

Solar Update

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Some of you have asked and thus I felt we should provide an update on the large solar project being connected to our Crane Chase substation. There have been some delays attributed to the interconnection agreement between Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) (Price Electric's energy provider) and the solar energy generation provider, groSolar. The system impact assessment has recently been completed and the agreement is scheduled to be signed the week of August 21. All the other conditions and prerequisites are scheduled to be completed by the end of September. This being the case, a site mobilization date is slated for September 29, 2016 with a commercial operational date of June 21 of next year.

Given the opportunity, I wish to clarify that the interconnection and the Power Purchase agreements are between DPC and groSolar, not Price Electric Cooperative. The ownership and future maintenance rests exclusively with groSolar as well as any requirements associated with the leased land the project is constructed on, which is between the land owner and groSolar. I should emphasize, that as a member of DPC, we will benefit from having access to local renewable energy and wholeheartedly support the project. During the summer months, at peak generation, all 1,764 PEC members connected to the Crane Chase substation shall receive clean solar energy from this array. The generation not consumed by PEC members will be pushed back into the transmission system and as of today, this will be the largest utility scale solar project in Wisconsin.