

# Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and Encore Renewable Energy Power Up Solar Array to Benefit Morrisville Residents

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MORRISVILLE, VT, USA, December 17, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Vermont Public Power Supply Authority](#) (“VPPSA”) and [Encore Renewable Energy](#) announced today that the Lawrence Brook Solar project is now supplying renewable energy to the electric grid in Morrisville.

The new 2.2 MW solar array is sited on property owned by Morrisville resident Jeanette Davis. Previously used for corn silage, the land now hosts a renewable energy project generating enough electricity to power 450 Vermont homes. The 25-year lease agreement will provide income for Ms. Davis and allow her to maintain ownership of her family’s land.



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The clean electricity generated from Lawrence Brook Solar is purchased by VPPSA on behalf of Morrisville Water & Light. Like all Vermont utilities, Morrisville Water & Light is increasingly providing its customers with renewable electricity according to requirements set by the Renewable Energy Standard. A portion of the renewable portfolio must come from small generators located within Vermont. Lawrence Brook Solar is expected to produce 3,500 MWh of electricity in its first year, exceeding the in-state renewable generation requirements by 130%.

“Our mission is to keep electric rates affordable for our community,” said Morrisville Water & Light General

Manager Penny Jones. “Our customers can take pride knowing their electricity is coming from increasingly renewable resources with prices remaining low and stable.”

This is the second solar array to be energized under the VPPSA and Encore Renewable Energy public-private partnership. VPPSA and Encore have arranged to build a 10 MW solar portfolio together, accounting for 16% of VPPSA member utilities’ peak demand. Solar projects will be sited across multiple VPPSA member utility territories.

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.

“It is central to our mission to develop solar projects that benefit the local community,” said Chad Farrell, CEO and Founder of Encore Renewable Energy. “Lawrence Brook Solar goes beyond providing affordable electricity to ratepayers with the additional benefit of being a reliable source of income allowing Jeanette Davis to keep her family’s land.”

The commissioning of Lawrence Brook Solar represents another milestone in our partnership with Encore Renewable Energy,” said VPPSA General Manager Ken Nolan. “VPPSA’s mission is to help Vermont communities meet their goals, and we are grateful to have Encore helping us develop utility-scale solar that allows our communities to reap the benefits of renewable, reliable, and affordable energy.”

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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](http://www.vppsa.com)

#### About Encore Renewable Energy

Encore Renewable Energy is a Burlington, Vermont-based leader in commercial renewable energy with a proven track record in solar development from concept to completion. Founded in 2007 as Encore Redevelopment, their team specializes in the design, development, financing, permitting, and construction of solar and energy storage projects on landfills, brownfields, rooftops and carports. As a values-led company, Encore is committed to revitalizing communities and creating a cleaner, brighter future for all. For more information about Encore please visit [www.encorerenewableenergy.com](http://www.encorerenewableenergy.com). Stay connected via Twitter and LinkedIn.

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