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November 13, 2019

Trig Overbo  
Superintendent  
Jayton-Girard Independent School District  
P.O. Box 168  
Jayton, Texas 79528

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Jayton-Girard Independent School District and Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC, Application 1403

Dear Superintendent Overbo:

On September 3, 2019, the Comptroller issued written notice that Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1403) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.<sup>1</sup> This application was originally submitted on July 22, 2019, to the Jayton-Girard Independent School District (school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the Comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

**Determination required by 313.025(h)**

Sec. 313.024(a) Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.  
Sec. 313.024(b) Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.

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<sup>1</sup> All Statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 313.024(d) Applicant has requested a waiver to create the required number of new qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.

Sec. 313.024(d-2) Not applicable to Application 1403.

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

### **Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)**

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district's maintenance and operations *ad valorem tax* revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, see Attachment B.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state, see Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

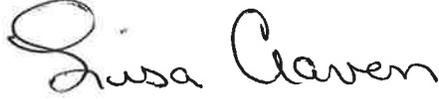
The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-826) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement within a year from the date of this letter.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of September 3, 2019, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Will Counihan, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at [will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov) or by phone toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 6-0758, or at 512-936-0758.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Craven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Craven  
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

### Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC (project) applying to Jayton-Girard Independent School District (district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

**Table 1** is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC.

Applicant	Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Jayton-Girard ISD
2017-2018 Average Daily Attendance	131
County	Kent
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$220,500,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$220,500,000
Limitation Amount	\$20,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2021-2022
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	4*
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$961.04
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(B)	\$961.04
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$49,974.10
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$754.50
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$39,234
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$55,125,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$13,669,390
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$4,078,850
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$9,590,540

\* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).

**Table 2** is the estimated statewide economic impact of Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2020	125	115	240	\$6,875,000	\$10,092,773	\$16,967,773
2021	250	236	486,328	\$13,750,000	\$21,772,461	\$35,522,461
2022	4	19	23	\$199,896	\$4,927,057	\$5,126,953
2023	4	6	10	\$199,896	\$3,340,143	\$3,540,039
2024	4	(6)	-2	\$199,896	\$1,631,158	\$1,831,055
2025	4	(0)	4	\$199,896	\$1,264,947	\$1,464,844
2026	4	(6)	-2	\$199,896	\$654,596	\$854,492
2027	4	(2)	2	\$199,896	\$532,526	\$732,422
2028	4	2	6	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563
2029	4	(0)	4	\$199,896	\$532,526	\$732,422
2030	4	2	6	\$199,896	\$288,385	\$488,281
2031	4	4	8	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563
2032	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563
2033	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703
2034	4	10	14	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703
2035	4	10	14	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703
2036	4	12	16	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703

Source: CPA REMI, Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC

**Table 3** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Jayton-Girard ISD I&S Tax Levy	Jayton-Girard ISD M&O Tax Levy	Jayton-Girard ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Kent County Tax Levy	Kent County Road & Bridge Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			0.0000	0.9700			0.63893	0.11837	
2022	\$205,285,500	\$205,285,500		\$0	\$1,991,269	\$1,991,269	\$1,311,627	\$242,992	\$3,545,888
2023	\$188,748,000	\$188,748,000		\$0	\$1,830,856	\$1,830,856	\$1,205,964	\$223,417	\$3,260,237
2024	\$171,108,000	\$171,108,000		\$0	\$1,659,748	\$1,659,748	\$1,093,257	\$202,537	\$2,955,542
2025	\$151,924,500	\$151,924,500		\$0	\$1,473,668	\$1,473,668	\$970,688	\$179,830	\$2,624,186
2026	\$131,197,500	\$131,197,500		\$0	\$1,272,616	\$1,272,616	\$838,258	\$155,296	\$2,266,169
2027	\$108,927,000	\$108,927,000		\$0	\$1,056,592	\$1,056,592	\$695,965	\$128,935	\$1,881,492
2028	\$84,672,000	\$84,672,000		\$0	\$821,318	\$821,318	\$540,993	\$100,225	\$1,462,536
2029	\$58,653,000	\$58,653,000		\$0	\$568,934	\$568,934	\$374,750	\$69,426	\$1,013,111
2030	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2031	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2032	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2033	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2034	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2035	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2036	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,669,390</b>	<b>\$13,669,390</b>	<b>\$9,003,872</b>	<b>\$1,668,060</b>	<b>\$24,341,323</b>

Source: CPA, Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC

\*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

**Table 4** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district, Kent County and Kent County Road and Bridge, with all property tax incentives sought using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with the county.

The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Jayton-Girard ISD I&S Tax Levy	Jayton-Girard ISD M&O Tax Levy	Jayton-Girard ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Kent County Tax Levy	Kent County Road & Bridge Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
				<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.9700</b>		<b>0.63893</b>	<b>0.11837</b>	
2022	\$205,285,500	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$354,139	\$242,992	\$791,132
2023	\$188,748,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$325,610	\$223,417	\$743,027
2024	\$171,108,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$295,179	\$202,537	\$691,716
2025	\$151,924,500	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$262,086	\$179,830	\$635,916
2026	\$131,197,500	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$226,330	\$155,296	\$575,625
2027	\$108,927,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$187,911	\$128,935	\$510,845
2028	\$84,672,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$146,068	\$100,225	\$440,293
2029	\$58,653,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$101,183	\$69,426	\$364,609
2030	\$44,100,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$76,077	\$52,200	\$322,277
2031	\$44,100,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$194,000	\$194,000	\$76,077	\$52,200	\$322,277
2032	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2033	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2034	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2035	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
2036	\$44,100,000	\$44,100,000		\$0	\$427,770	\$427,770	\$281,767	\$52,200	\$761,738
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,078,850</b>	<b>\$4,078,850</b>	<b>\$3,459,496</b>	<b>\$1,668,060</b>	<b>\$9,206,406</b>
			<b>Diff</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,590,540</b>	<b>\$9,590,540</b>	<b>\$5,544,376</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$15,134,917</b>

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatement with the County.

Source: CPA, Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC

\*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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## Attachment B – Tax Revenue before 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Limitation Start

This represents the Comptroller’s determination that Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy and direct, indirect and induced tax effects from project employment directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
<b>Limitation Pre-Years</b>	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2021	\$145,500	\$145,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Limitation Period (10 Years)</b>	2022	\$194,000	\$339,500	\$1,797,269	\$1,797,269
	2023	\$194,000	\$533,500	\$1,636,856	\$3,434,125
	2024	\$194,000	\$727,500	\$1,465,748	\$4,899,873
	2025	\$194,000	\$921,500	\$1,279,668	\$6,179,540
	2026	\$194,000	\$1,115,500	\$1,078,616	\$7,258,156
	2027	\$194,000	\$1,309,500	\$862,592	\$8,120,748
	2028	\$194,000	\$1,503,500	\$627,318	\$8,748,066
	2029	\$194,000	\$1,697,500	\$374,934	\$9,123,000
	2030	\$194,000	\$1,891,500	\$233,770	\$9,356,770
	2031	\$194,000	\$2,085,500	\$233,770	\$9,590,540
<b>Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)</b>	2032	\$427,770	\$2,513,270	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2033	\$427,770	\$2,941,040	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2034	\$427,770	\$3,368,810	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2035	\$427,770	\$3,796,580	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2036	\$427,770	\$4,224,350	\$0	\$9,590,540
<b>Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)</b>	2037	\$427,770	\$4,652,120	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2038	\$427,770	\$5,079,890	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2039	\$427,770	\$5,507,660	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2040	\$427,770	\$5,935,430	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2041	\$427,770	\$6,363,200	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2042	\$427,770	\$6,790,970	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2043	\$427,770	\$7,218,740	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2044	\$427,770	\$7,646,510	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2045	\$427,770	\$8,074,280	\$0	\$9,590,540
	2046	\$427,770	\$8,502,050	\$0	\$9,590,540

**\$8,502,050**
   is less than  **\$9,590,540**

<b>Analysis Summary</b>	
Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?	<b>No</b>

NOTE: The analysis above only takes into account this project's estimated impact on the M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project.

Source: CPA, Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC

Year	Employment			Personal Income			Revenue & Expenditure		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Tax Effect
2020	125	115	240	\$6,875,000	\$10,092,773	\$16,967,773	823974.6	-450134.3	\$1,274,109
2021	250	236	486.328	\$13,750,000	\$21,772,461	\$35,522,461	1693725.6	-724792.5	\$2,418,518
2022	4	19	23	\$199,896	\$4,927,057	\$5,126,953	183105.5	465393.1	-\$282,288
2023	4	6	10	\$199,896	\$3,340,143	\$3,540,039	144958.5	450134.3	-\$305,176
2024	4	(6)	-2	\$199,896	\$1,631,158	\$1,831,055	129699.7	427246.1	-\$297,546
2025	4	(0)	4	\$199,896	\$1,264,947	\$1,464,844	106811.5	389099.1	-\$282,288
2026	4	(6)	-2	\$199,896	\$654,596	\$854,492	129699.7	366210.9	-\$236,511
2027	4	(2)	2	\$199,896	\$532,526	\$732,422	129699.7	320434.6	-\$190,735
2028	4	2	6	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	129699.7	289917	-\$160,217
2029	4	(0)	4	\$199,896	\$532,526	\$732,422	122070.3	282287.6	-\$160,217
2030	4	2	6	\$199,896	\$288,385	\$488,281	167846.7	259399.4	-\$91,553
2031	4	4	8	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	152587.9	228881.8	-\$76,294
2032	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	144958.5	221252.4	-\$76,294
2033	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	144958.5	167846.7	-\$22,888
2034	4	10	14	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	152587.9	152587.9	\$0
2035	4	10	14	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	167846.7	129699.7	\$38,147
2036	4	12	16	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	167846.7	99182.1	\$68,665
2037	4	12	16	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	144958.5	76293.9	\$68,665
2038	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$1,020,807	\$1,220,703	152587.9	76293.9	\$76,294
2039	4	16	20	\$199,896	\$1,753,229	\$1,953,125	152587.9	38147	\$114,441
2040	4	14	18	\$199,896	\$1,509,088	\$1,708,984	137329.1	7629.4	\$129,700
2041	4	16	20	\$199,896	\$1,509,088	\$1,708,984	122070.3	0	\$122,070
2042	4	12	16	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	106811.5	7629.4	\$99,182
2043	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	76293.9	22888.2	\$53,406
2044	4	4	8	\$199,896	\$776,666	\$976,563	106811.5	53405.8	\$53,406
2045	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$1,753,229	\$1,953,125	91552.7	-15258.8	\$106,812
2046	4	8	12	\$199,896	\$1,753,229	\$1,953,125	198364.3	15258.8	\$183,106
2047	4	21	25	\$199,896	\$3,218,072	\$3,417,969	289917	0	\$289,917
<b>Total</b>							<b>\$6,271,362</b>	<b>\$3,356,934</b>	<b>\$2,914,429</b>
							<b>\$11,416,479</b>	is greater than	<b>\$9,590,540</b>
<b>Analysis Summary</b>									
Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?									<b>Yes</b>

Disclaimer: This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

## Attachment C – Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that “the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.” This represents the basis for the Comptroller’s determination.

### Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

### Determination

The Comptroller **has determined** that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- Per Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
  - A. “While Texas Solar Nova 1 is specific to Kent County Texas, Clearway [Energy] is developing multiple projects within Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The decision to pursue projects and contribute limited capital, human, and solar resources is largely predicated on the economic return for a project and is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. Clearway must pick the best projects to advance as a company, and the economic return is a primary determinant for this decision.”
  - B. “Without the available tax incentives, the economics of the project become far less attractive and the likelihood of completing the project and selling the electricity at competitive prices becomes unlikely. If the Texas Solar Nova projects are not able to obtain a value limitation agreement, the projects would most likely be terminated and resources would be allocated to projects with more favorable economics that can also offer competitive power prices.”
- Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC is a part of multi-phase solar project along with Texas Solar Nova 2, LLC and Texas Solar Nova 3, LLC as shown together in the attached combined map.
- A June 16, 2017 *Fisher County Chronicle* article reported the following:
  - A. “Only moments after approving tax abatement guidelines and criteria, the commissioners heard from Randy Sowell with Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC., who asked for the court’s consideration on actions and creating a reinvestment zone for a potential solar energy project. ... The court voting to continue using the guidelines was good news for Sowell, as he recently submitted an application for tax abatement on behalf of a company wishing to potentially build a utility-scale solar photovoltaic energy plant.”
  - B. “He went on to explain the further you go west in Texas, the greater the resources for solar energy. Sowell said that Kent Co. was in competition with geographical areas that are more

productive in solar energy. He said elevation is a factor, but the biggest factor in solar production has to do with annual rainfall and the land aspect, or angle toward the sun. The angle of the land, and the amount of sunlight it receives as the sun tracks across the sky.”

- C. “Sowell said the land chosen in Kent Co.—part of the Morrison Ranch, just west of the county road 233 and 366 junction—had to do partly with the aspect. Another reason is the advantage of the transmission line running down the west side of the county. He said the line is a Competitive renewable energy zone (CREZ) line, and it was originally built to accommodate wind power on the high plains. He said solar energy is now able to tap into the line. He said it is a 345-KV line, the biggest lines in Texas, and you have to have a huge project in order to justify the interconnection expenses. And the project Sowell has been working on the project for the last two years is a huge project.”
- D. “Sowell chose to keep parent company he represents anonymous for now but said the first phase of the project is anticipated to be 250-megawatts. It would be the largest solar facility in the state, with an estimated value of \$280 million. The project is still several months out and there is still a great amount of work to do, but Sowell said the construction could begin as early as next year. If the company is able to fulfill the potential of the site, by the end of phase 2, the facility could be one of the largest in the world, rivaling those of Southern California.”
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- A June 30, 2017 *Fisher County Chronicle* article reported earlier,
  - A. “Kent County Commissioners hosted a public hearing Monday, discussing the proposed reinvestment zone for the potential solar farm, which the court went on to approve. Randy Sowell with Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC. appeared before the court earlier this month, asking for the court’s consideration on creating a reinvestment zone for a potential solar energy project. Sowell was on hand to discuss any question or concerns the court may have at this stage. Sowell also announced the name of the company he represents—Sunpower Cooperation—which had been kept secret until the public hearing.”
  - B. “The project in Kent County would be a two-phase project, with the first phase anticipated to produce 250-megawatts and by the end of the second phase could be one of the largest solar farms in the world, rivaling those of Southern California.
  - C. “Sowell has also submitted an application for tax abatement on behalf of Sunpower. Judge White said the court did not have an order approving the tax abatement, but the court discussed the matter and will look at approving the abatement at a later date.”
  - D. “Sowell said there would be around 300 temporary and 6 - 10 permanent jobs brought to the county.”
- A November 15, 2018 *The Texas Spur* article states :
  - A. “In other court action, [County Judge Jim] White brought the court up-to-speed on the status of solar energy in Kent County. SunPower, the developer of the Texas Solar Nova project, a proposed 650 megawatt initiative in Kent County, has been acquired by ClearWay. White reminded the group that the court had approved a reinvestment zone for Texas Solar Nova but not had not approved an abatement district.”
  - B. “ClearWay has communicated to White that the Texas Solar Nova project is now a competitive initiative and that Kent County would be competing with Andrews and Dawson counties for the project. The other two counties have given ClearWay an 80 percent abatement. White talked about the advantages that Kent County has over the other counties in this project: One owner owns 80 percent of the land associated with the project which simplifies negotiations for the solar company; and Kent County already has access to the energy grid, given the wind projects in the area.”
  - C. “The county judge said he preferred a “PILOT” program. This is a payment in lieu of taxes or a payment made to compensate a government entity for some or all of the property tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt ownership or use of real property. The court discussed valuations of

megawatts and the ranges of payments for megawatts as contrasted to payments that could be made in relationship to an 80 percent tax abatement proposal. No action was taken on the Texas Solar Nova project.”

- A July 11, 2019 *The Texas Spur* article reported the following:
  - A. County approval of Phase I of what the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Alliance referred to earlier this year as a “huge project” — the 750-megawatt Texas Solar Nova undertaking in Kent County — was passed Monday, July 8, 2019, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Kent County Commissioners’ Court. Phase 1, which the court plans to sign pending the required seven-day notification period to affected taxing entities in the county, will involve a 252-megawatt-capacity plant in western Kent County to be operated by Mountain View, Calif.-based Clearway Energy Group.
  - B. “Kent commissioners also extensively debated additional proposals for Phases II and III of the project but delayed action until after further discussion with Clearway representatives later this summer. Tax abatement counselor Adam Walker, attorney for Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP, of Lubbock, attended the meeting to discuss the Nova proposals. “The project has been in the works since 2017,” county judge Jim C. White said. White also explained that once federal renewable energy construction incentives phased out, “solar is a lot less expensive to install than wind, so they’re moving with that development.”
  - C. According to industry sources, this is true across the U.S. Southwest, where solar irradiance — radiant energy from hours of sunshine — is high. The county-approved plan involves a tax incentive to Clearway in the form of PILOT (“payment in lieu of taxes”), pending approval from all parties. Construction on the project, which is located on the J. B. Morrison Ranch, is slated to begin in June 2020, with completion expected in December 2021.
  - D. “Asked about impacts on county employment and tax base, White replied, ‘Anything that stimulates our economy will have a tremendous impact.’ While such projects typically provide little sustainable employment, short-term effects on jobs, housing and retail will likely benefit Kent and surrounding counties.”
- An August 1, 2019 *The Texas Spur* article reported, “... Nate Lapierre, manager of project development for Texas Solar Nova (Clearway) met with the court to review tax abatements with road use agreements for Phases 1, 2 and 3. Final agreements are pending approval and signature by all entities.”
- A September 5, 2019 *The Texas Spur* article reported, “Next, upon a motion by [Daryl Ham, seconded by [Roy] Chisum, the court approved the tax abatement agreement with Texas Solar Nova (Clearway) for Phase #1, #2 and #3 and a road agreement.”
- A September 4, 2018 *PV International* article reported:
  - A. “[Global Infrastructure Partners] GIP’s purchase of NRG businesses was announced in February, and changing the name of a company that is acquired isn’t novel. The big deal revealed on Friday is that Clearview also acquired a whopping 4.7 GW of solar projects under development from SunPower, including projects in 16 U.S. states. The acquisition of most of the projects closed on Friday, with the purchase of the remaining ones to be completed in the next two months.”
- An April 19, 2019 *Texas Renewable Energy Industries Alliance* article about solar energy in Texas, “It’s also clear from ERCOT’s planned capacity chart (solar is in yellow, wind in green), that there are numerous projects requesting interconnection in just the next two years. Not all will be built, but many will make it across the finish line. There will be some huge projects in the coming mix, including SunPower’s 750 MW Texas Solar Nova” undertaking in Kent County ...”
- An August 23, 2018 *PV International* article reported the previous the rise in solar projects in Texas:
  - A. “The most recent Generator Interconnection Status Report (GIR) from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), shows a pipeline of 80 GW of potential capacity at various level of approval – of which 38 GW is wind power and 30 GW is solar power plants.”
  - B. “About 50% of the solar volume is located in the west Texas region, with that volume being projected as coming online heavily in 2020, ... Noted in the future project lists was a 750 MW project owned by SunPower, “Texas Solar Nova”, located in Kent County ...”

- The project is included in Public Utility Commission's *New Electric Generating Plants in Texas since 1995, Summary of Changes to Generation Capacity (MW) in Texas By Status and Resource Type* (updated 1/8/2019). The project is categorized under Announced:
  - A. Texas Solar Nova (Facility); Kent (County); Solar (Energy); 750 (Capacity MW); Dec-21 (In Service); ERCOT(Region)
- A July 2019 *Generator Interconnection Status Report* issued by ERCOT, released August 1, 2019, includes a section that details those projects for which a Full Interconnection Study (FIS) has been requested.
  - A. Project Attributes: 19INR0001 (GINR Reference Number); Texas Solar Nova (Project Name); SS Completed, Full Interconnection Study Started, Interconnection Agreement (GINR Study Phase); Clearway Energy (Interconnecting Entity); tap 345kV 11305 Dermott - 59904 Cottonwood (Point of Interconnection Location); Kent (County); WEST (CDR Reporting Zone); 06/01/2021 (Projected Commercial Operation Date); SOL (Fuel); PV (Technology); 252.2 (Capacity);
  - B. Changes from Last Report: None (Change indicators: Proj Name, MW Size, COD, SFS/NtP, FIS Request)
  - C. GINR Project Milestone Dates: 7/6/2016 (FIS Requested); 6/28/2019 (IA Signed)
- Supplemental Information provided by the applicant indicated the following.
  - A. Is this project known by any specific names not otherwise mentioned in this application? *No, all names are identified in Tabs 4, 7, and 8 as Texas Solar Nova 1, Kent 3 Solar, TX Kent 3, TX Kent 3 Solar, and Kent3 Solar Site.*
  - B. Please also list any other names by which this project may have been known in the past--in media reports, investor presentations, or any listings with any federal or state agency. *Texas Solar Nova 1, Kent 3 Solar, TX Kent 3, TX Kent 3 Solar, and Kent3 Solar Site.*
  - C. Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's GINR number and when was it assigned. *Yes. 19INR0001, Nov 2015.*

**Supporting Information**

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

**Disclaimer:** This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

# **Supporting Information**

**Section 8 of the Application for  
a Limitation on Appraised Value**

SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024

1. Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?  Yes  No
2. The property will be used for one of the following activities:
  - (1) manufacturing  Yes  No
  - (2) research and development  Yes  No
  - (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code  Yes  No
  - (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code  Yes  No
  - (5) renewable energy electric generation  Yes  No
  - (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology  Yes  No
  - (7) nuclear electric power generation  Yes  No
  - (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7)  Yes  No
  - (9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051  Yes  No
3. Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?  Yes  No
4. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?  Yes  No
5. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?  Yes  No
6. Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?  Yes  No
7. Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment?  Yes  No

SECTION 7: Project Description

1. In **Tab 4**, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.
2. Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:
 

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land has no existing improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Land has existing improvements ( <i>complete Section 13</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of existing operation on the land ( <i>complete Section 13</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation within Texas

SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor

1. Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur?  Yes  No
2. Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?  Yes  No
3. Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?  Yes  No
4. Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location?  Yes  No
5. Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site?  Yes  No
6. Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site?  Yes  No
7. Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?  Yes  No
8. Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison with other alternative investment opportunities?  Yes  No
9. Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project?  Yes  No
10. Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?  Yes  No

**Chapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirmative determination under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.**

## **Supporting Information**

Attachments provided in Tab 5  
of the Application for a  
Limitation on Appraised Value

Tab 5

**Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor**

**Section 8, #2: Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?**

Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC has begun typical due course, early stage due diligence to explore feasibility of constructing the solar facilities at this site. As such, certain contracts have been executed, including lease and easement agreements with landowners, contracts with environmental contractors to explore environmental impacts of the proposed project, and an Interconnection Study Agreement (GINR 19INR0001 assigned in November 2015 shared with two other projects) with the transmission provider. None of these contracts obligate Texas Solar Nova 1 to construct the project.

