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## **Applauds PSC's Approval of New Solar Energy Projects**

GREEN BAY– Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released this statement following the Wisconsin Public Service Commission's decision earlier today to approve two utility-scale solar projects, the first of their kind in Wisconsin:

“Today's action by the PSC is a bold step forward for our state's energy diversity and security, and could mark the beginning of a new era for Wisconsin's energy industry. This announcement comes on the heels of renewable energy becoming more economically competitive against traditional energy generation and the realization that Wisconsin's renewable energy workforce is growing. Not only will these projects create enough energy to power approximately 120,000 homes, but this decision will help to pave the way for a more clean and robust energy portfolio in years to come.

“In the process of approving these projects, the Public Service Commission also took the necessary action to safeguard small businesses and residents impacted by any new major utility projects when they get their monthly power bill. By rejecting some of the major cost overrides, the PSC sent a message that, as their dockets evolve to meet the changing energy markets, customers will still come first.”

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