Project Title

George Norris - McCook Solar Plant: Community Partnership and Project Development

Team Name

Premier Energy, LLC

Premier Energy, LLC (Premier) was created in 2022 to develop and construct solar and energy storage projects. With headquarters in Grand Island, Nebraska, the Premier team leverages its relationships, entrepreneurial skills, and agricultural background to develop projects which bring value to the communities where they are sited. Its chief developer, Jeff Cook-Coyle, has been developing wind, solar, and energy storage projects in rural communities since 2002.

Short Description

The George Norris – McCook Solar Plant (the Project) is a 40 MW-ac, 200 MW-dc solar and 130 MW / 520 MWh energy storage plant. The Project is designed to have an annual 80% capacity factor, providing solar-produced electricity around the clock.

A key area of focus, if we should win the Prize, will be to support a community stakeholder process. A solar farm the size of this project represents a dramatic shift in land use for the community. Like many solar developers across the country, Premier has run into significant local opposition. We know that the Project can bring benefits to the community and its neighbors. Our goal in seeking this Prize is to bring together a cross-section of community members and interests, to agree on the mechanics of how this Project can be a win for everyone.

Video Link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcsreElHc60

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