**Section 8, #7 & #10: Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?**

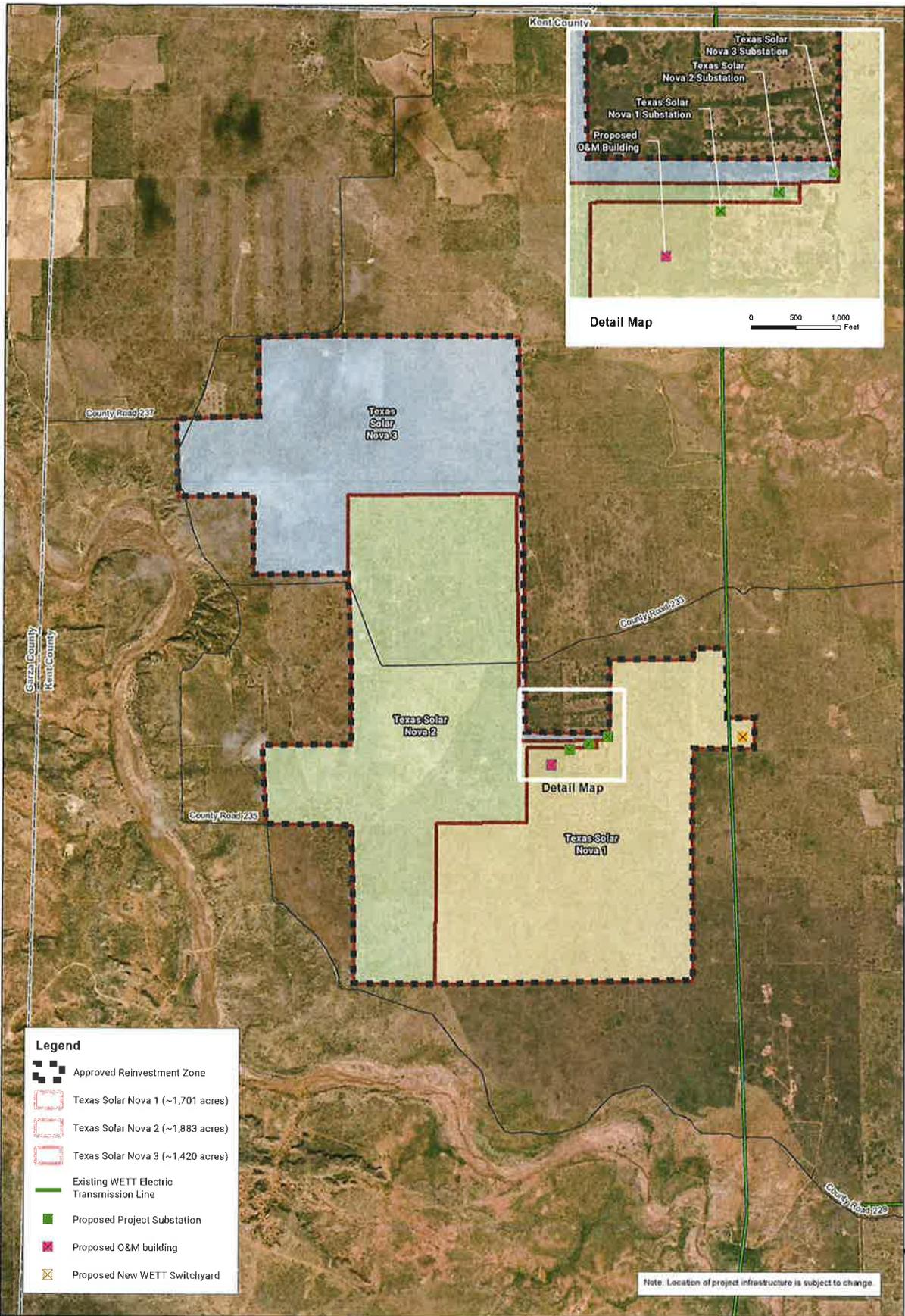
**Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?**

Clearway Energy has a 9GW portfolio of solar & wind projects under development across 24 States, including in the nearby states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, which have similar resources and regulatory environments. While Texas Solar Nova 1 is specific to Kent County Texas, Clearway is developing multiple projects within Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The decision to pursue projects and contribute limited capital, human, and solar resources is largely predicated on the economic return for a project and is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. Clearway must pick the best projects to advance as a company, and the economic return is a primary determinant for this decision.

Without the available tax incentives, the economics of the project become far less attractive and the likelihood of completing the project and selling the electricity at competitive prices becomes unlikely. If the Texas Solar Nova projects are not able to obtain a value limitation agreement, the projects would most likely be terminated and resources would be allocated to projects with more favorable economics that can also offer competitive power prices.

# **Supporting Information**

Additional information  
provided by the Applicant or  
located by the Comptroller



- Legend**
- Approved Reinvestment Zone
  - Texas Solar Nova 1 (~1,701 acres)
  - Texas Solar Nova 2 (~1,883 acres)
  - Texas Solar Nova 3 (~1,420 acres)
  - Existing WETT Electric Transmission Line
  - Proposed Project Substation
  - Proposed O&M building
  - Proposed New WETT Switchyard

Note: Location of project infrastructure is subject to change.

Texas Solar Nova  
**Texas Solar Nova 1, 2 and 3**  
 Approved Reinvestment Zone and Project Areas

Project Location: Kent County, Texas

0 1,500 3,000 Feet

**FIGURE 1**

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A crop duster spraying cotton fields west of Rotan early Wednesday morning.

## Community Calendar

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**June 15th**  
Rotan Alumni Association Meeting 7:00pm at the Newspaper Office to discuss October 13th Homecoming events

**June 16th**  
Relay for Life of Jones County Opening Ceremony 7am in Hamlin Live Music, Street Dance, Games and Activities

**June 18th**  
Happy Father's Day

**June 19th**  
Special Fisher County Commissioner Court Meeting 10am

Apermont ISD School Board Meeting 6:30pm

**June 20th**  
Jayton School Board Meeting 7pm

**June 20th**  
First Day of Summer

**June 26th**  
Kent County Commissioner Court Meeting 9am

Stonewall County Commissioner Court Meeting 9am

## Fisher County Monthly Meetings Schedule

- County School Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the Month.
- Commissioners Court - 2nd Monday of the Month 9am
- Hospital District Board Meetings are held the last Monday of the month.
- Roby City Council 2nd Tuesday of the Month 12pm
- Rotan City Council 2nd Thursday of the Month 7am



## Fisher County receives good news about retirement

Commissioners make plans to use grant money, receive a budget update, and hear good news about the county retirement program Monday 12th, at June's meeting.

Erika Nieto, a representative from the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) made the drive from Austin to personally give the county an update on their retirement account.

She gave the commissioners a brief history of their business with TCDRS, dating back to when the county joined the group back in 1974.

She wanted to provide the commissioners with insight into what the county has done in the past, as well as some perspective on how those decisions will

be affecting future retirees and the county itself.

TCDRS provides a savings-based retirement program, where since 1974, Fisher County has been saving money for when it is time for its employees to retire.

"Every year, while the employees have been saving for themselves, Fisher County has been saving for its match," said Nieto.

Nieto explained that TCDRS establishes a recommended rate a county needs to adopt in order to properly fund the retirement program. Fisher County has always set the rate to just slightly more than where they needed.

As a result, the county has created a cushion and

have been largely unaffected by dips in the market—like those experienced in 2008.

Nieto said one of the best parts of the county's strategy is that as of December of last year, they are 93.8% funded.

"Outside rating agencies say a plan is healthy if they are 80% funded or higher, and [Fisher] is at almost 94%. That's very strong," said Nieto.

Nieto said the county has quite a bit of flexibility in their options on how they want to continue, but if the county continues to operate the same way, it is on track to have a huge drop in their rates in 2022.

Rates will continue to decline during the years to come, and the county... (Continue to page 9)

## Two Lady Yellowhammer Softball Players earn Player of the Year titles.



Rotan Freshman, Ryleigh Denton, was named Pitcher of the Year for District 6 - 2A



Rotan Junior, Bailey Helms, was named Offensive Player of the Year for District 6 - 2A

## News from our Neighbors

### Kent Co. takes step toward solar energy and changes library rules

Only moments after approving tax abatement guidelines and criteria, the commissioners heard from Randy Sowell with Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC, who asked for the court's consideration on actions and creating a reinvestment zone for a potential solar energy project.

Kent County originally passed tax abatement guidelines and criteria as part of the Mozart Wind Energy Project, back in November of 2007.

The guidelines were to be reviewed every two years. Now, 10 years later, the court adhered to the timeline and reappraised those guidelines.

The guidelines to be considered for tax abatement is that it must be at least a \$1 million project, and be a benefit to the county i.e. provide employment opportunities, etc.

The court voting to continue using the guidelines was good news for Sowell, as he recently submitted an application for tax abatement on behalf of a company wishing to potentially build a utility-scale solar photovoltaic energy plant.

He went on to explain the further you go west in Texas, the greater the resources for solar energy.

Sowell said that Kent Co. was in competition with geographical areas that are more productive in solar energy.

He said elevation is a factor, but the biggest factor in solar production has to do with annual rainfall and the land aspect, or angle toward the sun. The angle of the land, and the amount of sunlight it receives as the sun tracks across the sky.

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### Stonewall Commissioners rethink Ag value challenge

Judge Ronnie Moorhead informed the commissioners he had submitted the paperwork to challenge the appraisal district's ag values and presented the court with concerns, which ultimately led to the court withdrawing the challenge.

Commissioner Gary Myers made the motion to withdraw, and Commissioner Kirk Meador seconded after hearing the Judge's update. Moorhead said the submission kicked in certain actions.

"We've got a problem. First of all, this puts our tax attorney out on the wall. Since he represents both entities (CAD and Stonewall Co.), he has to recuse himself," said Moorhead.

With the meeting to hear the challenge scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, the county would have had little time to find suitable representation. He went on to explain that this puts the court in direct opposition with the CAD office, which also puts them in direct opposition with the school.

If successful, the county would be out of compliance with the state, costing the school funding.

"In my opinion, we will not be successful, and I don't know that we want to be. I don't know how it affects the city. I don't think it does, but it will affect the school," said Moorhead.

Myers made the statement that the state would receive its money one way or another, and he was also doubtful the county would be successful in its challenge.

"[Austin] has us right where they want us; we've got to fold," said Myers.

Meador agreed and admitted he too thought the whole situation was wrong, and after some discussion, (Continue to page 8)

## City of Rotan completes sewer project and waits on park

Director of Public Works Rodney Denton said the city has completed the sewer line project, where they moved the main sewer line to run east of its present location. Denton said there would be a final inspection in the upcoming weeks, but he anticipates no issues.

Denton commended Raydon Construction out of Breckenridge, the city's contractor for the project. Radon Construction has been overseeing the line relocation since they broke ground back in March. "They were courteous and very helpful. I think they went above and beyond on a lot of things during this project."

