
WOOD COUNTY SOLAR PROJECT

Background Information

The Wood County Solar Project, LLC (“WCSP”) is constructing a new 150-MWAC utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility (the “Project”). WCSP owns approximately 1,652 acres of land in the Town of Saratoga (along the East and West sides of Rangeline Road and north of Blue Ridge Lane). The Project footprint is expected to be approximately 1,208 acres. An approximately 3.5-mile new 138 kV electric transmission line (the “Gen-tie Line”) will run from the Project substation to the proposed point of interconnection with ATC’s X-11 138kV transmission line located approximately one mile east of the intersection of STH 73 and Mill Avenue. Attachment 1 includes a map showing ownership of the land associated with the Project and the Gen-tie Line.

The Project’s PV mounting structure will be single axis trackers, oriented north-south. Central inverters will be utilized on a pre-assembled station platform, integrated with pad-mount, distribution transformers. The direct current (DC) collection system will be a combination of PV string cable managed along the tracking system. The DC collection system cable will be direct-buried. The alternating current (AC) collection system is medium-voltage and will also be direct-buried. Electrical output from the Project will be stepped up to the interconnection voltage at the Project substation. . A detailed site plan is included as Attachment 2.

Alliant Energy (“Alliant”) has announced plans to acquire WCSP and own and operate the Project. WCSP has teamed with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (“BM”) for Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Project.

WCSP began tree harvesting activities at the Project site in April 2021 – implementing sustainable practices, mulching of tops and non-merchantable timber and hauling of timber and mulch from site. Tree harvesting activities will continue at the Project site through early July 2021. Tree harvesting of the Gen-tie Line easement area is scheduled to begin in June 2021 and continue through October 2021.

Construction activities are scheduled to begin June 2021 with Site Preparation (Stormwater BMP Installation, Clear & Grubbing, Site Grading, Plant Roads, Plant Fencing and Seeding). Site Preparation works is expected to be completed in early October 2021, after which Electrical (underground, above ground, equipment setting) and Mechanical (piles, trackers, modules) construction activities are scheduled to commence in July 2021 and continue through mid-2022 with startup and commissioning activities being complete by end of 2022. Attachment 3 includes a schedule of Project construction and commissioning activities.

Alliant plans to operate the Project. Their address is 4902 N Biltmore Ln, Madison, WI 53718; Tim Kreft, is the Program Manager at Alliant –and is the company’s primary contact for this Project. Tim Kreft can be reached via phone at 608-458-5097 or via email at timkref@alliantenergy.com.

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Decommissioning Plan

The expected operation lifespan of the Project is 30-35 years. At that time, Alliant's plant operator will analyze whether the Project has means to continue operation or whether decommissioning of the Project is required. Per the Solar Generating Facility Developer Agreement between the Town of Saratoga ("Town") and WCSP, decommissioning would entail the removal of all above-ground Project components, including proper dismantling thereof. In addition, the property would be restored to a reasonably similar condition as prior to construction, including efforts to de-compact any substantially compacted soil, and reseed disturbed areas of the Site to control soil erosion. Attachment 4 includes a preliminary decommissioning plan. The decommissioning plan will be updated once additional information is available.