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News Release

HISTORIC WRIGHT-HENNEPIN SOLAR COMMUNITY GRAND OPENING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

Rockford, Minn. (August 23, 2013) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members are invited to join the historic dedication of the WH Solar Community Monday, September 9 at 6:30. The occasion will be held at WH's headquarters located at 6800 Electric Drive, off of Hwy. 55 in Rockford, Minn.

The dedication will put into service Minnesota's first solar community and the first one in the nation that uses batteries to store power.

After a brief dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees will enjoy a complimentary wine and cheese reception under a tent, along with music. Tours of the WH Solar Community will be given to the public throughout the evening. In addition, booths and information about the next solar community will be available.

The WH Solar Community is an easy and affordable way for members to own solar energy for their home or small business. Members can purchase one or more panels up to the amount needed to serve their annual energy needs and will then receive a kilowatt-hour (kWh) credit on their energy bill each month. The credit is based on the number of panels the member has purchased, as well as the amount of the energy produced by the solar array each month.

WH is taking reservations for panels in a second solar community, which will likely be built this fall. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please visit www.whsolarcommunity.com or call a representative at (800) 646-0323.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its

security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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