Denton did say, however, they were about \$650 over budget on the project. He said crews ran into underground obstacles around one of the homes, which forced the workers to... (Continue to page 3)

## The Dog Guy

The Fisher County Historical Commission heard from Ricky Bedient, an animal rescuer and service trainer out of Midland, at the Tuesday, June 6th meeting. His goal was to raise awareness on the importance of service animals.

Bedient has been involved in animal rescue for 25 years, beginning at the age of 17. He's now 42 and the head of his self-made program, "The Dog Guy". You can find him on Facebook. He rescues dogs from animal shelters, trains them to meet the needs of the disabled, and changes the lives of dogs and their owners.

Bedient's dogs have helped children and adults with diabetes, down syndrome, autism, retardation, epilepsy, bi-polar disorder, blindness, and PTSD. Recently, he's given five-year-old Conrad Smith from Roby a dog of his very own: Ranger, aka JA. He named him after recently retired Sheriff, JA Robinson. (Continue to page 8)

# Fisher County...(Continued from page 1)

will be 100% funded by 2032.

"You won't send us anything. You won't owe anything. You will have funded the entire plan," said Nieto. "We usually see districts funded like this. Not so many counties."

County Auditor Becky Mauldin updated the court on the budget status. The county has spent about 65% of its budget, and with only a few months remaining in this budget year, she said they are about where they need to be.

Mauldin informed the court about a budget amendment for commissioners Pippin and Henderson. It was a line item transfer, moving funds from the FEMA account into their budget to help offset the cost of various items.

The court went on approved Pippin's request for the purchase of a new tractor and shredder for his precinct. He said he has his precinct has a problem with brush that can't be controlled with a chainsaw, and the new equipment will allow him to mitigate the vegetation growth.

The equipment will cost around \$116,000, and Pippin said he has accumulated an estimated \$50,000 through grant funding that will go towards the overall purchase.

The court also approved Commissioner Feagan's request for a road grader for his precinct. His precinct has been operating with only two road graders for some time. The other precincts have three graders per precinct.

He said he found a used grader with 600 operational hours on it, and that he would make

payments on the machine for five years beginning in the new fiscal year.

Commissioner Pippin made a motion to have the county put its fuel purchases up for bid. He believes the county will be able to save significantly on fuel costs over the course of the year by bidding the service to a vendor.

"We can get our rates down, which will help our budgets. I think it's in the best interest of the county if we will accept bids on diesel and save the county money. It's gonna save the county money," said Pippin.

Commissioners Martin and Feagan had concerns with the concept in that they don't have any way to store fuel in their precinct, but Commissioner Henderson agreed with Pippin.

Henderson said Jones County takes bids for their fuel, he and has heard reports they are getting their fuel for a lot cheaper than Fisher County.

There was a great deal of discussion on the matter.

Martin said he would vote for it, but he didn't have any interest in putting a fuel storage tank in his precinct, as he believes it will prove too difficult to track accurate consumption from a tank.

The county has placed advertisements in local newspapers, asking for vendors to start putting in their bids with the county.

# New Tools Protect Vulnerable Adults

Gov. Abbott Signs Law Aimed at Financial Exploitation

Austin, Texas (PR MediaRelease) June 14, 2017

That'll never happen to me, you think. Dad will never fall for it, you say to yourself. Mom's way to smart for that to happen to her, so says you. But, financial exploitation happens every day all day.

U.S. News and World Reports recently reported one in five people age 65 or older fall prey to financial fraud or abuse. Thieves prey on vulnerable adults to the tune of an estimated \$36.5 billion each year. That's big business.

Now, thanks to a new law, passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by Gov. Greg Abbott, Texas has new tools to combat the thieves and protect the vulnerable. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors - Texas championed the bill so that member advisors could protect their clients.

"It's a sad fact that more of us have a family member - because of dementia or simply age - who is vulnerable to financial predators. We think it won't or can't happen to a loved one, or us, but it does happen. These new tools will help protect Texas families and their finances," said Chris Iatton, President of NAIFA - Texas.

Provisions in the new law:

- Define financial exploitation, which was undefined under Texas law.
- Give banks, stockbrokers and other financial advisors the option to contact local law enforcement.

Give financial institutions the option to place a 10-day hold on an account once a report is made to law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.

Allow a financial advisor or institution to contact a third party if they suspect financial exploitation as long as the third party isn't the suspect party.

"It's not unusual for a financial advisor to suspect a problem before a client, or a family member, realizes what's happening," said Iatton. "This law gives us the ability to take action to stop this kind of exploitation."

Rep. Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound), who chairs the Investments and Financial Services committee in the Texas House, authored the bill. Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills), who chairs the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, sponsored it in the Senate. Gov. Abbott signed the bill into law on June 9.

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If the company is able to fulfill the potential of the site, by the end of phase 2, the facility could be one of the largest in the world, rivaling those of Southern California.

Sowell admits it is an ambitious endeavor.

"It's not easy, but you've got a good horse to back here. They're very confident, they're fully integrated, they own and manage their facilities, make their own panels, and sell their own power."

The question was posed as to what kind of 10-year depreciation the county could expect.

Sowell explained the 2013 Legislature passed a bill that allowed for accelerated depreciation for solar power projects, meaning that during the first 10 years, the project will depreciate to 20% of its value in year 11.

Sowell said the offsetting factor is that it will maintain that 20% value for the life of the project.

"I saw a bunch of small towns and counties benefit from wind, and now I'm beginning to see the same thing with solar. To me, it's just an extension of agriculture. These are natural resources," said Sowell.

The said it is an asset that retains its value over long periods of time, and there is very little maintenance.

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The commissioners also read over proposed rule changes at the library regarding electronics.

Computer access has been limited to one hour per day, half of the previous two hours.

Cell phones and outside personal gaming devices are also being restricted.

There has been some abuse of the library's wi-fi network, and some library patrons have raised complaints.

"We have computers there for public access, and we need to make sure we can share that as best we can," said Judge White.

The commissioners reviewed and found no objections to the amended rules and approved the library moving forward with the changes.

They also voted to continue to use the Kent County State Bank as the county's bank depository. The bank, however, did request a single change.

The bank shall furnish the county a federal home loan letter of credit in an amount sufficient to secure all funds in excess of the FDIC coverage. The letter of credit would be in lieu of pledged securities.

The two-year agreement between the county and the bank will not be effective until the county receives the letter of credit.

The court voted to reinvest the county's \$300K CD at a .15% rate and the \$400K CD at a 1.00% rate.

The court is scheduled to meet again in regular session June 26th at 9:00 a.m.

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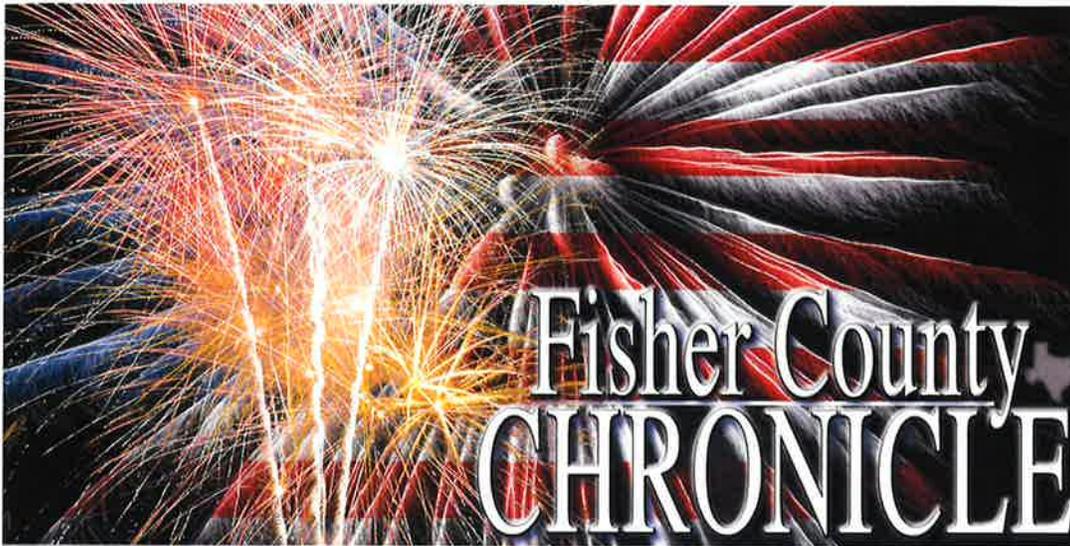
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**June 29**  
Rotan Alumni Planning Meeting 7pm at Ray's downtown Rotan.

**June 30**  
Fisher County Senior Citizen Fundraiser Luncheon. Begins at 10am with the Texas High Band, lunch will be served at 11:30. (See page 3 for more details)

This Is You feature film premiering at the historic Paramount Theatre. (see more details on page 6)

**July 1**  
Benefit Golf Tournament at Kent County Golf Course for Jane Elizabeth Martinez. Tee Time 9am - 4 person teams - Food will be provided - Contact Christy Long (806) 789-4294 or Tonja Seaton (325) 660-2135 for more details. Jane was diagnosed with Acute T-Cell (ALL) Leukemia at 15 months old. All proceeds will go towards Jan's medical expenses.

**July 4**  
Happy July 4th!

Rotan Community Service League Annual 4th of July Softball Tournament beginning at 7am.

Fireworks at the Rotan's George Patton Memorial Park beginning after dark.

**July 8**  
Jayton's 4th of July Festival "Celebrating America" 6pm - Midnight. Activities include Water Balloon Toss, Turtle/Frog races, watermelon eating, Seed Spitting, Hungry Hippo Game, Horseshoe Tournament, Goat Roping, vendor booths, Street Dance, Fireworks after dark.

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## Warrant turns into drug bust in Fisher County

**By Jeff Hurt**  
Saturday, June 14, Fisher County Sheriff's Department along with State Parks and Wildlife executed a search warrant at a Rotan residence, which resulted in arrests for aggravated assault and possession of a controlled substance.  
At 6:30 in the evening, officers searched the home of Maria Sepeda for a knife, reportedly used by Sepeda's son, Michael Menjares during an aggravated assault. Police say Menjares assaulted Sepeda's boyfriend, Terry Daniels, earlier in the day, threatening Daniels with the knife.  
During the search, officers discovered 2.3 grams of methamphetamine they say belonged to Menjares' girlfriend, Jennifer Diaz. Diaz was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Sheriff Fillingim said they are testing other substances and there may be future charges based on those results.  
Menjares was arrested on the charge of aggravated assault and remains in custody at the Fisher County Law Enforcement Center.

