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USDA Rural Development Awards REAP Grant for Clark County Solar Farm

WINCHESTER, Ky.— The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development has approved a grant to East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) to help fund the construction of a solar farm in Clark County.

USDA Rural Development announced a grant of \$262,637 through its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loan and Grant program.

EKPC is constructing a 60-acre solar farm on its headquarters property adjacent to Interstate 64 between Lexington and Winchester. When completed later this year, the \$18 million facility will feature 32,300 solar panels.

Members of EKPC's 16 owner-member electric cooperatives can participate in the solar farm by licensing solar panels. Learn more at www.CooperativeSolar.com.

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East Kentucky Power Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative providing wholesale electricity to 16 owner-member distribution cooperatives that serve 530,000 Kentucky 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, 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.

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