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NEWS

SWL&P plans to build Superior's first community solar garden

SUPERIOR, Wisconsin – Superior Water, Light and Power will offer a new renewable energy option for customers through a community solar garden that is expected to be generating power by late 2020.

SWL&P submitted its proposal to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin on Jan 3. Pending approval from the PSC, construction on Superior's first community solar garden will get underway in June.

The solar garden, named Superior Solar, will be built on SWL&P-owned land at 2828 Hammond Ave., near Heritage Park in Superior, Wisconsin. At 470 kilowatts, it's large enough to power about 115 homes. All SWL&P residential and business customers are eligible to participate.

"Customers have told us that they want solar, and a community solar garden is a great option for residents who might not be able to install rooftop solar on their own. They can support a local renewable energy resource without having to purchase, install or maintain solar panels or other equipment at their home or business," said SWL&P President Rob Sandstrom. "We can leverage economies of scale to build a bigger project for the community and provide a convenient, cost-effective way for our customers to be more involved with how their energy is produced."

The cost of Superior Solar—installation and maintenance over the 25-year life of the program—will be fully paid for by customer subscriptions. Program costs will be fixed, which gives customers protection against potentially rising energy costs. Subscribers will retain ownership of Solar Renewable Energy Credits.

Subscriptions will be offered in 1-kilowatt blocks, and customers can choose to purchase enough to cover all or a portion of their monthly electricity needs. Subject to PSC approval, residential and business customers will be able to choose from three options: an upfront one-time payment, a fixed monthly subscription fee or a fixed charge per kilowatt-hour.

In each option, participating customers receive a monthly credit for the solar energy based on their subscription. All of the options are based on 25-year agreements, but customers will have the flexibility to leave the program at any time without penalty.

SWL&P will accept subscribers on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers can visit www.swlp.com/solar, call (715) 395-6220 or email solarprogram@swlp.com for more information or to be placed on a solar interest list.

PHOTO CAPTION

An artist's rendering of the proposed community solar garden at 2828 Hammond Ave. in Superior, Wisconsin.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 14,000 electric customers, 12,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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