

## **Past Community Solar Updates**

### **April 8, 2016**

You're invited.

We are excited to announce the addition of a Community Solar Farm to our total energy portfolio at Boone Electric Cooperative. Last month, representatives from Boone Electric and our tax equity investor, Shelter Insurance®, finalized the details of our partnership on the solar project. Installation of the solar farm will be completed by locally-owned Dogwood Solar LLC. The 100-kilowatt system is expected to be operational by August 2016.

Join us for a groundbreaking ceremony for our Community Solar Farm on Wednesday, April 20, at 3 p.m. at Boone Electric Cooperative - 1413 Rangeline Street, Columbia. Please use the Community Room entrance located on the north side of the building. Light refreshments will be served inside following the ceremony.

### **March 25, 2016**

Earlier this month Boone Electric Right-of-Way crews removed Bradford pear trees, near end of life, from the future site of our solar farm. A 16-foot Norway spruce was also relocated.

Boone Electric Cooperative is pleased to introduce Shelter Insurance® as our tax equity investor for the community solar project. We are excited to partner with a pillar in our community. In addition, another local company, Dogwood Solar of Columbia, has been selected based on bids submitted to install the 100-kilowatt solar farm.

Please join us for a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. on April 20 at the future site of the solar farm, north of the Co-op's Community Room entrance.

### **December 31, 2015**

Boone Electric Cooperative's solar project continues to proceed as planned. Our partner, National Renewables Cooperative Organization (NRCO), received several responses to our Requests for Proposal (RFP) from entities who would like the opportunity to construct the solar arrays on Cooperative headquarters property. Officials are reviewing those responses and will have a decision in early February. The company chosen might not necessarily present the lowest bid, but will be the company Boone Electric Cooperative feels will offer the best service and

quality craftsmanship combined with affordability.

As a reminder, Cooperative members will have the chance to purchase the output from one or more panels at a premium kilowatt hour cost. More information about pricing is to come as the project proceeds.

### **November 20, 2015**

Earlier this week the Columbia City Council approved our rezoning request. This means the solar panels will be installed in the grassy area just north of Boone Electric headquarters, near Rangeline Street. Following the rezoning announcement, the Request For Proposal (RFP) was sent to installation companies that might be interested in the project. Those RFPs are due back mid-December.

### **October 22, 2015**

Decisions are expected soon concerning three important parts of the project:

- BEC is close to a decision with regard to a local Tax Equity Investor (TEI) that will partner with us to ensure that all federal rebates and tax incentives can be applied to the project.
- A request for rezoning to the City of Columbia is required before BEC can install the community solar farm on the chosen piece of Cooperative property near Rangeline Street. That rezoning request goes before the Planning and Zoning Committee tonight, as the first step of the process.

BEC has received the draft copy of the project Request For Proposal (RFP). Once approved, the RFP will be released.