

New solar array to rise on Rte 100 in Morrisville from Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and Encore Renewable Energy

Once complete, 2.2 MW Lawrence Brook Solar project will allow Morrisville Water and Light to meet State of Vermont renewable energy requirements

MORRISVILLE, VT, US, June 3, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Vermont Public Power Supply Authority ("VPPSA") and Encore Renewable Energy announced today that construction has begun on a new solar array along Route 100 in Morrisville, on land currently utilized for corn silage. Encore is evaluating the potential for establishing pollinator-friendly wildflower groundcover to provide support for the bees, butterflies and other creatures that are critical to the overall health of our ecosystem.



Construction begins on Lawrence Brook Solar

Lawrence Brook Solar, the second project developed under a partnership formed in 2018 between VPPSA and Encore, will be sited on property owned by Morrisville resident Jeanette Davis. The new 2.2 megawatt (MW) array will generate income for Ms. Davis while allowing her to maintain ownership of the property through the duration of the 25-year lease agreement.

"Encore Renewable Energy has been a true partner in helping me to secure a lease revenue that will allow me to continue to live on the land that has been in my family for 40 years. I am looking forward to welcoming my new silent solar neighbor," said Ms. Davis.

Lawrence Brook Solar is expected to produce approximately 3,410,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in its first year, which is enough renewable energy to power approximately 450 Vermont homes.

"Solar power has never been cheaper. We're leveraging the low cost of this power to deliver the lowest cost renewable energy possible for these municipal customers," said Encore Founder and CEO Chad Farrell.



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The output is projected to fulfill Morrisville Water and Light's distributed generation requirement to comply with Vermont's Renewable Energy Standard ("RES"). Enacted in 2015, the RES requires Vermont electric utilities to supply increasing amounts of renewable energy. A portion must be purchased from distributed generators, including in-state solar arrays.

"Our residents value reliable, low-cost energy," said Morrisville Water & Light General Manager Penny Jones. "Lawrence Brook Solar helps keep our rates low and stable while also allowing us to meet state renewable

requirements."

This project is the second of a 10 MW portfolio that VPPSA and Encore Renewable Energy are building together. Under the partnership, Encore performs all design, development, financing, and construction of solar projects. VPPSA manages the resulting electric generation, and maximizes its value for its member utilities' communities.

"Lawrence Brook Solar is a triple win," said VPPSA General Manager Ken Nolan. "It allows Morrisville's community to achieve its renewable energy goals, helps keep land in a local resident's hands, and supports a Vermont-based business. The project epitomizes how VPPSA's partnership with Encore Renewable Energy enhances local communities and our economy."

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About VPPSA

VPPSA provides municipal electric utility members with a broad spectrum of services and solutions, including regulatory assistance, financial planning, and power supply. VPPSA members include Barton Village, Village of Enosburg Falls, Hardwick Electric Department, Village of Jacksonville Electric Company, Village of Johnson Electric Department, Ludlow Electric Light Department, Lyndonville Electric Department, Morrisville Water & Light Department, Town of Northfield Electric Department, Village of Orleans, and Swanton Village Electric Department. For more information, visit www.vppsa.com

About Encore Renewable Energy

Encore Renewable Energy is a Burlington, Vermont-based leading integrated clean energy services company with a proven track record of reclaiming undervalued real estate for community-scale solar and energy storage systems. Founded in 2007 as Encore Redevelopment, Encore specializes in the design, development, financing, permitting, and construction of renewable energy projects on landfills, brownfields, rooftops and carports. For more information

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