x	14.9x
ENPH Share Price	\$102	\$102
Average Valuation	\$65	
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### **Exhibit 6: ENPH DCF valuation**

We arrive at a \$53/sh DCF valuation – discount rate moves to 12.5% from 12.6% on MtM

ENPH - DCF Methodology	2020E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
DCF - less Stock Based Compensation and Debt Amortization									
Free Cash Flows (\$Mn)		\$83	\$627	\$487	\$629	\$744	\$937	\$1,079	\$1,280
Less: Stock Based Compensation		\$62	\$248	\$263	\$256	\$250	\$253	\$257	\$259
Less Tax Credit Value		\$25	\$161	\$327	\$346	\$429	\$396	\$363	\$247
Adjusted Free Cash Flows (\$Mn)		(\$3)	\$217	(\$102)	\$26	\$65	\$288	\$459	\$773
Free Cash Flows to Equity (\$Mn)		(\$3)	\$217	(\$102)	\$26	\$65	\$288	\$459	\$773
Discount Rate- Cost of Equity		12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
Discount Factor		0.89	0.79	0.70	0.62	0.56	0.49	0.44	0.39
Discounted Free Cash Flows		(\$3)	\$172	(\$72)	\$16	\$36	\$142	\$202	\$302

DCF Value through '30	\$796
DCF Value through 2025	\$97

## **Terminal Value** *Terminal Multiple*

PV of Terminal FCFE Value	\$6.042
Terminal FCF Yield	5.0%
Implied Exit Multiple off 2030	20.0x
Terminal Value	\$15,469
Discount Factor	0.39
Terminal Multiple	20.00

#### Net Cash \$506

Total FCFE	\$7,344		
DCF Value/Share	\$53.00		
Shares O/S (Fully Diluted)	143.863		
Debt Included Convertible Note Dilution	6.228		
Adjusted Diluted Share Count	137.635		
Price as of close 02/05/2024	\$101.76		
DCF Value vs. Current Share Px	-48%		

Discount Rate 12.5%

**Source:** Company filings, Bloomberg, BofA Global Research estimates

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### **Exhibit 7: ENPH IRA benefit NPV**

We arrive at a ~\$10/sh NPV of IRA tax credit benefits

	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2024	2025	2033
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IRA Credit c/W	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00
Panel Size, W	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
\$/panel	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	0.00
Percentage Retained	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	50%
Retained Value, \$	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.75	24.75	0.00
Micros/qtr Utilized Capacity	1,635,000	1,250,000	1,500,000	1,750,000	2,025,000	2,025,000	3,300,000	5,000,000
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COGS Offset \$mm	40.5	30.9	37.1	43.3	50.1	161.5	326.7	0.0
NPV	\$1,350.76							
\$/sh	\$9.81							

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{Company} \ \mathsf{filings}, \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Research} \ \mathsf{estimates}$ 

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## Price objective basis & risk

#### **Enphase Energy (ENPH)**

Our \$72/share PO is based on an 75/25 weighted avg of EV/EBITDA and discounted cash flow (DCF) methodology - DCF embedded at 25% to keep the valuation anchored to the intrinsic valuation and EV / EBITDA at 75% to reflect the investor sentiment on the Cleantech space and ENPH. Weighted EV/EBITDA/share value is \$65 and weighted DCF/share is \$53. We add an incremental \$10/share of NPV value from IRA credits (12.5% discount rate through 2033).

#### EV/EBITDA approach:

- Comps based on solar Balance of System (BOS) universe given more tech differentiation and somewhat similar margin profiles
- ENPH at a premium multiple using relative premium observed to the rest of the BOS comp universe
- Average value between '24 and '25 implied EV/EBITDA valuation of '24 at 16.5x and '25 at 13.0x respectively vs our EBITDA est.

#### DCF approach:

- Derive FCFE by removing the contribution from stock-based compensation to FCF through 2030  $\,$
- FCFE discounted by 12.5% given rising risk free rate expectations
- Given high growth and expanding opportunity set, we attribute a 20x terminal multiple

Downside risks: (1) execution risks around financial/growth targets, (2) product risks around performance, (3) competitive risk and ability to maintain share, (4) partner risk around reliance on contract manufacturers, (5) policy risk around shifts in subsidy and incentives for resi solar. Upside risks: (1) policy implementation supporting acceleration in solar adoption, (2) increase in organic US/Europe demand.

## **Analyst Certification**

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	Array Technologies	ARRY	ARRY US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure	AY	AY US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Atmos Energy Corporation	ATO	ATO US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	CenterPoint Energy	CNP	CNP US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Cheniere Energy Inc	LNG	LNG US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Clearway Energy	CWENA	CWEN/A US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Clearway Energy	CWEN	CWEN US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	CMS Energy	CMS	CMS US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Consolidated Edison	ED	ED US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	DTE Energy	DTE	DTE US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Duke Energy	DUK	DUK US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	Enlight Renewable Energy Ltd	ENLT	ENLT US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
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	Fluence Energy	FLNC	FLNC US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
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Investment rating	Company	BofA Ticker	Bloomberg symbol	Analyst
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	Stem, Inc.	STEM	STEM US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	SunPower Corp.	SPWR	SPWR US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	UGI Corp.	UGI	UGI US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith
	WEC Energy Group Inc	WEC	WEC US	Julien Dumoulin-Smith

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Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets - Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
		Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +	Sales
	Other LT Liabilities	
EV / EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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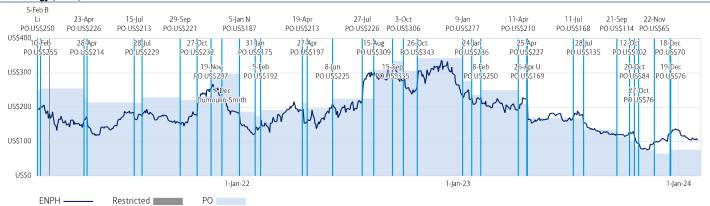


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#### Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Alternative Energy Group (as of 31 Dec 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	8	47.06%	Buy	8	100.00%
Hold	5	29.41%	Hold	3	60.00%
Sell	4	23.53%	Sell	1	25.00%

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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	1895	53.62%	Buy	1083	57.15%
Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
Sell	807	22.84%	Sell	383	47.46%

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