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My work employs a case study design to critically examine sub-national energy transition governance, using Karnataka as the focal case. This bottom-up analysis investigates the governance dynamics of solar transition in the state, integrating policy analysis with an in-depth evaluation of the justice perceptions of communities living around the Pavagada Solar Park. My findings reveal systemic injustices in policy implementation, manifested along regional, caste-based, and gendered dimensions. The essay concludes with actionable recommendations aimed at addressing these inequities, providing targeted reforms for policymakers in Karnataka. Substantively the study addresses critical gaps in literature on sub-national energy transitions in India, offering novel insights into the governance architectures and justice framings of renewable energy transitions.