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RER Energy Group Receives Five Grant Awards for New York Clients

NY-SUN INITIATIVE WILL ALLOW COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INSTALL SOLAR POWER AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT THEY SPEND ON ELECTRICITY

Reading, Pennsylvania – October 2, 2014. New York Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo, has announced grant awards for five RER Energy Group (RER) solar projects. Under the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) Competitive PV Program, installers submitted proposals for funding based on commitments from customers interested in having PV installed at their location. During the last round of the program (PON 2956) RER submitted five proposals; all five were awarded.

RER's presence in the New York solar market started three years ago and has resulted in 10 MW of solar projects. Under the current NY-Sun/MW Block Grant Program, RER has multiple additional projects in development.

RER's General Manager, Loretta Ottinger, commented on the grant awards, "We appreciate the support that NYSERDA is providing in educating and advancing the NY Solar market. These grants help make solar arrays very attractive economically and the long term cost savings for our clients will be significant."

One example of a client in which RER helped under a previous NYSERDA grant program was Fesko Dairy, LLC in Skaneateles, New York. This family-owned dairy works 2000 acres of cropland and has over 600 Holsteins. Their electricity bills were substantial before RER installed a 302 kW solar array on their farm. According to Kimberly Brayman, owner of the farm, "Our overall satisfaction with RER has been very pleasant. We enjoyed their dedication to us with the project and we have been very satisfied."

Adds Ottinger, "The incentives from the NY-Sun grant program will allow many more *Fesko Dairies* to realize the benefits of solar by lowering their electric spend and utilizing a long term, renewable power solution-the sun."



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New York-Sun offers incentives designed to lower solar power installation costs and induce the private sector's investments in solar energy systems. Under this plan, New York is expecting to have an installed base of 3 gigawatts of solar capacity by 2023. This scale-up is projected to reduce the price of solar energy and make it comparable with the price of power from the grid without any subsidies. With the current incentives in place, solar power offers significant savings versus most other available forms of electric power today.

About RER Energy Group

RER Energy Group is an industry leader in providing cost-effective, high quality solar systems throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The company's team has developed over 20 megawatts of solar energy systems and obtained over \$22 million of grant proceeds for commercial, industrial, agricultural, municipal and non-profit customers. For more information, visit www.rerenergygroup.com.

About NY-Sun

NY-Sun is part of the Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's commitment to protect the environment and lower energy costs for all New Yorkers by improving the efficiency and reliability of the electric grid. Governor Cuomo launched NY-Sun in 2012 to increase solar electric installations in the State. In April 2014, the Governor made a historic commitment of nearly \$1 billion to NY-Sun, which will significantly expand deployment of solar capacity throughout the State and transform New York's solar industry to a sustainable, subsidy-free sector. For more information visit, <http://ny-sun.ny.gov>.