## One step closer to solar project in Kent County

**By Jeff Hurt**  
Kent County Commissioners hosted a public hearing Monday, discussing the proposed reinvestment zone for the potential solar farm, which the court went on to approve.  
Randy Sowell with Texas Solar Nova J, L.L.C. appeared before the court earlier this month, asking for the court's consideration on creating a reinvestment zone for a potential solar energy project. Sowell was on hand to discuss any question or concerns the court may have at this stage.  
Sowell also announced the name of the company he represents—Sunpower Cooperation—which had been kept secret until the public hearing.  
Sunpower Cooperation... (Continue to page 6)

## Fisher County student attends prestigious leadership conference

Rotan, Texas—A Fisher County student has just returned from an once-in-a-lifetime leadership conference that has her well on the way to success. Mikel-Ann Terry represented Fisher County Farm Bureau at Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) 54th annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC).  
"YLC is more than a conference or camp," Steve Estes, Fisher County Farm Bureau president, said. "It's a great opportunity for students to hone the skills needed to fulfill their dreams."  
Students who attend YLC engage in goal-setting activities that help build character, confidence and leadership skills.  
"Counselors and speakers at YLC encourage and inspire students to network and examine their ideas, attributes and abilities," Steve Estes said. "The students also learn about the free enterprise system that makes our country so great."  
YLC is open to high school juniors and seniors of good character and are in the top 30 percent of their class.  
Those who attend YLC are eligible to enter TFB's Free Enterprise Speech Contest for a chance at college scholarships. The conference was held June 12-16 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

## Aspermont seeks grant for storm warning system

**By Jeff Hurt**  
The Aspermont City Council held a public hearing prior to the regular meeting last week, allowing citizens a chance to voice concerns or have questions answered as the city moves forward with a USDA grant application.  
Mayor Lane Smith explained that the city's early warning system has been out of date for years and hasn't worked well for some time. He said the city has an online warning system that will send an alert out to people's cell phone during emergencies.  
He said the system works well but citizens have to sign up for the app.  
"A lot of our citizens aren't as technologically advanced as others, and this system would be beneficial to everybody," said Smith.  
The city is hoping to install a large siren capable of alerting the whole town. It should be loud enough to be heard anywhere in the city.  
City Administrator Lorenzo Calamaco recommended the city improve their odds of being awarded the grant by hiring a grant writer. He said the cost for a grant writer would be \$1,750.  
The city is applying to the USDA Community Facilities Program, requesting a... (Continue to page 6)

## Rotan ISD makes changes for upcoming school year

**By Jeff Hurt**  
Superintendent Greg Decker updated board members on changes the school is making in order to better serve the students and the public at during the June meeting.  
Decker explained how a reorganization of the library would create a place for digital learning. Workers spent several hours moving books from the main part of the library and relocating them to an old computer room no longer in use.  
Decker said the vacancy left by the books will be replaced with a wi-fi learning station. He said, ideally students will be able to use the station in small groups for dual credit, study activities, and group projects.  
"It's gonna take a lot of time." (Continue to page 4)

## Stonewall County Hospital changes plans for new nursing home

**By Jeff Hurt**  
After negotiations with AEP, the hospital was forced to alter construction plans for the new nursing home, and Hospital Administrator Andy Kolb informed board members it was a "blessing in disguise" during last week's board meeting.  
The hospital acquired 10.42 acres north of the current hospital facility for the construction of a new nursing home and assisted living center. The administration ran into an issue with AEP regarding an electrical transmission line that stretches diagonally across the site north to south.  
Kolb said AEP representatives told him the line could not be moved at any reasonable expense. Kolb said it would cost approximately \$2 million, and AEP is not willing to incur the cost. However, in a compromise, AEP... (Continue to page 5)

## Nomadic Newspaper visits Fort Carson at Colorado Springs, Colorado



SPC Devon Bailey, 12B Combat Engineer, takes his hometown news with him wherever the Army sends him. Devon enlisted straight out of high school and has recently been stationed at Fort Carson Colorado Springs, CO. Devon was deployed overseas the day this photo was sent to us. Be safe, SPC Bailey, and thank you for serving your country! Devon is the son of Valeska Weems, Grandson of Ruple and Rhonda Weems...Great grandparents Virgil and Auntie Weems and brother to Makenna Weems

## Kent County...*(Continued from page 1)*

a multinational, multi-billion dollar company based in San Francisco, CA, and publicly traded shares on NASDAQ. Total, an oil, natural gas, and solar energy company in France own a significant portion of the company.

Sunpower has been in business for more than 30 years and recently worked on a large project—such as the one proposed in Kent Co. It was a 580-megawatt project in California Sunpower completed in 2015.

The project in Kent County would be a two-phase project, with the first phase anticipated to produce 250-megawatts and by the end of the second phase could be one of the largest solar farms in the world, rivaling those of Southern California.

Kent County Attorney Bill Ballard in favor of the reinvestment zone, informing the court that the purpose of the zone is that any associated tax incentives will be restricted to the legal description of the reinvestment zone. It distinguishes it from other businesses and confirms tax agreements to a specific area.

Sowell has also submitted an application for tax abatement on behalf of Sunpower. Judge White said the court did not have an order approving the tax abatement, but the court discussed the matter and will look at approving the abatement at a later date.

Sowell said his main concern was getting the court's approval for the designation of the reinvestment zone and went on to answer questions regarding the zone.

Sowell confirmed that the company would want to erect a high game-fence around the zone in order to keep wild game away from the equipment. He said the fence would separate the facility from the county road, but at this point, he could not be sure of the exact location.

Sowell said there would be very little foundation work for the facility. Most would be for small metal buildings where inverters convert direct current into alter-

nating current. He said the substation cost is very expensive, running into the tens of millions of dollars.

When asked whether the distance between the Kent County and any potential electric purchaser—such as in the Dallas/Fort Worth area—would create any problems for sale, Sowell explained that Electrical Reliability Council of Texas (ercot) is a deregulated market, allowing for the purchase and sale of power from anywhere in the state.

Also on hand—via telephone conference—was Sunpower representative, James Devin who explained that the key piece for a project like this one before moving forward with construction is acquiring a power purchase agreement. This works similar to a wholesale agreement for an entity to sell power.

A power purchase agreement would be between a company like Sunpower and a large municipality like Austin Energy or a commercial industry like Toyota.

Devin said the company does not yet have any purchase agreements, but they have put out some bids for purchases based on estimates of potential tax abatements. Devin said in order for the company to be competitive in pursuing the power purchase agreements is to have acquired favorable tax abatements.

"This is a key project for the company. It's the biggest project we are developing right now, and we're looking forward to working with you over the next couple of months," said Devin.

He hopes the company will be able to begin earning the purchase agreement by this time next year and was hesitant to speculate on a construction timeline without having agreements in place.

"I can't commit to saying we are going to start construction on a timeframe without a power purchase agreement in place," said Devin.

The commissioners looked over the tax abatement application and the court had several questions about the financial numbers supplied. After lengthy discussion, it was determined there was a misinterpretation of Texas tax regulations, and they are going to have to rework some numbers with the tax tables in order to get more accurate projections on the potential financial benefit to the county.

"We're going to keep going over application until everyone is comfortable with it," said Sowell.

The abatement agreement will be worked out later after more questions have answers, but also under consideration is the potential economic benefit. Sowell said there would be around 300 temporary and 6 - 10 permanent jobs brought to the county.

Sowell is expected to be doing much of the negotiation with the county on behalf of the company and made it a point to remind the court that he was not an employee of Sunpower Cooperation nor Core Solar who represents Sunpower in Texas. Sowell is an independent consultant that represents the company's perspective to the county, and he also represents the County's perspectives to the company.

Judge White said he has been in contact with Jecos County Judge Joe Shuster, who said he has five solar farms in his county and three more are in the works. There will soon be eight solar farms located around the Fort Stockton area.

White told the court that Shuster has worked with Randy Sowell on most of the project.

"I think this is good. I really enjoyed the last session we had here. You guys asked more questions, and it was the longest informational session I've done with a court. I was impressed by that," said Sowell.

## Local artists premier feature film at historic Paramount Theater in Abilene

Two local filmmakers will be unveiling their feature length film *This is You* at the historic Paramount Theater in Abilene Friday night. Admission will be free of charge.

Rankin Dean graduated from Colorado City in 2014, and Sammy Castillo Jr. graduated from Roby High School in 2015. They would both go on to attend Western Texas College in Snyder.

Dean said that he started making little videos with his friends in junior high. It was just something to make their parents laugh. He was directing his friends on what to do and later edited the film on the computer.

Meanwhile, Castillo was using his family's camcorder to make films of his own. They both continued to make films with their friends through junior high and high school, but at the time, they didn't consider it to be filmmaking.

Dean got into acting through his theater class at college, and his perspective began to change, and he went on to graduate with an Associate's Degree in art.

"That's when I really started understanding the whole concept behind the art of acting and filmmaking," said Dean.

Sammy started using Photoshop and doing web design in high school and was the designer of the movie posters for *This is You*.

"The media department is definitely what I'm good at," said Castillo.

It was during his first semester at college when Castillo met Dean. They became instant friends and together the two teamed up, creating *Beyond Star 13* films, based in Abilene and began writ-

ing and shooting short films.

"Now we are making films and trying to get somewhere in life as filmmaker and director," said Castillo.

They borrowed equipment from friends and professors and got to work making their film. The film *This is You* based on the script written by Dean and uses a cast of students primarily from McMurry and Abilene Christian University.

The film is about a young man named Tom, and a chance encounter turns his fantasy into reality, but not everything goes the way Tom expected.

"It has been a tough but very fun experience," said Castillo.

They said the goal of the film is to promote themselves as capable filmmakers, hopefully getting to have the chance to get on board with a larger production company and begin working their way up the ranks.

"We've learned so much. Now we know twice as much from making this film, and I feel like now we can make another one that would be twice as good," said Dean.

Their next goal is to begin making their next film that they hope they will be able to show at film festivals like South by Southwest or the Austin Film Festival. They want to get to the point where they can quit their day job and work in the film industry full time.

Dean and Castillo are inviting everyone to join them at the Paramount Theater in Abilene when they unveil their hard work to the world.

## Aspermont...*(Continued from page 1)*

\$17,212 grant. It is a matching grant with the city's putting up \$7,558. This would be a \$22,950 in total funds to purchase the system.

No citizens were in attendance to discuss the city's warning system application, and the council moved on to regular business. Aspermont reached an agreement with Double Mountain Vintner Sports (DMVS), signing an updated ground lease contract for the 77.8 acres of land the city leases to the organization for community events such as mud bogs and lawnmower races.

Billy Beauchamp from DMVS, Calamaco, and the city's attorney, have been working through issues with the wording in the previous contract over the past few weeks, and Mayor Smith said this most recent contract would be the final draft.

Beauchamp said the wording in the new contract was a considerable improvement over the one originally presented.

"I looked over it pretty fast, but it's way better than what was last time," said Beauchamp.

Beauchamp said DMVS had not set any official date for a future mud bog but said they were looking into hosting an event in the upcoming months—weather pending.

City Secretary Timmy Gibson explained to the council about a rate increase with employee insurance. The rate for the employee medical insurance was \$547 last year. This year the rate jumped more than \$120 per employee, projecting a cost of \$668 per month for next year.

Gibson said rate updates came in a little early this year and they didn't get to it until as many other options as they would have liked. However, the other plans she and Calamaco looked into were still more expensive for the employees, \$3,000 - \$4,000 potential deductible to the employees for some of the plans.

"The cost to the city was a minimal difference between plans, but the cost to the employees was outrageous," said Calamaco.

Gibson said the deductible had not been raised in approximately four years. The dental and vision policy will remain the same and

the accidental death and dismemberment were also unchanged.

The City has a basic \$40,000 accidental death and dismemberment, which costs \$9.00 per month. Gibson asked the council to consider allowing a \$10,000 increase to the policy, making it \$50,000 in coverage.

She said it has been several years since it was last raised, and the monthly rate increase would be minimal, a 25% increase to the \$9.00 per month. \$2.25 making it \$11.25 per month.

"This is the better of the plans we looked at. Still not exactly what we liked, but maybe next year the insurance will be better," said Gibson.

The council agreed and approved moving forward. Gibson said the paperwork would be submitted in July, but the plan wouldn't take effect until October.

Calamaco reported to the council about damage to one of the city

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trucks. He explained that the driver's door is having trouble opening and closing properly, and the hinges are pulling away from the body.

