

## **Kansas Utilities Sign Agreement with Ninnescah Flats Solar Energy Center**

New solar energy agreement to benefit Kansas utility customers

**Pratt County, Kansas – May 20, 2025** – Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA), Kansas Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative Inc. (KEPCo) have signed a power purchase agreement with Ninnescah Flats Solar, LLC. Ninnescah Flats Solar is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, one of the country's largest energy infrastructure developers.

Ninnescah Flats Solar Energy Center is located in Pratt County and has the capacity to generate up to 200 megawatts of energy. The facility is scheduled to begin commercial operation in 2026 and will provide homegrown electricity for Kansans while supporting clean energy and rate stability goals.

"We are proud to work with KMEA, BPU and KEPCo to bring low-cost solar energy to their customers," said Dexter Liu, executive director of development at NextEra Energy Resources. "This project shows how collaboration between energy infrastructure developers and local utilities can address the unprecedented energy demand."

"KMEA's mission involves securing reliable power resources," said Paul Mahlberg, general manager at KMEA. "Working with the Ninnescah Flats Solar Energy Center allows us to integrate low-cost renewable energy into our portfolio, benefiting 34 of our member cities by stabilizing long-term energy costs."

"BPU is focused on diversifying our energy mix and investing in sustainable resources," said Andrew Ferris, chief financial officer at BPU. "This power purchase agreement is a significant step in that direction, helping us deliver reliable and cost-conscious power."

"For KEPCo and our 16 member rural electric cooperatives, securing reliable and cost-effective power is essential," said Kevin Noblet, executive vice president and CEO at KEPCo. "The Ninnescah Flats Solar Energy Center provides capacity and valuable peak energy while enhancing our energy mix with an additional sustainable resource."

Beyond the clean energy benefits, the project created approximately 200 construction jobs and will provide ongoing economic benefits to the local community through millions of dollars in additional tax revenue for Pratt County.

### **About Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA)**

The Kansas Municipal Energy Agency is the not-for-profit joint action agency made up of Kansas cities that own and operate their electric utility. KMEA plans, finances and constructs projects for the purchase, sale, generation and transmission of electricity for the purpose of securing an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electricity and other energy for its members. Today, over 85 Kansas municipalities benefit from being members of KMEA. These cities come together to strengthen their effectiveness in dealing with common challenges. Through the joint action approach, the cities employ the KMEA to undertake projects that they would find impractical if attempted separately.

**About Kansas Board of Public Utilities (BPU)**

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is a community-owned, nonprofit utility providing reliable electric and water services to approximately 67,000 electric and 53,000 water customers in Wyandotte County, Kansas. Established in 1909, BPU remains dedicated to delivering safe, sustainable, and affordable utilities while reinvesting in the community it serves. Guided by a mission to enhance residents' quality of life, BPU focuses on transparency, innovation, and customer satisfaction. For more information, visit [www.bpu.com](http://www.bpu.com).

**About Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo)**

KEPCo was incorporated in 1975 as a not-for-profit generation and transmission cooperative electric supplier. It is KEPCo's responsibility to provide safe, reliable and affordable power supply to its 16 member distribution cooperatives, along with other related programs and services. KEPCo's members collectively serve over 75,000 retail customers in the eastern two-thirds of Kansas, which equates to nearly 200,000 rural Kansans.