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WFEC, NextEra Energy Resources, Announce Phase One Completion of Largest Combined Wind, Solar, and Energy Storage Facilities in U.S.

ANADARKO, Okla. – Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), together with a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, announces the completion of the first phase of the largest project in the country to combine wind energy, solar energy and battery storage in the same location. Skeleton Creek Wind began generating 250 megaWatts (MW) of wind energy for customers on Dec. 16, 2020.

“Oklahoma is a leader in renewable energy, and at Western Farmers, we are excited to add an additional 250 MW of clean, reliable, and environmentally-friendly wind energy from Skeleton Creek,” says Gary Roulet, chief executive officer for WFEC.

“This is another milestone on our evolution toward increasing zero-carbon energy. And, when we add the solar energy and battery storage components of this project, we’ll be able to make more affordable, renewable energy* available to customers for more hours of the day – even when the wind isn’t blowing and the sun isn’t shining.”

The Skeleton Creek Project – combined of wind, solar and energy storage – is the first of its kind announced in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the electric grid region that includes Oklahoma and 13 other states in the central U.S. cover-

ing 546,000 square miles. When it comes online, it is also expected to be the largest co-located wind, solar and energy storage project in the U.S.

The project is expected to come online in the following phases:

- Skeleton Creek Wind – 250 MW of wind energy, operational Dec. 2020
- Skeleton Creek Solar – 250 MW of solar energy, expected to begin operations by the end of 2023
- Skeleton Creek Storage – 200 MW, 4-hour battery energy storage project, expected to begin operations by the end of 2023

“We are pleased to

partner with WFEC to help bring low-cost, renewable energy to their customers and look forward to the next phase of this project – adding solar and energy storage,” said John Ketchum, president and chief executive officer of NextEra Energy Resources, the world’s largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and the sun. “The Skeleton Creek project will provide millions of dollars in additional revenue for landowners and local communities while generating clean, home-grown energy for years to come.”

The 250 MW of new wind energy generated by Skeleton Creek, and the solar and energy storage

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1. Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and if they have reported it.
3. If not, call the office or download the Smarthub app to report the trouble.

	<u>Read</u>	<u>Billing date</u>	
Cycle 1	26th-31st	5th	1-1/2% penalty
Cycle 2	6th-11th	15th	applied 20 days
Cycle 3	16th-21st	25th	after billing date

Operating Statistics for November

	2019	2020
Operating Revenues	\$4,895,850	\$4,559,112
Wholesale Cost of Power	\$3,371,390	\$3,298,398
Percentage WPC is of Revenue	68.86	72.34
Consumers per Mile of Line	4.80	4.86
Revenue per Mile of Line	\$931.84	\$865.44
KW Peak Demand - This month	158,199	133,161
Billing kW demand	104,290	105,474
KW Peak Demand - YTD	171,445	159,902
KWh Purchased - This month	63,783,823	57,081,073
Taxes Paid	\$95,803	\$92,829
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$173,206	\$167,030
System Load Factor	56.0	59.5

New Services Staked in December

During the month of December, 65 new services were staked. The total new services staked in 2020 is 631. This compares to 480 for the same period in 2019.

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components once commercial, will help further diversify WFEC's generation portfolio. After completion of the solar and energy storage phase of the project is completed, WFEC's planned 904262302 generation portfolio will consist of 623 MW of solar generation, 957 MW of wind generation and 268 MW of hydroelectric generation.

The wind, solar and battery storage project will be located in Garfield, Alfalfa and Major counties in Oklahoma. In addition to the clean energy it generates, the project is expected to stimulate the local economy through the creation of hundreds of construction jobs, and through millions of dollars in lease payments to landowners and tax payments to the local communities.

The wind project created approximately 200 jobs during the construction phase and will

add an additional 150 during the construction of the solar and energy storage site. The entire project will provide approximately \$105 million in payments to the county governments over its projected 30-year operational life, and approximately \$90 million in payments to local landowners.



Regional Office Hours

Eufaula	Seminole	Seminole Warehouse
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE 11/30/20	\$214,655.30
DEPOSITS	8,866.23
INTEREST INCOME	391.74
CHECKS ISSUED	-8,264.93
APPROVED, NOT YET PAID	-20,060.39
BALANCE 12/31/20	\$195,587.95

CVEC Foundation administers and disburses funds collected through CVEC's Operation Round-Up Program.

Invest in Energy Efficiency this Winter

Spending a little extra this winter on energy efficiency can save you money on heating bills every year - starting now.

If you are refinancing your home to get a lower interest rate, consider financing the cost of a few energy-efficient home improvements that will more than pay for themselves in coming years.

Buy appliances that bear the Energy Star label, the government's symbol for energy efficiency. The label can be found on energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, major kitchen appliances, lighting, windows and home electronics. Energy Star appliances use up to 30-percent less electricity than other devices.

Call a professional to thoroughly maintain your cooling and heating systems every year. Between "tune ups," change filters every month.

If you need new windows, buy double-pane models with low-emissive coatings. They let in less outdoor air to mingle with the conditioned air indoors.

Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically coordinate your home's temperature

with your daily routine. You can stop paying for unneeded heat while nobody's home during the day, and never wake up

to a chilly bedroom in the morning.

Put timers on indoor lights so your house is never dark when it's

empty. And install motion detectors on exterior lights to improve home security.

