

ODEC Member-Owners Receive Approval for Community Solar Pilot Programs

Glen Allen, VA -- Four of ODEC's member-owners—A&N, Mecklenburg, Northern Neck and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative have received approval from the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to implement community solar pilot programs. ODEC entered into long-term contracts for the output of two solar facilities in Virginia, which began generating power in 2017. The energy from those facilities will be made available to subscribers (at the four approved co-ops) in 50 kilowatt-hour blocks, until all of the available units are fully subscribed.

Each of the co-ops has a different timetable for the roll-out and marketing of their plans, but they will all operate under the brand name Cooperative SunshareSM. Another two of ODEC's member-owners—Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative and Southside Electric Cooperative are currently planning to start their solar programs, which will also be housed under the same brand name.

"These community solar pilot programs demonstrate our continued commitment to providing renewable energy options to our member-owners," said Marcus Harris, ODEC president and CEO. "ODEC has taken a steady, deliberate approach to integrating renewable resources, and it has paid off over time as we continue to pursue cost-effective options to meet our members' needs. We're very excited to help them offer the Cooperative SunshareSM program to their member-consumers at the end of the line."

About ODEC:

Headquartered in Glen Allen, Virginia, ODEC is a not-for-profit, member-owned, power supply cooperative. It supplies the wholesale power requirements of its 11 member electric distribution cooperatives, which provide reliable, affordable electricity to 1.4 million people in 70 counties in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Learn more at www.odec.com.

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