



Wood County Solar Project officially transitions to Alliant Energy

Construction set to start on the 1,200-acre solar project, in the town of Saratoga; once complete, it will generate about 150 megawatts of clean energy.

MADISON, Wis. (July 12, 2021) – Ownership of [Wood County Solar Project](#) is officially transitioning from [Savion, LLC](#) to Alliant Energy. This milestone comes on the heels of approval from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) on Alliant Energy’s filing for 675 megawatts of solar. It also marks the beginning of construction on the 150-megawatt (MW) project located in the town of Saratoga (about seven miles south of Wisconsin Rapids).

“It has been a pleasure working with the Savion team in anticipation of the PSCW’s decision,” stated Ben Lipari, director of Project Development & Customer Solutions at Alliant Energy. “We are excited to build upon the positive relationships with the Town of Saratoga, Wood County and the community. Wood County Solar Project will bring a significant number of local jobs and investment over the next couple of years and plays a critical role in our sustainable path forward.”

Alliant Energy is contracting with [Burns & McDonnell](#) to construct the project, which is expected to create a couple hundred jobs. Once operational, the 150 MW project will generate enough electricity to power approximately 40,000 Wisconsin homes. The community and county will receive a combined \$600,000 in annual shared revenues and will be used, as determined by the local communities and government officials.

“Today, we celebrate the hand-off of Wood County Solar Project to Alliant Energy,” said Scott Zeimetz, chief development officer for Savion. “Our project development team has been impressed by the welcoming spirit of the community, so we want to sincerely thank the residents and the elected officials for their sustained support. We appreciate the commitment and hard work of Alliant Energy to make this solar project a reality and look forward to future opportunities to expand our partnership.”

In addition to the Wood County Solar Project, Alliant Energy has contracted with Burns & McDonnell to construct the [North Rock](#) and [Bear Creek](#) projects. For more information, visit [Alliant Energy’s solar webpage](#).

Background:

In May 2020, [Alliant Energy introduced its plan](#) to construct six large-scale solar projects in Wisconsin. Then, in March 2021, the company announced plans to [build out six more projects](#) – making Alliant Energy the largest owner and operator of solar energy in the state of Wisconsin. According to the company, it’s part of the [Clean Energy Blueprint](#), an outline of their acceleration and transition to clean energy.

In total, Alliant Energy has proposed [12 solar projects, planned for nine Wisconsin counties](#). Collectively, they will add nearly 1,100 MW of solar energy generation to the state’s energy grid – enough to power nearly 300,000 homes. Along with the rest of the Clean Energy Blueprint, these projects will help

customers avoid more than \$2 billion in long-term costs. They'll also deliver steady revenue through new construction opportunities, create an estimated 2,000 construction jobs and provide approximately \$300 million in revenues to local communities and landowners over an estimated project lifespan of 30 years.

At a time when much is changing, Alliant Energy notes that these projects demonstrate the company's commitment to advancing clean energy and strengthening the communities they serve. In addition, Alliant Energy says that this investment in solar provides customers with reliable, environmentally friendly energy long into the future.

With increasing sustainability expectations from customers and businesses, the time is now to transition to more renewable energy generation. Alliant Energy is committed to elevating its sustainable practices and cost-effectively accelerating renewable energy generation while reducing carbon emissions.

Solar generating projects have a low profile and are virtually noiseless. They generate zero emissions, odors or harmful byproducts. During operation, planted prairie grasses and pollinators will create a hospitable environment for pollinating insects and birds. When the project reaches the end of its useful life (approximately 30 years), per regulatory agreement, Alliant Energy will remove the equipment and restore the land so it can be used as desired, including for agriculture.

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