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News Release

WH INTRODUCES A FIRST OF A KIND SOLAR OFFERING

Rockford, Minn. (August 26, 2014) — In response to member interest in renewable energy sources, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) is now introducing a very unique way to own solar by pairing two popular options: community solar with \$0-down pricing.

Community solar panels are being offered under the cooperative's newest diversified business: WH Solar LLC. The first \$0-down community solar offering will be a large, 150 kilowatt array to be located on a property in the local area and owned by WH. The new array will be four times larger than the first two arrays built at WH. Under this program, members will be able to purchase the energy output from a single panel or from as many panels as needed to meet the power needs of their homes, businesses or farms. It is anticipated that the third array will be energized in late 2014 or early 2015.

Community solar allows members the advantage of generating the energy for their homes or businesses from the sun without the hassle of installing and maintaining solar panels on their roofs or properties.

"We have found a way to take a very complex technical and financial transaction and have made it simple," said WH's VP of Renewable and Alternative Energy Steve Nisbet.

For further information on any of these products, please contact a WH representative at (763) 477-3000 or info@whe.org. In addition, there will be a community solar informational meeting held at WH's headquarters in Rockford, Minn. on September 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. To sign up, visit: http://goo.gl/t3ibvJ.

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 almost 60,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.