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Tesla Rising With Solar ETFs As Key Vote Looms

Solar stocks delivered turbocharged gains to ETF investors this week

after congressional leaders reached a key energy pact.

It's been a tough slog for clean energy exchange traded funds for much of this year, but the clouds may be starting to dispel.

The legislative pact would extend a key solar subsidy for several more years. Without that support, a steep fall in demand for solar and wind energy was likely.

PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy (ARCA:[PBW](#)) jumped 7% Wednesday, but has given up 8.7% in 2015.

Both [ETFs](#) have big stakes in **First Solar** (NASDAQ:[FSLR](#)) and **SolarCity** (NASDAQ:[SCTY](#)), which soared to multimonth highs on huge volume this week.

The biggest holding in PBW is **Hanwha Q Cells** (NASDAQ:[HQCL](#)), which tops IBD's solar energy industry group with a Composite Rating of 93. The PowerShares ETF also counts Tesla as a top-25 holding.

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However, challenges still loom, say market analysts.

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