

## WFEC to Purchase Capacity from Chaves Co. Solar II Energy Center

Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) recently added 30 megawatts (MW) of nameplate solar capacity\* to its diverse fuel portfolio, bringing its solar resources to 83 MW. This addition was celebrated with the June 2 commissioning and ribbon cutting of New Mexico's newest solar energy project - the Chaves County Solar II Energy Center.

This event was attended by state, county, local and community leaders, as well as executives from NextEra Energy Resources, WFEC, and several member cooperative representatives.

The Chaves County Solar II Energy Center, located near Roswell, will generate up to 30 MW of solar energy. The solar energy center features more than 86,515 photovoltaic solar panels that convert the sun's energy into electricity. Construction generated a significant economic boost to Chaves County and the state, creating approximately 145 construction jobs and stimulating purchases of regional goods and services from local vendors.

A subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources built, owns and will operate the project. Together with its affiliated entities, NextEra Energy Resources, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun.

Central Valley Electric Cooperative's wholesale power provider, WFEC, will be purchasing the solar energy output\* from this facility. WFEC purchases solar energy from two other New Mexico sites, including Caprock Solar in Tucumcari and Middle Daisy Solar in Lovington.



In addition to the 83 MWs of solar\*, WFEC also has 956 MWs of wind energy\* available through Power Purchase Agreements from 14 wind farm sites across Oklahoma and New Mexico.

With the Chaves County Solar II project, and existing renewable projects already in service, WFEC's New Mexico member cooperatives are well positioned to meet their state's renewable goals.

\*WFEC purchases or produces energy from various wind and solar resources. However, WFEC has not historically, nor may not in the future, retain or retire all of the renewable energy certificates associated with the energy production from these facilities.

## Come See Us At the Fair

The Eddy County Fair is July 25 to 29, at the Eddy County Fairgrounds in Artesia. Stop by Central Valley Electric Cooperative's booth, in the Exhibit Building, and learn about what's going on at your co-op. We'll have great information, friendly faces, and giveaways. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.eddycountyfair.com](http://www.eddycountyfair.com).

You can also support the youth of Chaves County at the Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair July 23 to 29, at the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Roswell.

CVE is a big supporter of the 4-H and FFA youth in our area, and we wish all the exhibitors the best of luck.





## ENCHANTMENT MAGAZINE SURVEY

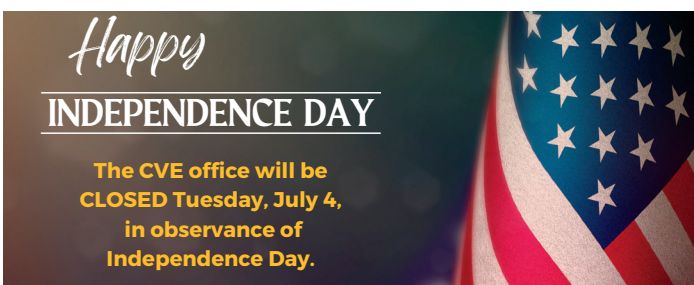
CVE is helping our statewide electric cooperative association conduct a digital opinion survey about *enchantment*, the official magazine of rural electric cooperatives in New Mexico.

The goal is to make sure this monthly magazine, mailed to all CVE members, is a valuable source of information.

Please **scan the QR code** below or visit <http://surveys.greatblueresearch.com/s3/NMRECA-Readership-Survey-2023>, to access the survey.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete, and your feedback will help make the *enchantment* the best it can be.

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## Olsen Retires as Co-op Attorney



Arnold J. (A. J.) Olsen has retired as Central Valley Electric Cooperatives corporate attorney after 17 years. Mr. Olsen is a partner with Hennighausen Olsen & McCrea, LLP of Roswell.

The CVE Board of Trustees and management would like to thank Mr. Olsen for the dedication, wisdom, and guidance he provided to the co-op over the years. *THANK YOU.*

## Welcome New Employees



**Nahum Loya**  
Warehouse Assistant



**Zane Montgomery**  
Apprentice Lineman

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