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### **Dairyland Power Announces Major Solar Energy Facility** *Badger State Solar Project to be located in Jefferson County, Wis.*

La Crosse, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative has finalized a power purchase agreement with Ranger Power for the proposed 149 megawatt Badger State Solar Project. Dairyland will purchase the entire output of the planned solar photovoltaic facility, which is proposed on the land of participating private landowners in the Towns of Jefferson and Oakland in Jefferson County, Wis.

The Badger State Solar Project will generate enough renewable energy to power over 20,000 homes. Ranger Power is the developer of the solar energy facility. Pollinator habitat is also planned for the site.

“Dairyland is excited to collaborate with Ranger Power on this sustainable solar energy facility,” said Barbara Nick, Dairyland President and CEO. “Resource diversification is foundational to Dairyland’s commitment to a sustainable, future-facing power supply. We look forward to Badger State Solar’s benefit to our cooperative membership, local communities and the environment.”

In addition to the renewable energy it produces, the Badger State Solar Project is expected to bring significant economic impacts to the area. Ranger Power estimates the facility will require hundreds of construction jobs during its creation and up to five full-time positions once it is operational.

“We are pleased to partner with Dairyland, a recognized leader in solar generation and renewable energy, to provide clean, cost effective power to its cooperative members,” said Ranger Power President Paul Harris. “We look forward to continuing to work with the Jefferson County community throughout the project development and approval process.”

If approved, construction of Badger State Solar is anticipated to begin in 2020 with commercial operation commencing in 2022.

*Headquartered in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland Power Cooperative ([www.DairylandPower.com](http://www.DairylandPower.com)) provides wholesale electricity to 24 member distribution cooperatives and 17 municipal utilities in four states.*

*Ranger Power ([www.RangerPower.com](http://www.RangerPower.com)) is a utility-scale solar energy development company committed to working closely with landowners and communities to bring new investment and clean energy throughout the Midwest.*

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