Protect Pets from Cold Weather

You're not the only one who needs to bundle up against winter's frosty temperatures and chilly winds. Even with their heavy fur coats, Fido and Fluffy need help keeping warm and safe in the winter, too.

Indoors, cats and dogs love to snuggle up to space heaters. But keep an eye on them when they do. Your pet could chew the cord, burn itself on the heater or knock it over and start a fire.

Buy a heated pet bed. Plug-in models emit slight amounts of heat under the pet but don't get hot enough to burn the animal.

Keep a screen around the fireplace or wood-burning stove to keep the pet at a safe distance from flames.

Consider buying a self-warming water dish. A metal dish can freeze, and your pet's tongue can get stuck to it.

If you walk the dog in cold weather, bundle

it up in a sweater and don't venture too far from home. Avoid spending prolonged periods outdoors when it's cold.

Dry your dog's paws after walking it outdoors.

Never leave a cat to sleep outdoors in cold weather.

If your dog sleeps outdoors, elevate its house and keep it dry. Place

a flap over the opening to prevent drafts. Keep drinking water fresh and make sure it doesn't freeze.

Feed outdoor dogs more in the winter.

Keep all animals away from anti-freeze - even the drops of it that leak from a car in the driveway. It tastes sweet to animals, but it's fatal.



Stay Comfortable.

Space heating and cooling account for a large portion of the average home's energy use. A programmable or smart thermostat can help you control the temperature of your home and save energy.

AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

FARM & RANCH

'94 Diamond D 3-horse slant 16' goose-neck stock combo trailer, extra features, good condition, \$5,000, 405-606-9301.

IHC 1050 grinder mixer, '94 Fruehauf Semi-trailer 48-102, DewEze roll bale bus, 2-wheel calf creep feeder; WANTED - fertilizer spreader buggy, 405-380-8618.

Two livestock feed troughs (1/2 hot water tank on legs), \$5 each; M&W round hay baler, works, \$900, 405-454-0510, Harrah.

Massey-Ferguson 245 diesel tractor with MF front-end loader, 43 HP, extra rear tire, good and sound, \$4,400 firm, 918-689-2725.

3-year-old mare, 2 wks riding, \$750; 3-year-old good guard donkey for cattle, \$250, 580-925-2654, 405-301-0945.

HOME & LAND

MISCELLANEOUS

Will haul away unwanted major appliances, misc. scrap metal, or car batteries within a 10-mile radius of Shawnee, 405-765-9700 or 765-6805.

Will pay someone to help me sell items on Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist, or anyplace on the Internet; need someone to help clean out metal storage building, and you can have the building, 405-878-6697.

Ten heavy-duty 25-gallon plastic tubs, \$4 each; plastic barrel dog house, \$8, 405-454-0510, Harrah.

Whirlpool washer & dryer, \$200; 220 air conditioner, \$150; 1800/110-volt air conditioner, 8,000 BTU, electric glass top cook stove, \$150; ice box, \$100, 405-275-3419.

Puppies - 1/2 Great Pyrenees and 1/2 Anatolian, born 12-1-2020, \$100; small round wooden dinette table and four chairs, \$100; nice, yellow-flowered 7' Broyhill couch and matching 4' ottoman, \$250; new 36" solid-core mahogany exterior door, \$75, 580-925-2654, 405-301-0945.

Children's Classic Books by John Winston comp., 1923-1957, 10 hard cover books, \$100; Kirby G4 upright vacuum with shampooer and bags, excellent condition, \$300, 405-390-2571.

Registered Great Danes, black with white markings, wormed, sire is Blue, Dam is Mantle, \$300, 405-584-3446.

WANTED - Ashley wood burning stove, 405-220-3479.

Pecan and Oak firewood, \$60/ rick; Wright and McGill 3; vintage lure, \$10; new set of Craftsman wood drill bits, \$20, 405-659-5047.

We are working on a conservation reclamation project at our house to help with water retention and crop planting and have roughly 35 acres of cedar for anyone with a mill or needing cedar for furniture, posts, etc. You can have for free, but must come cut and remove from property on your own. Please call or text 405-476-1668.

Antique screw jacks, \$25 each; Kirby vacuum, \$100; Craftsman 6" belt/disc sander with stand, \$100; railroad spike puller, \$100; train compartment heater, \$100; Sears fence charger, \$25; cedar tree clearing, \$85/hour; brush mowing, \$40/hour; hay hauling, \$5 bale; dirt work/driveways, \$75/hour, other services available, call or text 405-642-9356.

Find Your Account Number and Win \$25

If you find your account number hidden in this issue of *The ElectraLite*, you could win \$25. The account number must be your own.

Report finding the number to us by the 15th of the month. You need to report finding it by phone, mail or in person.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

- Each CVEC member family is limited to ONE free classified ad per month.
- Length of the ad cannot exceed space provided below. Ads run only one time and must be resubmitted to appear in the next edition. **Return the completed form to P. O. Box 751, Seminole, OK 74818. Forms may also be dropped off at either office location, or email your ad to editor@mycvec.coop.**
- **Ads must be received by the 1st of each month; if received after the deadline they will be printed in the next issue.**

All information below must be completed.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Use wool or rubber dryer balls in the clothes dryer to reduce drying time and static.

Wool dryer balls can also absorb extra moisture. These are an efficient alternative to dryer sheets, which can create buildup on the dryer's filter and reduce air circulation. If you prefer dryer sheets, scrub the filter once a month to remove buildup.

Source: www.energy.gov

