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COSERV CONVERTS PEANUT FARM INTO SOLAR FARM

KRUGERVILLE, TEXAS—Sept. 25, 2015—Citing a “common-sense approach” to renewable energy, CoServ officials dedicated the **CoServ Solar Station** today on 16 acres in northeastern Denton County.

CoServ President/CEO **Donnie Clary** said CoServ is committed to providing Members with access to affordable renewable energy without costly installation fees, complicated leases or long-term commitments.

“The vision of CoServ's Board of Directors to bring solar power to our Members is the reason we are standing here,” he said to more than 50 guests at the brief ceremony. “CoServ and other electric cooperatives are doing for our Members what we have done for over 75 years—using our collective strength to provide energy solutions that members could not do on their own.”

The 2MW AC facility is part of the Solar Utility Network Deployment Acceleration (SUNDA) project, a joint initiative between the Department of Energy and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Construction on what was once a peanut farm began in April and concluded in May. Testing concluded in August, and the Corinth-based co-op began selling blocks of electricity generated by the sun to Members in mid-September.

Anne Vaden, Chairman of the CoServ Board of Directors, said the time was right for this “community solar” approach to renewable energy.

“This is a momentous day for CoServ and North Texas as we open the door on a new age of energy solutions for CoServ Members,” she said. “The future looks bright.”

For more information about the CoServ Solar Station and the Residential Solar Energy Rate, please visit CoServ.com.



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NRECA Solar Array Designs Debut in Texas Today

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(ARLINGTON, VA.)—Engineering designs for utility-scale photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays developed by cooperative staff working with a research team at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) make their debut today when CoServ Electric dedicates its 2-MW community solar project in Krugerville, Texas.

In 2013, NRECA won support from the U.S. Department of Energy’s SunShot Initiative to create a set of standardized tools, including electrical engineering designs and financial business models, as part of an effort to drive down costs and reduce barriers to solar development.

“CoServ’s solar array is the first system using NRECA’s modular engineering designs to come online. We are thrilled to have CoServ as partner in this project. The CoServ array illustrates the value of the cooperative difference: collaboration and innovation. CoServ’s experience will help co-ops nationwide find and develop solar solutions that benefit their consumer-members,” said **Jim Spiers**, NRECA’s vice-president for business and technology strategies.

NRECA has developed modular PV system packages consisting of standardized, optimized and scalable technical designs for 250 kW, 500 kW and 1 MW systems. Fourteen co-ops nationwide are participating in NRECA’s Solar Utility Network Deployment Acceleration (SUNDA) project, developing solar arrays in 14 states using the new designs and models.

NRECA’s SUNDA partners also include the National Rural Utility Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange, PowerSecure International, Inc. (NYSE: POWR).

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization that represents the nation’s more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.