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## UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR COMING TO PRICE ELECTRIC'S SERVICE TERRITORY

**In an effort to reduce carbon emissions and increase renewable energy in the generation mix, your energy provider, Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), has finalized**

**Purchase Power Agreements (PPA) with two developers for 15 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy.**

That's equivalent to Price Electric's peak demand in the winter season. Twelve utility-scale projects were selected out of the 25 Class A Cooperative members in the Dairyland Power group. A utility-scale solar facility is one that generates solar energy and feeds it into the grid, supplying a utility. Virtually every utility-scale solar facility has a Purchase Power Agreement with a utility, guaranteeing a market for its energy for a fixed term of time.

The largest utility-scale solar project selected is within the Price Electric Cooperative service territory. Dairyland has finalized this agreement with groSolar, of White River Junction, Vermont. The project developer, groSolar, will

construct and maintain a 2.5 MW solar array, which will be placed next to the Crane Chase substation on Short Cut Road, located in the Town of Flambeau. They have dubbed the project "Flambeau Solar Partners LLC."

A tracking system will also be installed, which will increase the efficiency by 15 percent because the 114 solar panels will track with the sun, maximizing the full potential of the sun's alignment.

Construction is planned to start this June or July with a

startup date of somewhere from the end of September to no later than the end of 2016. In its first year, this array will produce enough clean energy to power 470 homes in your community and will reduce carbon emissions by as much as removing 682 cars from our road systems.

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It will be an impressive site of 20 acres of solar array tracking with the sun, and definitely worth a drive just to see.



PEC Line Crew: Top row, L-R: Ben Grapa (crew foreman), Jesse Heinz (apprentice lineman), Tom Valiga (journeyman lineman). Bottom row, L-R: Randy Spacek (journeyman lineman), Jon Ocker (meter and load management specialist), Roy Kirchmeyer (journeyman lineman), David Pisca (journeyman lineman), Andrew Reuterskiold (apprentice lineman), Mark Pomeroy (journeyman lineman), Chris Burnis (apprentice lineman), Jerel Polacek (journeyman lineman), and Ben Orysen (line superintendent).

## THANK A LINEMAN ON APRIL 11!

America’s electric cooperatives have designated the second Monday of April as National Lineman Appreciation Day. On April 11, 2016, Price Electric Cooperative will honor the dedicated men who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on. We proudly recognize all electric linemen for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public’s safety.

Price Electric CEO Bill Caynor said, “I congratulate these

fine men on their amply awarded day of recognition for their talent, hard work, and devotion and dedication to you, our members, in times that most wish not to venture out in the weather. Colin Powell says it best in, ‘Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.’ ”

PEC crews maintain over 1,800 miles of line in Price Electric’s service territory. PEC invites members to take a moment and thank a lineman for the work they do!

## PEC SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 29!

High school seniors whose parents/guardians are PEC members are eligible to apply for \$500 scholarships from Price Electric! More information is available in the February 2016 issue of *WEC News*, from guidance counselors at local schools (Butternut, Chequamegon, Phillips, Prentice, and Rib Lake), and on the Price Electric website at [www.price-electric.com](http://www.price-electric.com). Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.



## PEC WELCOMES NEW ACCOUNTANT

Price Electric would like to welcome Jenni Janak, who joined the PEC staff as the new accountant on February 22. Jenni resides near Phillips with her husband, Ryan, and daughters. She previously worked at Caterpillar Forest Products, where she was employed as a legal entity/operations/cost accountant. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, camping, playing volleyball year-round, cooking, eating, and crafting.



Jenni looks forward to learning more about the electrical industry and how it relates to her accounting experience. She is proud to be a part of the cooperative as an employee and a member. All the best to Jenni as she begins her new role at PEC!



## Mark Your Calendar!

The Price Electric Cooperative  
**76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**  
will be held on  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2016.**



Join us  
for dinner  
starting at  
5 p.m.

Meeting will  
begin at 6 p.m.

## 2016 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

Introducing Price Electric's 2016 member photo contest! Members are invited to submit photos for inclusion in our 2017 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

### Photo Contest Criteria:

- Photos must be taken within the Price Electric Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in northern Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.)
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Photos must be high resolution—at least 300 dpi and 8"x10".

### Photo Contest Rules and Details:

- Photos must be submitted by July 31, 2016.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted.
- All PEC members 18 years and up are eligible to submit photos.
- A PEC member under 18 is eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photo.
- Member must own rights to photo.
- PEC employees will determine the winning photos.

### Photo Contest Entry Options:

- Email: [info@price-electric.com](mailto:info@price-electric.com)
- Mail: P.O. Box 110, Phillips, WI 54555
- Drop Off: Price Electric Cooperative Office—508 N Lake Avenue, Phillips

Entry forms and photo release forms can be downloaded from PEC's website at [www.price-electric.com](http://www.price-electric.com), picked up at the PEC office, or emailed upon request.



## PRICE ELECTRIC SOLAR SURVEY

PEC would like to thank all of the members who submitted responses to our solar survey in the February issue of *WEC News*. Your input is appreciated! The winner of the \$25 bill credit was Kurt Buckner.

### Price Electric Puzzler

How closely are you reading your issue of *WEC News*? As a new monthly feature, we will present a question whose answer can be found in the issue. Return the answer, and you could receive a \$25 bill credit!

Please drop off or mail your answer to Price Electric or email your answer to [info@price-electric.com](mailto:info@price-electric.com). A winner will be drawn from all correct entries on April 29.

The winner of the February PEC Puzzler was Ed Baumann. Congratulations!

**When will the 2016 PEC Annual Meeting of Members be held?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Price Electric Cooperative, 508 N. Lake Ave., P.O. Box 110, Phillips, WI, 54555

## METERING SOLUTION UPDATE

Progress continues on PEC's new advanced metering solution (AMI). Price Electric personnel have been installing equipment in the Crane Chase and Glidden substations in preparation for meter deployment in these areas beginning in April. Members whose properties are affected by these meter changes will be notified by postcard. PEC crews will also leave a door hanger notification when the meter exchange has been completed. Members do not need to be present at their property when the meters are exchanged.

For more information, please see the March 2016 issue of *WEC News* or contact Price Electric.

## PHONE NUMBER/ ADDRESS UPDATES

If your phone number has changed or your billing address should be updated, please let Price Electric know. In order for PEC to contact you regarding your account or service information, it is important that the contact information in your account is accurate. PEC thanks you for your assistance.

### Call Before You Dig!

As spring arrives and projects begin, Price Electric reminds you to call Diggers Hotline at 811 at least three days before beginning any digging on your property. Diggers Hotline will help determine the locations of underground lines to help you stay safe.



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