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News Release

BANTAM SOLAR ENERGIZED AND POWERING THE CITY OF ROCKFORD

Rockford, Minn. (February 10, 2016) — The groundbreaking Bantam Solar accord struck between Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) and the City of Rockford has come to fruition, as the City is now seeing savings from the panels on its energy bill.

Housed atop the Rockford City Center Mall and the City's western water tower, the 690 panels comprising the Bantam Solar project have already begun providing a percentage of Rockford's energy needs with solar power. Energized in December, both locations were chosen by the city on land otherwise considered unusable. In return, the City of Rockford receives a discount on the energy portion of its electric bill for 25 years.

"It's great to see this project in operation, and benefitting the City of Rockford," said Steve Nisbet, vice president of external relations and power solutions at WH. "Much work has been accomplished since the project approval in late spring. The City of Rockford desired clean, renewable energy and WH is happy to provide it. It is part of our cooperative mission to meet the energy needs and the values and priorities of the communities we serve."

WH's wholly-owned subsidiary, WH Solar, installed the equipment and will take care of maintenance for both sites.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, non-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.



Clean, renewable energy now powers 67 percent of the City of Rockford through the Bantam Solar project implemented by Wright-Hennepin. The panels shown here and also atop the City Center Mall went online in December.

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