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Dairyland Power Expands Renewable Energy Portfolio

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative is expanding its commitment to renewable resources with the purchase of output from Sartell Hydro, a hydroelectric generation station located on the Mississippi River in Sartell, Minn.

A long-term power purchase agreement between Dairyland and Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, LLC, for the facility's total output of 10 MW was effective earlier this month. Sartell Hydro is expected to power approximately 4,500 homes with water-powered electricity.

“Dairyland appreciated working with Eagle Creek, an experienced hydro developer, to achieve this agreement which will be beneficial to our members and the environment,” said John Carr, Dairyland Vice President, Strategic Planning.

Sartell Hydro was originally built between 1905 and 1907 to supply mechanical power to grind wood pulp for the adjacent paper mill. The facility was converted to exclusively producing electric power in 1985. Eagle Creek Renewable Energy acquired Sartell Hydro from American Industrial Metals, Inc., in 2014 and returned it to service as a 10 MW hydro project.

“Eagle Creek is proud to have restored the Sartell Hydro facility to operation and expects to provide clean, renewable electricity to Dairyland's members for many years to come,” said Matt Ocwieja, Eagle Creek Director of Finance.

The dam location was originally utilized for industrial purposes before refurbishment was completed last year. The facility meets all Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing requirements and produces electricity with zero carbon output.

“The addition of Sartell Hydro to our power purchase portfolio is important to the continuing growth of Dairyland's renewable energy portfolio. Since Dairyland owns the Flambeau Hydro Station in Wisconsin, we have long known that water-powered facilities are an excellent resource for generating renewable energy. The Sartell Hydro project helps Dairyland further fulfill our mission to provide reliable, environmentally responsible electricity to our members,” said Carr.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 17 municipal utilities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. Please visit www.dairynet.com. For more information on Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, visit www.eaglecreekre.com.

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