



Avista Commissions Largest Solar Array in Washington

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Today renewable solar energy benefits are a reality to Avista's large business customers through the voluntary Solar Select™ Avista customer program.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Official commissioning of the Adams Nielson solar array located in Lind, WA occurred today. The 28 Megawatt DC array is comprised of 81,700 panels that span 200 acres and generates enough electricity to supply the equivalent of approximately 4,000 homes annually.

"Avista's interest in the development of Solar Select, a voluntary commercial solar program, is consistent with the Company's ongoing commitment to provide customers with renewable energy choices at reasonable cost," said Dennis Vermillion, president, Avista Corporation. "In recent years, an increasing number of Avista customers have expressed their expectations and challenges in acquiring renewable energy. Avista is pleased to lead this effort and develop renewable energy products that meet our customers' needs today and into the future." This interest is being generated by a mix of local and national customers across a variety of industries, including Huckleberry's, Gonzaga University, Community Colleges of Spokane, Hotstart, Central Pre-Mix Concrete, a CRH Co., independently owned McDonald's franchise locations, Spokane City, Main Market and Community Building and VA Medical Center.

Jim Simon, director of sustainability at Gonzaga University said, "The Solar Select program helps Gonzaga University move even closer to achieving its goal of climate neutrality by 2050 by continuing to prioritize renewables in our energy portfolio. We are grateful for Avista's leadership in this project and look forward to other opportunities to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions."

Spokane Mayor David Condon said, "The City of Spokane is pleased to partner with Avista through the Solar Select Program, as we continue to seek out opportunities that are both environmentally and financially responsible. The City already is a net producer of energy, generating more clean, green energy than our use of electricity, natural gas, and fuel. We are excited to add even more clean energy to power City Hall."

The Solar Select program created a cost-effective structure to bring solar energy to large business customers in Eastern Washington, allowing them to advance their desired sustainability goals. The array is projected to deliver the environmental benefit equivalent of more than 7,300 cars removed from the road each year. This renewable energy program was made possible through a collaboration of Avista, Strata Solar, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the WSU Energy Program.

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