

New Community Solar Program -- SolarPerks™ -- Opens Solar Access to Massachusetts Ratepayers

Clean Energy Collective launches first-ever instant savings program featuring \$0 upfront cost and \$0 recurring costs.

BOSTON, MASS., UNITED STATES, October 24, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Massachusetts' favorable renewable energy landscape has set the stage for broad interest in individual solar energy production. Yet, historical solar programs have been available only to residents and businesses that own suitable rooftop space and feature long-term leasing arrangements. Clean Energy Collective (CEC), the nation's leading community solar developer, announced today the launch of SolarPerks™, the first-of-its-kind community solar program that affords every ratepayer in Massachusetts' NSTAR and National Grid territories the opportunity to participate in a shared utility-scale solar PV array for \$0 down and guaranteed monthly savings for 20 years. This makes SolarPerks™ the most broadly accessible and cost effective solar solution available in



CEC Community Solar Array, Rehoboth, Mass.

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A community-based renewable solution, SolarPerks™ is designed specifically for Massachusetts electricity customers seeking clean energy solutions and the environmental benefits they produce while also immediately reducing their energy costs. SolarPerks™ is available to all NSTAR and National Grid utility customers—including residential, commercial and government entities, renters, owners, multi-unit building tenants, and even those with shaded or historical properties. There is no installation, permitting, personal

financing, or maintenance required.

“The simplicity of this program will be attractive for anyone considering solar, especially in a market with high energy costs,” said CEC founder and CEO Paul Spencer. “This is the most accessible and affordable solar program offered in Massachusetts.”

How SolarPerks™ Works

Clean Energy Collective builds and operates responsibly sited community solar projects open to all residential and commercial ratepayers in a participating utility territory. The clean energy generated is

delivered to the utility grid. SolarPerks™ members receive credit on their electric bills for their subscribed energy production, and then pay CEC 95% of this credit retaining a 5% savings for themselves. Unlike other solar models with escalating lease payments and stringent contracts, the 5% savings is guaranteed for the life of the agreement, regardless of changing retail electric rates.

CEC has already completed and sold out two arrays in Massachusetts and, in support of the projected demand for SolarPerks™, is developing eight additional projects throughout the NSTAR and National Grid territories spanning 12 MW in total.

A limited amount of capacity is currently available to NSTAR and NGrid customers, with reservations available in the new SolarPerks program on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers can sign up or get more information at www.masscommunitysolar.com or by calling CEC at (844) 232-7253.

About Clean Energy Collective

Clean Energy Collective (CEC) is the nation's leading developer of community solar solutions. CEC pioneered the model of delivering clean power-generation through large-scale solar PV facilities accessible to all utility customers. Since establishing the first community-owned solar garden in the country in 2010 near El Jebel, Colorado, CEC has built or has under development more than 40 community solar projects with 18 utility partners across 8 states, representing 36 MW of community solar capacity. www.easycleanenergy.com

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