The City of Osawatomie, Evergy announce solar development agreement

Evergy selected as city considers 3 MW solar facility

Kansas City, Mo.– Feb. 7, 2022– The City of Osawatomie will partner with Evergy to explore building up to 3 megawatts of solar to power the Osawatomie, Kan., community.

“Osawatomie’s strong leadership shows their investment to continued growth in renewable energy and commitment to our partnership,” said Lloyd Jackson, managing director, Evergy Energy Partners. “Our Evergy team is proud to partner with Osawatomie as they expand their energy sources that will continue to serve the community.”

City of Osawatomie Deputy City Manager Bret Glendening said, “We are very excited to work with Evergy and KMEA on this solar project, and they have been great partners to work with in the development process. This project is a great opportunity to diversify our municipal electric utilities' generation portfolio even further, and one of the best parts is that it's within the city limits of Osawatomie.

“Furthermore, this investment comes as our neighboring communities in eastern Kansas are contemplating similar partnerships to facilitate small-scale solar projects in or near their communities to the benefit of their utility customers as well.”

Evergy and the city will conduct a viability study before proceeding to building the solar array and entering into a purchase power agreement for the energy. Evergy Energy Partners would construct, own and maintain the solar facility.

Evergy has a strong commitment to renewable energy for a sustainable future. Currently, Evergy meets about 50% of its customers’ needs with carbon-free energy, including about a third from renewable sources.

Evergy Energy Partners is an industry leader with a team experienced in developing creative and flexible power supply strategies. By combining an in-depth understanding of utility planning, operations, and regulation with negotiated structures, Evergy Energy Partners has been able to secure favorable power supply arrangements with substantial long-term power cost benefits to utility, municipality, cooperative, and industrial clients.

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