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NextEra Energy Resources and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative celebrate commissioning of New Mexico's newest solar energy project

ROSWELL, N.M., June 2, 2023 – State and local leaders and community stakeholders joined executives from NextEra Energy Resources, LLC and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative to celebrate the commissioning of the state's newest solar energy project – the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center.

"This solar energy center will generate low-cost, homegrown energy and provide millions of dollars in additional tax revenue to Chaves County and New Mexico over the life of the project," said J.D. Rulien, director of development at NextEra Energy Resources, the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun, a world leader in battery storage and is driving the development of the green hydrogen economy. "We are pleased to work with Western Farmers Electric Cooperative to bring online New Mexico's newest solar energy center."

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"Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, over the past 20 years, has focused on strengthening advancements towards renewable energy or zero-carbon energy, with development and growth playing essential roles in providing a diversified portfolio," said Gary Roulet, WFEC chief executive officer. "This Chaves County Solar II Energy Center will not only provide affordable energy to our member cooperatives, but it will also help us continue to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions associated with supplying power. It's the type of project where everyone wins."



Over the next 20 years, the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center is expected to generate millions in additional revenue for Chaves County and the state of New Mexico.

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Western Farmers Electric Cooperative

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative is a generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative that provides electric service to 21 member cooperatives and Altus Air Force Base. These members are located in Oklahoma and New Mexico, with some service areas extending into parts of Texas and Kansas. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, which is governed by a 22-member Board of Trustees, was organized in 1941 and is now in its 82nd year of operation. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative owns and operates a diverse power generation fleet consisting of gas steam and gas combustion turbine plant locations, a coal plant, utility-scale and community solar farms and wind farm locations. In addition, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative has power purchase agreements for wind, solar, natural gas and hydroelectric generation. The total combined capacity for owned and contracted assets is almost 2,400 megawatts (MW), all located in Oklahoma and New Mexico. Western Farmers Electric Cooperative has a large renewable energy* presence, with some 956 MW of wind energy*, from 14 sites, and 83 MW of solar*, from 22 sites, including both utility-scale, community and purchase agreements.

**WFEC purchases or produces energy from various wind & solar resources. However, WFEC has not historically, nor may not in the future, retain or retire all of the renewable energy certificates associated with the energy production from these facilities.*

NextEra Energy Resources

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (together with its affiliated entities, "NextEra Energy Resources") is a clean energy leader and is one of the largest wholesale generators of electric power in the U.S., with approximately 27,400 megawatts of total net generating capacity, primarily in 40 states and Canada as of year-end 2022. NextEra Energy Resources is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun, a world leader in battery storage and is driving the development of the green hydrogen economy. The business operates clean, emissions-free nuclear power generation facilities in New Hampshire and Wisconsin as part of the NextEra Energy nuclear fleet. NextEra Energy Resources offers a wide range of clean energy solutions to help businesses and customers across the country meet their emissions reduction goals. NextEra Energy Resources, LLC is a subsidiary of Juno Beach, Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE). For more information, visit www.NextEraEnergyResources.com.

Still images of Chaves County Solar II Energy Center Commissioning:



From left to right: Ashley Sgaliardich (Senior Project Manager, NextEra Energy Resources), Donnie Bidegain (President, Board of Trustees, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative), Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst (New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department), Representative Greg Nibert (District 59, New Mexico State Legislature) and JD Rulien (Director of Development, NextEra Energy Resources) cutting the ribbon and officially commissioning the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center in Roswell, New Mexico, on June 2, 2023. The Chaves County Solar II Energy Center will generate up to 30 MW of American, homegrown energy.



Donnie Bidegain, President, Board of Trustees, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (left), JD Rulien, Director of Development, NextEra Energy Resources, (right) presents a donation of \$5,000 to Ron Malone, Executive Director, Assurance Home (middle), during the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center commissioning ceremony on June 2, 2023.



The Chaves County Solar II Energy Center has more than 86,000 solar panels, and the clean energy will support Western Farmers Electrical Cooperative's customers. New Mexico's newest solar energy center will provide millions of dollars in additional tax revenue to Chaves County and New Mexico.