



CITY OF HOT SPRINGS ARKANSAS AND SCENIC HILL SOLAR PARTNER TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT SOLAR ELECTRICITY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Solar Power Plant Plans Are the Largest by Any Arkansas City to Date

Little Rock – The City of Hot Springs has teamed together with Scenic Hill Solar to build 12.75 MW DC of solar power plants at multiple locations in Hot Springs. These solar power plants will provide electricity generation equal to the total electricity consumption of all Hot Springs government operations. The City of Hot Springs Board of Directors unanimously approved the Projects last evening.

Hot Springs City Manager, Bill Burrough remarked,

Bill Halter, CEO of Scenic Hill Solar stated, “We are delighted to partner with Hot Springs on this transformative set of investments in renewable energy. We commend the leadership of Hot Springs for moving forward with vision and boldness to provide renewable electricity, reduce total taxpayer spending on electricity, and stimulate local economic development through the construction of multiple power plants. This commitment to smart sustainability is a big reason for companies to look to Hot Springs as a place to thrive.”

Insert for quotes from the Mayor, Directors, or Economic Development officials

Scenic Hill Solar will build, own and operate the solar power plants on land leased from the City of Hot Springs. The city will purchase the solar plant’s power according to the terms of a 28-year Energy Services Agreement (ESA). Construction of these power plants will provide almost \$20 million of economic development in Hot Springs and save Hot Springs taxpayers over \$30 million over the life of the solar power plants.

The 12.75 MW DC of solar power plants will:

- Produce over 19,400,000 kWh of electricity in the first year of operation and produce over 539,500,000 kWh of electricity over the next 30 years.
- Produce enough clean electricity to satisfy 100 percent of electricity used in all governmental operations for the City of Hot Springs including police, fire, parks, and Hot Springs Water Utility.
- Contain over 32,000 solar modules
- Reduce carbon emissions by over 381,000 metric tons which is the equivalent of:
 - driving over 932 million fewer passenger car miles or
 - eliminating the burning of over 417 million pounds of coal or
 - providing over 45,000 homes electricity for one year.

About the City of Hot Springs:

The City of Hot Springs is a renowned resort city nestled in the Ouachita Mountains of central Arkansas. Hot Springs was established in 1851 and is the county seat of Garland County. Hot Springs has a current population of about 35,000 and growing. The area is home to world-famous natural hot springs as well as a variety of recreational activities such as biking, hiking, and water sports.

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About Scenic Hill Solar: Scenic Hill Solar is the largest Arkansas headquartered solar power developer according to *Solar Power World*. Scenic Hill Solar provides commercial, industrial, government, and utility clients clean electricity, reduced energy prices and long-term electricity price certainty by developing client specific solar energy plans. Scenic Hill Solar provides clients either lower priced electricity under contract or turnkey delivery of solar power plants, depending on clients' specific needs. Scenic Hill Solar is headquartered in North Little Rock, AR.

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