He said he had a body shop take a look, and they provided an estimate of \$2,700 to repair the door. He also said the shop informed him it was a common problem with that model truck.

But Calamaco isn't sure about spending that kind of money to fix a 2009 Chevrolet 173,000 miles. The council agreed, feeling the estimate was too high and suggested the city take a look at a few other shops.

Smith recommended perhaps holding off until the budget is approved.

The council has scheduled a budget workshop Thursday, July 13 before the regular meeting at 6 p.m. A second workshop will be held in August so they can finalize the budget.

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## Wine/beer on Spur May ballot?

Petition application process underway this week

KAY ELLINGTON | THE TEXAS SPUR

One hundred and fifteen signatures stand behind the City of Spur putting a beer/wine local option vote on its May city-election ballot, according to City Secretary Laura Adams. The 115 represents 35 percent of the number of ballots cast in the last gubernatorial election, a Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission requirement for the number of signatures for a local-option liquor petition.

"Spur has never had a wet/dry election," according to Adams. Adams has worked for the city for four years and for three of those, she has been the city secretary. However, her predecessor Nancy Hale was with the city for 40 years and told Adams before she left that she expected the city

at some point to have a wet/dry election.

MAL Enterprises, the parent company of Lawrence Brothers Grocery Stores, headquartered in Sweetwater, began the process this week by applying for a petition to gather signatures for a local-option liquor election for the legalization of the sale of beer and wine within the City of Spur for off-premises consumption only. Their petition will be circulated within the City of Spur. The application for the petition will be filed with Adams.

According to Jay Lawrence, general manager of MAL Enterprises, they chose to apply for a petition because, "Small grocery stores in small towns are facing a lot of challenges when it comes to their survival. This (the beer/wine option) will allow us to sell another commodity in our store. This

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TEXAS SPUR PHOTOS

PURSuing PETITION: MAL Enterprises, the parent company of Lawrence Brothers Grocery Stores, has published a legal notice in the November 15 edition of The Texas Spur to apply for a petition to collect signatures for the legalization of the sale of beer and wine in Spur.

## JGISD making progress on '18 bond initiatives

KAY ELLINGTON | THE TEXAS SPUR

On May 5 residents in the Jayton-Girard Independent School District approved a bond election by a vote of 128 for with 19 against. The bonds will be issued, in one or more series, in the amount of \$2,075,000. The bonds will fund acquisition of transportation vehicles; technology equipment, such as laptop computers for both students and teachers, as well as interactive learning boards; rewiring of the school facilities to accommodate the new 21st-century technology; and maintenance equipment.

According to Trig Overbo, JGISD Superintendent, "We are about one third of the way finishing putting the bond initiatives in place."

See JGISD, page 8

Transportation and maintenance equipment have been ordered, as well as some of the technology tools.

The district has ordered two Blue Star buses at a cost of \$93,000 each. When the new school buses arrive, the district will sell the old buses. According to Overbo, JGISD plans to sell the old school buses via an auction in the spring.

JGISD has ordered six passenger vehicles from Robert Hall Chevrolet in Jayton, including three Suburbans for \$42,000 each, two vans for \$31,000 each and a truck for \$30,000.

The district has ordered a school tractor and lawn mower from Quality Implement, the John Deere dealership in Rotari, and an agriculture trailer from a



COURTESY PHOTO

SPECIAL SCREENING: The Covenant Mobile Mammography unit will be at the Spur Clinic at 907 E. Hill St., Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

## Covenant Mobile Mammography unit at Spur Clinic Tuesday, Nov. 20

STAFF REPORTS

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REPLACING ROOF: Lawrence Brothers IGA is installing a new roof on their grocery store at 601 Burlington Avenue in Spur.

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## What's happening

COMING UP IN TEXAS SPUR COUNTRY

Submit your community announcements (maximum 75 words) to news@thetexasspur.com for events within the coming month, to run up to 4 issues.

**FAMILY NIGHT AT SPUR IGS** Secondary Campus Family Literacy night Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. Different activities in different rooms, a light snack, and a chance for students to win door prizes just by signing in when they come in the door.

**DICKENS SENIOR CITIZENS BAKE SALE** will take place Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Dickens Senior Citizens Center and TC's Ponderosa. Let the Dickens seniors do your holiday baking.

**FEEL THE BURN SK RUN** is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to the 18th Annual CrossView Christian Camp "Feel the Burn" SK & Fun Run in Dickens. The event is a fundraiser to assist in bringing at risk, troubled and traumatized children from low-income homes to CrossView's Summer Camp 2019. There will be awards for the top overall SK and 1 mile male/female. There will be medals for the top 3 male/female participants in both races. Everyone is welcome to stay after the race for a weenie and marshmallow roast.

More WHAT'S HAPPENING on page 8



COURTESY PHOTO

THE WAX AND \$2,500 CASH DISCOVERED IN KENT CO. TRAFFIC STOP: On Nov. 7, 2018 Kent County Sheriff's Deputy Carter initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle along US Hwy 380 east of Jayton for traveling 104 mph in a 55 mph zone. Upon a search of the vehicle, Carter located approximately 1.4 grams of THC wax and approximately \$2,500 cash. The 20-year-old white male was arrested for Possession CS PG 2 >= 1G < 4G, a 3rd degree felony. Subject was processed and later transported to the Garza Co. Jail.



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## Bringing warmth to those without

Earlier this week we had a series of frigid days and nights where the temperatures dropped into the twenties with winds adding a cutting chill. It is on nights like that when I am grateful for a warm house, clothes and blankets. But not everyone has the means to weather what life brings. There are homeless people in our area who have few choices about their survival. Fortunately, we have friends and neighbors who care about them and want to make a difference. The Stars of Tomorrow and Friends Forever groups, a part of the Kent County 4-H program, will be accepting dona-

**We are fortunate that organizations like Grace Campus can provide a concerted effort to help those without the means for shelter and warmth.** tions for adult coats, blankets, gloves, scarves, and winter hats through the first part of December. They will be donating them to the Grace Campus in Lubbock. Grace Campus provides emergency temporary shelter during inclement weather for the homeless, as well as access to basic resources, in an effort to move homeless individuals and families towards self-sufficiency and independent living. Grace Campus partners with other ministries and organizations throughout the Lubbock area in an effort to provide the best assistance possible for each client. We are fortunate that organizations like Grace Campus can provide a concerted effort to help those without the means for shelter and warmth. It is also commendable that we have organizations in our region to support such initiatives, and they set a good example for young people. The coats, blankets, gloves, scarves and winter hats can be dropped off at the Kent County Extension Office, Kent County State Bank or JGISD.

## Dickens City Council discusses helipads for new fire station

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At the monthly meeting of the Dickens City Council on Thursday, Nov. 8, Clay Bridge, representing the Dickens Volunteer Fire Department, told the council that construction materials for the new Dickens Fire Station have been ordered, and the plans would allow for two helipads. Bridge noted that the original locations of the helipads might be not the most efficient, and it might be better for the helipads to be closer to the towers. If they moved those locations, the VFD would need to lease the land from the city. No action was taken on the helipad discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Marie Mullins, who was

chairing the meeting when Mayor David Warren had to leave, said that the helipad discussion would be on next month's council agenda. Aminda Bhakta from the Double H Motel in Dickens appeared before the council to follow up on his water fees. Last month, Bhakta was told that the City of Dickens would check to see if his water meter was working properly. Representatives of the city confirmed that the meter was working properly, and Bhakta was told he would need to pay the water bill, and an arrangement could be made. Vonda Brendle, representing the North Dickens Senior

Citizens Center, appeared before the city council seeking some clarity on ownership and policy regarding the facility. She noted that Dickens County had indicated that they thought they owned the building, but upon further research she said she had discovered that it was really the city who owned the building through a block grant in the 1980s. The county only owns the parking lot. She told the council that if they wanted to leave things that way and continue owning the facility, she felt that a legal document was needed. No action was taken on the North Dickens Senior Citizens Center discussion.

## Kent Co. discusses new airport hangar; solar, wind projects

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Due to the Veterans' Day holiday, the Kent County Commissioners' Court met Friday, Nov. 9, 2018. Topics included a potential new airport hangar; a competition for a previously committed to solar project in the county; and continued discussions about the Amadeus wind project. According to County Judge Jim White, Dan Fauber of Granbury had approached him about the possibility of building a new hangar at the county airport. Fauber indicated he would pay the expense of building the hangar. Because the hangar is on county property and because the hangar would have access to the county runway, Fauber proposed that he then lease the facility from the county and he offered to pay taxes on any future facility improvements. The commissioners discussed various scenarios for the hangar but no action was taken. White indicated that additional dialogue would occur with Fauber. In other court action, White

brought the court up-to-speed on the status of solar energy in Kent County. SunPower, the developer of the Texas Solar Nova project, a proposed 650 megawatt initiative in Kent County, has been acquired by ClearWay. While reminding the group that the court had approved a reinvestment zone for Texas Solar Nova but had not approved an abatement district. ClearWay has communicated to White that the Texas Solar Nova project is now a competitive initiative and that Kent County would be competing with Andrews and Dawson counties for the project. The other two counties have given ClearWay an 80 percent abatement. White talked about the advantages that Kent County has over the other counties in this project: One owner owns 80 percent of the land associated with the project which simplifies negotiations for the solar company; and Kent County already has access to the energy

grid, given the wind projects in the area. The county judge said he preferred a "PILOT" program. This is a payment in lieu of taxes or a payment made in compensate a government entity for some or all of the property tax revenue lost due to tax-exempt ownership or use of real property. The court discussed valuations of megawatts and the ranges of payments for megawatts as contrasted to payments that could be made in relationship to an 80 percent tax abatement proposal. No action was taken on the Texas Solar Nova project. The court then discussed the BaWa r.e. Amadeus wind project. White reminded the court that they had approved a reinvestment zone for the Amadeus project. They discussed the multi-year impact of potential increases in megawatt valuations versus the tax impacts of a potential abatement. No action was taken on any tax abatements at the meeting.

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- Meetings**  
**KENT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
 Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Kent County General Store, 272 N. Main St., Jayton, or the Jayton Community Center, 156 4th St., Jayton  
**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD - LLANO ESTACADO REGION**  
 Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the South Plains Association of Governments, 1323 58th St., Lubbock  
**JGISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
 Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Jayton School campus, 700 Madison St., Jayton  
**SPUR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
 Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Spur Community Center  
**WHITE RIVER LAKE WATER DISTRICT BOARD**  
 Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Water District office at White River Lake  
**SPUR CITY COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at 6 p.m. in the Spur City Hall

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# Kent commissioners move forward on solar project

## STAFF REPORTS

**County approval of Phase I** of what the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Alliance referred to earlier this year as a “huge project” — the 750-megawatt Texas Solar Nova undertaking in Kent County — was passed Monday, July 8, 2019, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Kent County Commissioners’ Court.

Phase I, which the court plans to sign pending the required seven-day notification period to affected taxing entities in the county, will involve a 252-megawatt-capacity plant in western Kent County to be operated by Mountain View, Calif.–based Clearway Energy Group.

Kent commissioners also extensively debated additional proposals for Phases II and III of the project but delayed action until after further discussion with Clearway representatives later this summer. Tax abatement counselor Adam Walker, attorney for Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP, of Lubbock, attended the meeting to discuss the Nova proposals.

