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Two Creeks Project Helps to Shift Narrative on Solar Energy

Cowles Applauds the Groundbreaking for Wisconsin's First Utility Scale Solar Project

GREEN BAY– Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement after today's groundbreaking ceremony at the Two Creeks Solar project in Two Rivers:

“When the state Public Service Commission (PSC) approved two new utility-scale solar projects earlier this year, they set Wisconsin on a path towards stronger energy diversity and security. These two projects are the first of their kind in Wisconsin and, once complete, will be some of the biggest solar generation facilities in the Midwest. Ground was broken today on one of these planned projects, Two Creeks Solar, with commitments already in place from multiple utilities to purchase solar power generated right here in Wisconsin. Thanks to Wisconsin Public Service and others for expanding their commitment to renewables.

“Today's groundbreaking is the result of renewable energy becoming economically competitive against traditional energy generation. Additionally, the solar power generated in Two Rivers will be brought online and kept online thanks to the help of our state's rapidly growing renewable energy workforce. Two Creek Solar will help to forge a new era in Wisconsin's energy sector that provides for a cleaner and more robust energy portfolio with a larger energy generation workforce than we previously thought possible.

“As these shifts in Wisconsin's energy industry progress, it's important to remember that the PSC, when approving this project, took the necessary action to safeguard small businesses and residents impacted by new major utility projects on their power bill. By rejecting some of the major cost overrides, the PSC sent a message that, as their dockets evolve to meet the changing energy markets, customers will still come first.”

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