



Press release

RWE's Hickory Park solar project with co-located storage facility under construction

- 195.5 MW facility in southwest Georgia to supply electricity from late 2021
- Solar PV array coupled with 40MW 2-hour battery energy storage system
- Project benefits from 30-year utility contract Power Purchase Agreement with Georgia Power

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Anja-Isabel Dotzenrath, CEO of RWE Renewables: "The Hickory Park Solar plant will mark our first solar facility in Georgia and our largest solar plus storage project in the U.S. to date. The addition of this facility to our operating portfolio is just one example of RWE's strong focus on the U.S. market and its growing ambition in solar and battery storage. The co-location of a solar plant along with storage provides us flexibility in finding solutions to fulfill the energy requirements of our customers."

RWE Renewables' Hickory Park Solar project, a 195.5-megawatt (MWac) facility coupled with a 40 megawatt 2-hour battery storage system, located in Mitchell County, Georgia, is under construction. RWE is the operator and manager of the solar facility, selling the energy and renewable attributes from the facility to Georgia Power through its Renewable Energy Development Initiative program. The project is expected to be online in late 2021.

The company announced in November 2019 it entered into a 30-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with Georgia Power Company, an investor owned public utility that serves more than 2.6 million customers.

"We are extremely pleased to have a project of this size in Georgia under construction," said Silvia Ortin, COO Onshore Wind and Solar PV Americas. "We look forward to working with Georgia Power, a company that's committed to delivering clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy to advance solar in Georgia."

When complete, the Hickory Park solar power plant will interconnect more than 650,000 solar panels, which together will cover an area of about 1,800 acres. The integration of a state-of-the-art DC-coupled storage system will allow the project's energy yield to be optimized and increase the predictability of injection of locally produced energy into the Georgia Power grid. This demonstrates how RWE is able to propose storage solutions that fit its customers' needs to integrate more clean energy into the grid.



RWE Renewables aspires to play a major role in energy storage across its target markets, where more than 50 percent of the total global utility scale storage additions are expected. In the US, we are developing a number of storage projects either standalone or co-located with our Solar projects.

The U.S. accounts for more than one third of the RWE Group's renewables capacity playing a key role in RWE's strategy to grow its renewables business and to become carbon neutral by 2040. RWE constructs, owns and operates some of the highest performing wind, solar and energy storage projects in the U.S.

In addition to Hickory Park, RWE owns and operates West of the Pecos solar project, a 100 MW (ac) project located in Reeves County, Texas. Furthermore, RWE has significant experience in the U.S. onshore market with more than 4.2 GW (RWE's pro rata share is about 3.6 GW) of onshore wind. In addition, RWE has at the moment almost 1 GW of onshore wind farms under construction in the U.S. The projects are located in Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio and New York State.

As an established leader in renewables, RWE has recently entered into a joint venture, New England Alpha Ventus, focused on floating offshore wind in the state of Maine.

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RWE Renewables

RWE Renewables, the newest subsidiary of the RWE Group, is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of approximately 9 gigawatts. RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 15 countries on four continents. By the end of 2022, RWE Renewables targets to invest €5 billion net in renewable energy and to grow its renewables portfolio to 13 gigawatts of net capacity. Beyond this, the company plans to further grow in wind and solar power. The focus is on the Americas, the core markets in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

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