“The project has been in the works since 2017,” county judge Jim C. White said. White also explained that once federal renewable energy construction incentives phased out, “solar is a lot less expensive to install than wind, so they’re moving with that development.”

According to industry sources, this is true across the U.S. Southwest, where solar irradiance — radiant energy from hours of sunshine — is high.

The county-approved plan involves a tax incentive to Clearway in the form of PILOT (“payment in lieu of taxes”), pending approval from all parties.

Construction on the project, which is located on the J. B. Morrison Ranch, is slated to begin in June 2020, with completion expected in December 2021.

Asked about impacts on county employment and tax base, White replied, “Anything that stimulates our economy will have a tremendous impact.” While such projects typically provide little sustainable employment, short-term effects on jobs, housing and retail will likely benefit Kent and surrounding counties.

In other action, commissioners approved minutes of the most recent regular meeting with a minor correction. The court also approved payments of claims against the county and reviewed its recent investment transactions.

County Extension agent Brandon Cave reported four months’ recent activity: five 4-H’ers competed at Houston; Kent County 4-H’ers joined forces with Stonewall County at the Cotton Producers’ meeting; and the 4-H District Roundup produced a good turnout, with four 4-H girls competing in the fashion show and nine attending the rifle event. The pet clinic had a good turnout, and eight 4-H’ers participated in the cattle validation event

Jordan Wade of Rotan, who completed his 4-H work in Kent County, was awarded a \$20K 4-H scholarship, which he plans to use at Angelo State.

Cave expects to arrange a tour in August for producers of a prickly pear–control local trial site where a new chemical is being evaluated for effectiveness.

Kent County Nursing Home administrator Bobby Simpkins reported a significant reduction in overtime and one admission pending for this month. A certified nursing assistant class was recently completed; another began this week with three enrollees.

Last week's Independence Day fireworks show for nursing home residents generated \$500 in gifts to support it.

Following reports on maintenance, with routine matters and the replacement of two air conditioning compressors this month, there was extensive discussion on a variety of nursing-home management topics.

Treasurer Christy Long reported good progress on annual budget preparation. White and the commissioners reviewed the preliminary budget in detail and hope to have a final version ready to file as early as this month, pending decisions regarding county employee health plans and any exceptional budget needs.

Sheriff William Scogin reported one detainee in jail. There have been several recent arrests, including one for a prank on a county vehicle and one for sexual assault. White reports no applications have come in yet for the deputy position.

In attendance were Jim C. White; commissioners Robert Graham, Don Long and Roy Chisum; and county clerk Craig Harrison. Absent was commissioner Daryl Ham.

# Kent Co. approves proposed budget, insurance plan

*COMPILED FROM MINUTES*

**On July 22, 2019**, the Kent County Commissioners' Court convened in a regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Kent County Judge Jim White; Roy W. Chisum, Commissioner Precinct One; Don Long, Commissioner Precinct Two; Daryl Ham, Commissioner Precinct Three; Robert Graham, Commissioner Precinct Four; and Kent County Clerk Craig Harrison.

The minutes of the last regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2019, were unanimously approved as presented.

First, Texas Association of Counties representative Kathy Davenport met with the court to review the insurance plans available for Kent County. Upon a motion by Ham, seconded by Graham, the court approved a 2019-20 health insurance renewal plan.

Next, Long moved, seconded by Ham, to approve the renewal contract with IAG Air Filter. Motion carried.

Graham moved, seconded by Long, to approve the reimbursement of permanent school funds in the amount of \$219,585.94 to Jayton-Girard Independent School District for capital improvements. Motion carried.

Then Kent County Nursing Home Administrator Bobby Simpkins and Chantelle Julian met with the court to report operations, including a census of 43 residents.

Upon a motion by Graham, seconded by Ham, all applications for the use of road machinery in the Kent County area were approved.

A motion to approve paying all current claims against the county for goods and services, as presented, was made by Long and seconded by White. Motion carried.

The court entered into executive session at 11 a.m. upon a motion by Chisum, seconded by Long. The court returned to regular session at 12 p.m.

Then a motion was made by Graham, seconded by Ham, to table the applications for employment for the Road and Bridge Department. Motion carried.

Next, upon a motion by Graham, seconded by Ham, the court approved reinvestment of funds with Plains Capital Bank in the amount of \$512,087.09 at a rate of 2.35 percent, due to mature in seven months.

The Kent County Appraisal District submitted the 2019 certified taxable value for 2019 to the court.

In further action, Nate Lapierre, manager of project development for Texas Solar Nova (Clearway) met with the court to review tax abatements with road use agreements for Phases 1, 2 and 3. Final agreements are pending approval and signature by all entities.

Finally, a motion was made by Ham, seconded by Long, to authorize White to post the 2019-2020 proposed budget in the county clerk's office for public viewing.

The next regular meeting of the Kent County Commissioners' Court will be held August 12, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the Kent County Courthouse.

# Kent Co. approves Solar Nova tax abatement, enacts burn ban

*COMPILED FROM MINUTES*

**On Aug. 26, 2019**, the Kent County Commissioners' Court convened in a regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Kent County Judge Jim White; Roy W. Chisum, Commissioner Precinct One; Don Long, Commissioner Precinct Two; Daryl Ham, Commissioner Precinct Three; Robert Graham, Commissioner Precinct Four; and Kent County Clerk Craig Harrison.

The court opened the first public hearing on the proposed Kent County tax rate for fiscal year 2019-20 at 9 a.m., with the public invited, and closed the hearing at 9:30 a.m. White announced a second public hearing and special meeting regarding the proposed tax rate, which was held on Friday, August 30 at 9 a.m.

The minutes of the last regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 12, 2019, were unanimously approved as presented.

A motion to approve paying all current claims against the county for goods and services, as presented, was made by Chisum and seconded by Graham. Motion carried.

Next, upon a motion by Chisum, seconded by Long, the court approved a reinvestment of funds and a new investment in the form of certificates of deposit with Plains Capital Bank in the amounts of \$250,000 and \$175,000, respectively, at a rate of 2.2 percent, due to mature in five months.

The court also, on a motion by White, seconded by Ham, approved a reinvestment of permanent school funds in the amount of \$404,633.03 at a rate of 2.2 percent, due to mature in five months. Upon a motion by Graham, seconded by Ham, the commissioners approved the reimbursement of permanent school funds in the amount of \$520,716.01 to Jayton-Girard ISD for the south end zone improvement project.

A motion was made by Long, seconded by Graham, approving an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles for the provision of equipment provided to Kent County according to Texas Government Code, Chapter 791. Motion Carried.

Next, upon a motion by Ham, seconded by Chisum, the court approved the tax abatement agreement with Texas Solar Nova (Clearway) for Phase #1, #2 and #3 and a road agreement.

Upon a motion by Graham, seconded by Long, the commissioners approved a road usage agreement with Amadeus Wind Energy.

Then Kent County Nursing Home (KCNH) Administrator Bobby Simpkins and Chantelle Julian met with the court to report operations, including a census of 43 residents.

Upon a motion by White, seconded by Long, the court convened in executive session at 10:45 a.m. and resumed regular session at 1:55 p.m. Thereafter, a motion was made by White, seconded by Long, to approve the KCNH LTCL plan for personal time off and a dress code. Motion carried.

Next, upon a motion by Long, seconded by Chisum, the court agreed to enter a service agreement with Execupay Services in which they will perform payroll services for KCNH, including all levels of payroll, federal, state, local and unemployment taxes.

Then a motion was made by Chisum, seconded by White, to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Council of Government and Department of Public Safety Communications Service and Texas DPS Law Enforcement Support Division. Motion carried.

In final business, upon a motion by Chisum, seconded by Ham, the court approved an order restricting outdoor burning for 90 days for the county.

The next regular meeting of the Kent County Commissioners' Court will be held Sept. 9, 2019, at 9 a.m. in the Kent County Courthouse.

# GIP launches renewable energy developer, acquires 4.7 GW of SunPower assets

Clearway Energy Group has been formed from NRG's renewable energy businesses and SunPower's project pipeline.

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The 108 MWp solar park was developed by Dhamma Energy and Sunpower in Mexico.

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One of the world's largest renewable energy developers and asset owners is a company that you've never heard of. And with good reason: it began operations last Friday.

On Friday August 31 infrastructure investment fund [Global Infrastructure Partners](#) (GIP) [announced the completion of its acquisition of NRG's renewable energy business and NRG Yield](#). This brought in \$1.35 billion in cash to NRG and removed \$6.7 billion of the company's debt, and gave GIP 2.2 GW of wind and 973 MW of operating solar assets in the United States – as well as over 3.5 GW of conventional generation – through NRG Yield alone.

As it did so, GIP changed the name of NRG Yield to Clearway Energy Partners, adding NRG's renewable energy business under this new company. The company will retain NRG Renewables President Craig Cornelius as CEO at its headquarters in San Francisco, California, but beginning on September 17 it will retire the NYLD ticker symbol on the NASDAQ exchange, and trade under the stock symbols CWEN and CWEN.A.

#### 4.7 GW of solar projects change hands

[GIP's purchase of NRG businesses was announced in February](#), and changing the name of a company that is acquired isn't novel. The big deal revealed on Friday is that Clearview also acquired a whopping 4.7 GW of solar projects under development from SunPower, including projects in 16 U.S. states. The acquisition of most of the projects closed on Friday, with the purchase of the remaining ones to be completed in the next two months.

This move by SunPower is in line with the direction that the company has been taking for the past few years. Following the company [selling off its share of YieldCo 8point3](#), in its Q1 earnings call [SunPower communicated that it is exiting the utility scale development space](#). The company stated that distributed solar power's continued high growth, and a focus on higher margin residential projects, was compelling enough to continue the exit from the utility scale market.

One factor may be tariffs. The ad valorem nature of the United States' Section 201 import duties means that SunPower's more expensive, high-efficiency modules are hit harder than cheaper products. But in the residential and small commercial and industrial markets the price of modules is a smaller portion of overall system costs, meaning that the impact of tariffs is less than in utility-scale development.

When all of the assets of NRG, NRG Yield and SunPower are added up, Clearview owns 2.8 GW of operational wind, 1.1 GW of utility-scale solar and 300 MW of distributed and community solar assets – as well as a pipeline of 8.9 GW of solar and wind projects. It will also provide operations and maintenance and asset management services to 4.1 GW of projects.

Not bad as a starting point.

