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# Dominion Energy, Harrisonburg Electric Commission Partner on Solar Energy

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HARRISONBURG, Va. — Dominion Energy Virginia and Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC) are partnering to develop a 1.4-megawatt solar facility to supply renewable energy for Harrisonburg Electric Commission customers.

This partnership is the first of its kind between Dominion Energy and a Virginia Municipal Electric Association (VMEA) municipal electric utility. Under the agreement, which was approved by Harrisonburg City Council on November 10<sup>th</sup>, Dominion Energy will own and operate the facility on land owned by the City, and HEC will purchase the energy output from it under a long-term power purchase agreement. HEC will use that energy to supply its members with a renewable generation option specifically sourced from this local solar array through HEC's Community Solar program. The facility will be located in Harrisonburg and construction is expected to begin in early 2021.

"We're excited about this unique partnership with Harrisonburg Electric Commission to provide solar energy for their customers," said Ed Baine, president - Dominion Energy Virginia. "More renewable energy on the grid is a benefit to everyone in the Commonwealth and will help move us toward a cleaner energy future."

"We are very pleased with this arrangement, which met all of our goals with respect to solar within our community. Our primary objective was having it located within our footprint, physically offsetting energy that would have otherwise been purchased through our existing delivery points," said Brian O'Dell, General Manager of the Harrisonburg Electric Commission. "I appreciate their willingness to partner with us in this fashion. Located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, we know our customers are seeking ways to reduce their carbon footprint, and this project will go a long way in that effort. This has been in the works for over a year and a half and it's good to get it to

the final stages.”

Having received the approvals from the Harrisonburg City Council, the VMEA Board is expected to consider the final approvals within the next couple of months. These approvals will allow HEC to begin the process of designing its Community Solar Program and to begin communicating with its customers, gauging interest and receiving feedback on how it might best share this renewable energy to those that want to participate.

Dominion Energy is committed to achieving net zero carbon and methane emissions and providing a cleaner energy future for the customers and the communities it serves. Solar generation is a vital part of Dominion Energy's comprehensive clean energy strategy, and this partnership with HEC builds on Dominion Energy's commitment to expand solar across the Commonwealth.

Dominion Energy is transforming how the company serves customers and communities for the greater good. The details are outlined in the company's newly released Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Report, which can be accessed online at [sustainability.dominionenergy.com](https://sustainability.dominionenergy.com).

#### About Dominion Energy

More than **7 million customers in 16 states** energize their homes and businesses with electricity or natural gas from Dominion Energy (NYSE: **D**), headquartered in Richmond, Va. The company is **committed to sustainable, reliable, affordable and safe energy** and to achieving net zero carbon dioxide and methane emissions from its power generation and gas infrastructure operations by 2050. Please visit [DominionEnergy.com](https://DominionEnergy.com) to learn more.

#### About Harrisonburg Electric Commission

Harrisonburg Electric Commission has provided Harrisonburg with reliable service at competitive rates for over 60 years. HEC currently serves more than 21,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers within the city limits of Harrisonburg, VA. Visit [www.harrisonburgelectric.com](https://www.harrisonburgelectric.com) to learn more.