



Press Release

For Immediate Release: June 30, 2020

Inter-County Energy Will Supply Diageo With Renewable Energy To Power One of Largest Carbon-Neutral Distilleries in N. America Electric Co-op Providing Solar, Other Renewable Energy for Lebanon Distillery

Inter-County Energy Cooperative will supply 100-percent renewable energy to Diageo's new \$130 million distillery under construction in Lebanon, Ky., helping to make it one of the largest carbon-neutral distilleries in North America.

That is part of an agreement between the Danville-based electric cooperative and Diageo, a global beverage leader whose brands include Bulleit Bourbon.

The Danville-based electric cooperative will supply energy from a Kentucky solar farm, as well as other renewable energy resources to power the distillery, said Jerry Carter, President and CEO of Inter-County Energy

"We want to extend a warm welcome as Diageo makes this valuable investment in Lebanon-Marion County," said Jerry Carter, President and CEO of Inter-County Energy, which will provide electric service to the Lebanon distillery. "Inter-County Energy is proud to work in partnership with Diageo and East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to understand the energy needs of this facility and to develop innovative ways to meet the sustainability goals of one of the largest renewable energy consumers in Kentucky."

The arrangement will help Diageo toward its goal of sourcing 100 percent of electricity companywide from renewable sources by 2030.

Diageo's new facility in Marion County, Ky., will include a 72,000 square-foot distillery and dry house, along with 12 barrel warehouses on 144 acres. It is expected to be fully operational in 2021. The distillery will feature electrode boilers to eliminate direct greenhouse gas emissions.

Diageo will license solar panels from Cooperative Solar Farm One. The Winchester solar farm is operated by East Kentucky Power Cooperative, which is owned by Inter-County Energy and 15 other Kentucky electric cooperatives. EKPC also will enter into power purchase agreements for additional renewable energy to supply to the distillery.

"We are pleased to welcome Diageo and to help supply their energy needs," said Anthony "Tony" Campbell, President and CEO of EKPC. "With renewable resources, conventional power plants, and access to energy markets, Inter-County Energy and EKPC have a diverse supply mix to meet the needs of Diageo and all of our co-op members in a reliable, affordable and sustainable manner."

More information:**Dan Hitchcock, Inter-County Energy**

(859) 936-7820

Dan@intercountyenergy.net

Nick Comer, EKPC

(859) 333-8735

Nick.comer@ekpc.coop

About Inter-County Energy Cooperative

Inter-County Energy Cooperative is a not-for-profit, locally owned, member-driven cooperative providing electricity to over 26,000 members across six major counties and parts of six additional since 1937. Those six counties are Marion, Lincoln, Casey, Mercer, Boyle and Garrard Counties. Our mission at Inter-County Energy is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity and commitment to community.

About East Kentucky Power Cooperative

East Kentucky Power Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative providing wholesale electricity to 16 owner-member distribution cooperatives that serve 1.1 million Kentucky residents at 535,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries across 87 counties. EKPC provides power through coal-fueled plants located in Mason and Pulaski counties; natural gas-fueled peaking units in Clark and Oldham counties; renewable energy plants in Barren, Boone, Clark, Laurel, Greenup, Hardin and Pendleton counties; and more than 2,800 miles of transmission lines. Together, EKPC and its 16 owner-member cooperatives are known as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Visit EKPC at www.ekpc.coop.