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Superior Water, Light and Power celebrates first community solar garden at ribbon-cutting

Superior, Wisconsin — Superior Water, Light and Power today dedicated its new community solar garden as SWL&P advances a clean-energy future.

Superior Solar, a 470-kilowatt project built with local union labor, is large enough to power about 115 homes. Located at 1020 N. 28th St. near Heritage Park, it is the first community solar garden in Superior and will begin generating power from the sun in the next few weeks. SWL&P is a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE Inc. (NYSE: ALE).

“This project is a very visible reminder of the clean-energy transition gaining momentum across the nation—a transition ALLETE and its companies are proud to be leading,” said ALLETE Chair and CEO Bethany Owen. “I’m so proud of the Superior Water, Light and Power team for bringing their vision for locally generated renewable energy to life. This solar garden is yet another example of our commitment not only to the climate – but also to our customers and the Superior community.”

Customers had the option to buy shares in the solar garden and the project is fully subscribed with 80 customers. The size of each subscription ranges from 1 to 104 blocks with each block equal to 1 kilowatt of capacity. Among the largest subscribers are Essentia Health, National Bank of Commerce, Kari Toyota, the city of Superior and Charter Next Generation.

Some of the solar garden’s subscribers were on hand at the ribbon-cutting to celebrate the milestone with SWL&P and ALLETE officials along with local labor leaders and other partners.

“We wouldn’t be here today without our customers who subscribed to a piece of the sun,” said Rob Sandstrom, SWL&P president. “You are part of a project that brought together customers, labor partners and others to bring locally generated renewable energy to our community.”

SWL&P purchases its energy from Minnesota Power and already is providing 50% renewable energy. The solar energy shares purchased by Superior Solar subscribers will put those customers over the 50% mark.

The project relied on local labor and materials. The 1,300 panels for Superior Solar were manufactured by Heliene in Mountain Iron, Minnesota, and Hunt Electric was the project contractor. About 10 jobs were created at peak of construction.

In addition to generating renewable energy, Superior Solar also is the site of a new pollinator garden. The area will be planted with native grasses and flowers that create a habitat where bees, butterflies and other pollinators can live and gather food. It will take several years before the garden is fully established.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, natural gas and water in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 15,000 electric customers, 13,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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PHOTO CAPTION

Some of Superior Solar's 80 subscribers joined SWL&P representatives, local labor leaders and others to cut the ribbon at the new community solar garden.

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