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# News Release

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## **Stoughton Utilities Celebrates Wisconsin's Newest Solar Energy Project**

Stoughton Utilities Director Jill Weiss joined state leaders and executives from WPPI Energy and NextEra Energy Resources, LLC to celebrate the commissioning of Wisconsin's newest large-scale solar energy project – the Point Beach Solar Energy Center.

The Point Beach Solar Energy Center spans 465 acres near Two Rivers, Wis., and is adjacent to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, which also supplies power to Stoughton through Stoughton Utilities. Construction for the Point Beach Solar Energy Center lasted 10 months and generated a significant economic boost to the region, creating 200 construction jobs and stimulating the purchase of regional goods and services.

"We look forward to supplying Stoughton with cost-effective, renewable energy produced by Point Beach Solar," said Weiss. "We know our friends and neighbors in the area value affordable, responsible power, and this new project aligns perfectly with our goals."

The Point Beach Solar Energy Center features more than 315,000 photovoltaic solar panels that convert the sun's energy into electricity, and the center has the capacity to generate 100 megawatts of electricity. The energy will power Stoughton through their not-for-profit wholesale power provider, WPPI Energy, of which Stoughton Utilities is a member-owner. The power purchase agreement will be in effect for 20 years.

“We are excited to see this project come online,” said Mike Peters, president and CEO of WPPI Energy. “Not only will Point Beach Solar provide cost-effective energy to our member communities, but it will also further diversify our portfolio and help us continue to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions associated with supplying power. It’s the type of project where everyone wins.”

With the addition of Point Beach Solar Energy Center, the WPPI Energy membership is on track for reducing carbon dioxide emissions approximately 45% by 2025 when compared to 2005. The adjacent Point Beach Nuclear Plant has been producing reliable, zero-carbon energy since the early 1970s, and WPPI Energy already purchases a portion of the power that facility produces to serve member utilities.

The Point Beach Solar Energy Center is now online and already supplying renewable energy to Stoughton.



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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area, and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.

### **WPPI Energy**

Member-owned, not-for-profit WPPI Energy serves 51 locally owned utilities that together provide electric power to more than 200,000 homes and businesses in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, and Iowa. Through joint action, WPPI Energy members have built a diverse, competitive and responsible power supply; a cost-effective suite of shared utility business technologies and forward-thinking services; and a highly effective voice for energy policy advocacy. For more information, visit [www.wppienergy.org](http://www.wppienergy.org).

### **NextEra Energy Resources**

NextEra Energy Resources, LLC is a clean energy leader and is one of the largest wholesale generators of electric power in the U.S., with approximately 23,900 megawatts of total net generating capacity, primarily in 38 states and Canada as of year-end 2020. NextEra Energy Resources, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun based on 2020 megawatt hours produced on a net generation basis, and a world leader in battery storage. 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, LLC is a subsidiary of Juno Beach, Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE). For more information, visit [www.NextEraEnergyResources.com](http://www.NextEraEnergyResources.com).