

RENEW WI: PSC approves 100 megawatt Point Beach solar farm

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Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approved the Point Beach Solar Farm project!

Point Beach will be a 100 megawatt solar farm, and will supply electricity to WPPI Energy. WPPI is a wholesale energy provider for 41 municipal utilities in Wisconsin plus 10 more across Michigan and Iowa. The developer is [NextEra Energy Resources](#), one of RENEW Wisconsin's newest Business Members.

Almost [three years ago](#), WPPI Energy made a splash by announcing the results of a request for renewable power proposals. At the time, wind energy was expected to be the winner of that competition. But this solar farm proposal was selected, foreshadowing how cost-effective solar power was becoming in Wisconsin.

Since then, other major power suppliers have followed WPPI Energy's lead. In April 2019, the [PSC approved the Badger Hollow and Two Creeks Solar Farms](#). Along with the 49.9 megawatt Richland County Solar Farms which was approved at the County level, these projects marked the first utility-scale solar approvals in Wisconsin.

This Point Beach Solar Farm will be placed on ground right around the existing Point Beach Nuclear Energy plant. It will also be located next to the Two Creeks Solar Farm now in construction, with the two projects combining to provide 249 megawatts of solar capacity in Manitowoc County.

With today's PSC approval in hand, construction will begin next year and it should come online in 2021. It is expected to provide enough energy to serve more than 23,000 people.

Congratulations to NextEra Energy Resources and WPPI Energy on this project

approval!