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# Solar Energy About To Light Up Texas

*By Peter Kelly-Detwiler - Storyteller in Residence*

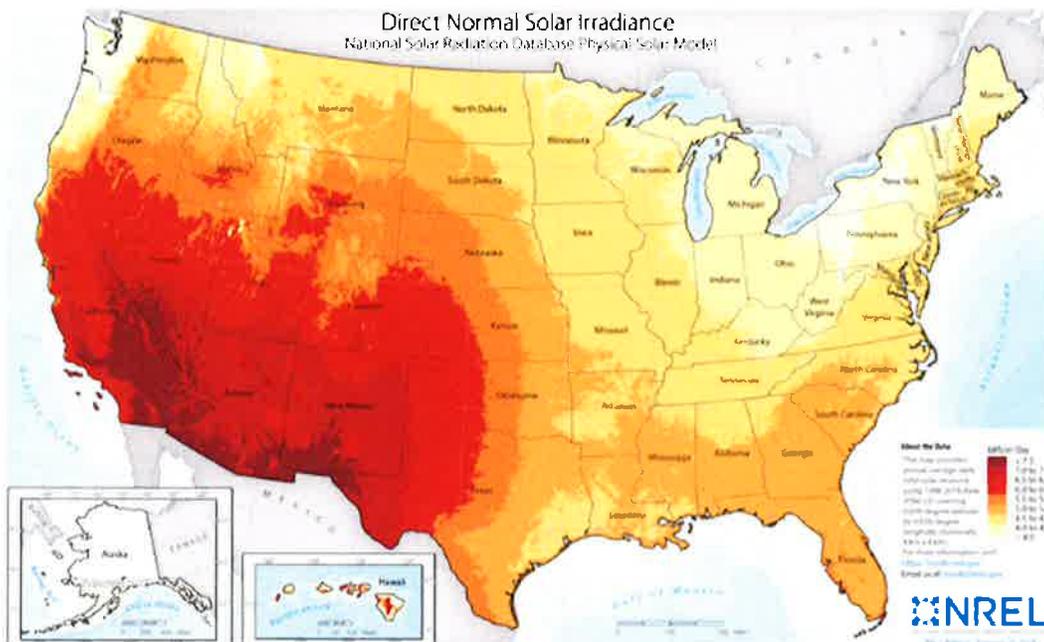
Until recently, wind energy has been the undisputed renewables champion in Texas, and rightly so. The state boasts almost 25,000 megawatts (MW) of installed wind, with 13,000 turbines in operation, and an additional 7,000 MW in advanced development or under construction.

Wind is about to get a partner, though, as the solar industry is about to take the state by sunny storm. From a base of approximately 2,000 MW today, solar is forecast to climb to 8,200 MW by 2025. Solar's already significant enough that ERCOT has already implemented solar forecasting. It will have a few tailwinds to help it (to mix metaphors across renewables).

It helps to tell this story in graphs and charts:

First, Texas has a substantial solar resource, with irradiance especially high in the western side of the state. It ranks 6th among states, with an average solar capacity factor of about 21.7%.

### High Irradiance

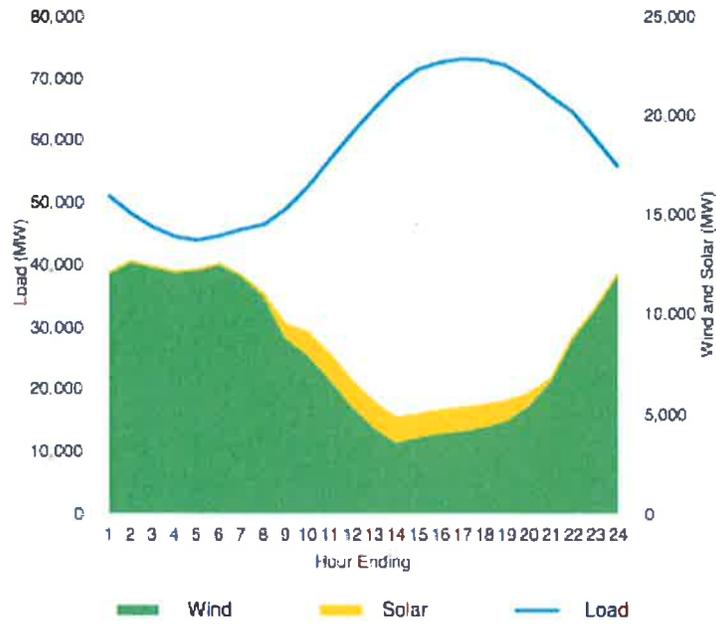


Second, it is highly correlative with peak Texas power demand and the higher-priced hours of the day. As reserve margins decline, power prices are likely to increase, which would be a windfall for solar (oops, another wind reference). Eventually, if solar is overbuilt - as has been the case in California - new additions could push prices down. But that did not occur in the California market until solar reached about 10% market penetration. In a roughly 80,000 MW system, that's a problem for the future.

Third, it is relatively negatively correlated to the state's wind output. Which means it will fit nicely into some of the existing transmission infrastructure for wind that's under-utilized during the daylight hours, but called upon at night when the wind blows.

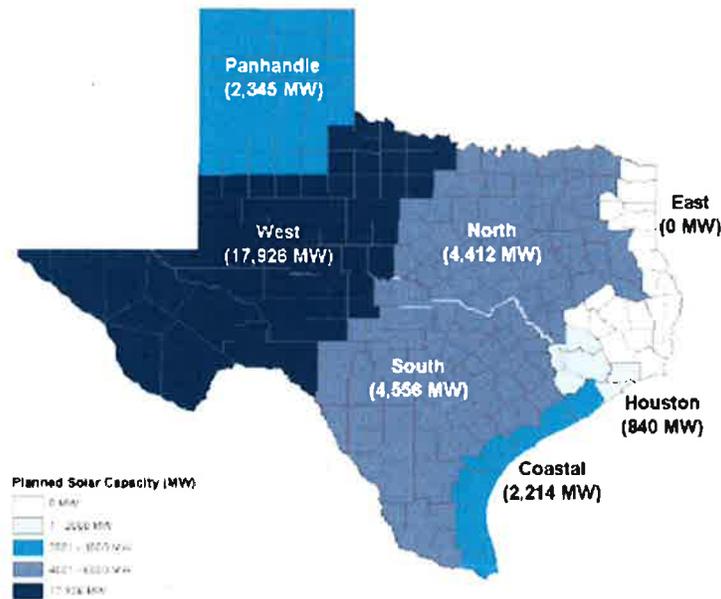
### Solar Nicely Correlated to Both Wind and Load

### Summer Peak Day (7/19/2018)



The following ERCOT graphics show the where and when of the interconnection requests and projected growth.

### Interconnection Requests: Go West Young Man

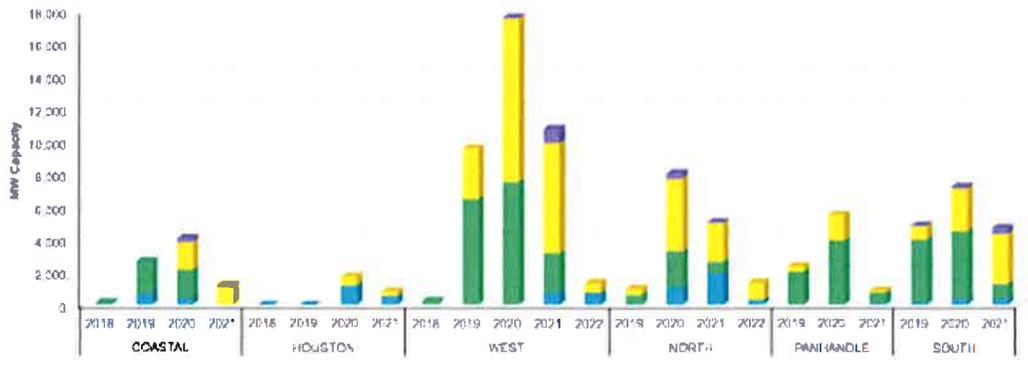


- Total Interconnection Requests at any stage of interconnection process as of October 2018

As is evident from the map, there is a significant concentration in West Texas, and some of it will have access to the CREZ transmission lines that have already been built out.

## Rapid Growth in 2019/2020

Capacity for Planned Projects by Projected In-service Year and CDR Forecast Zone



It's also clear from ERCOT's planned capacity chart (solar is in yellow, wind in green), that there are numerous projects requesting interconnection in just the next two years. Not all will be built, but many will make it across the finish line.

There will be some huge projects in the coming mix, including SunPower's 750 MW Texas Solar Nova" undertaking in Kent County and Coronal Energy's 600 MW "Anson Solar" array in Jones County. Also the world's largest (yup, this is Texas) solar-plus-storage project – sized at 495 MW of solar and 495 MW of storage - is being proposed by developer Intersect Power for Borden County.

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## Acronyms

GINR = Generation Interconnection or Change Request

COD = Commercial Operation Date

SS = Security Screening Study

FIS = Full Interconnection Study

IA = Interconnection Agreement; can be either of the following:

- Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA)

- Public financially binding agreement

- An official letter from a Municipally Owned Utility or Electric Cooperative signifying developer intent to build and operate generation facilities and interconnect with the MOU or EC

POI = Point of Interconnection

INR = Interconnection Request Number

TSP = Transmission Service Provider

NtP = Notice-to-Proceed given to the TSP for interconnection construction

CDR = Capacity, Demand and Reserves Report

SFS = Sufficient Financial Security provided to the TSP for construction of the interconnection facilities

QSA = Quarterly Stability Assessment

### Fuel Types

BIO = Biomass

COA = Coal

GAS = Gas

GEO = Geothermal

HYD = Hydrogen

NUC = Nuclear

OIL = Fuel Oil

OTH = Other

PET = Petcoke

SOL = Solar

WAT = Water

WIN = Wind

### Technology Types

BA = Battery Energy Storage

CC = Combined-Cycle

CE = Compressed Air Energy Storage

CP = Concentrated Solar Power

EN = Energy Storage

FC = Fuel Cell

GT = Combustion (gas) Turbine, but not part of a Combined-Cycle

HY = Hydroelectric Turbine

IC = Internal Combustion Engine, eg. Reciprocating

OT = Other

PV = Photovoltaic Solar

ST = Steam Turbine other than Combined-Cycle

WT = Wind Turbine



**GINR Project Details**

**NOTES:**

Due to Protocol confidentiality provisions, only those projects for which a Full Interconnection Study has been requested are included.

The megawatt capacities for projects identified as repowering are reported on a net change basis with respect to the original capacity amount, and thus may have zero or negative values. For projects where increased self-serve load is part of the interconnection studies, the reported capacity is the maximum net MW available to the grid.

The construction start date is the date physical on-site work of a significant nature (such as excavation for footings or foundations or pouring of concrete for foundations) has begun and is on-going. Additionally, major equipment items (such as turbines or step-up transformers) are on-site, in route to the site, or being manufactured under a binding contract with significant financial commitments. The construction end date is the date when all plant systems are ready for commissioning/startup activities. Note that the reporting of Construction Start and End Dates will not begin until ERCOT's online GINR system is available to project developers for data entry.

Blank cells on Air Permit, GHG Permit and Water Availability indicate the emission permits/proof of water supplies are required but have not been obtained or reported to ERCOT yet.

**Project Attributes**

**Changes from Last Report**

INR	Project Name	GINR Study Phase	Interconnecting Entity	POI Location	County	CDR Reporting Zone	Projected COD	Fuel	Technology	Capacity (MW)	Change indicators: Proj Name, MW Size, COD, SFS/NIP, FIS Request
08INR0019b	Grandview 5 W	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	79005 Railhead 345kV	Gray	PANHANDLE	12/15/2020	WIN	WT	249	
11INR0054	Midway Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Apex Clean	8961 Whitepoint 138kV	San Patricio	COASTAL	06/29/2019	WIN	WT	162.9	
11INR0062	Shaffer	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Clearway Energy	85000 Nelson Sharpe 345kV	Nueces	COASTAL	08/15/2019	WIN	WT	226	COD
12INR0055	S_Hills Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC	33728 Mabelle 69kV	Baylor	WEST	07/31/2019	WIN	WT	30.24	COD
12INR0059b	HOVEY (Barilla Solar 1B)	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	First Solar	60385 Solstice 138kV	Pecos	WEST	12/31/2019	SOL	PV	7.4	COD
12INR0060	Wilson Ranch	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	ENGIE	76003 Big Hill 345kV	Schleicher	WEST	10/31/2019	WIN	WT	199.5	
13INR0010a	Mariah Del Este	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Mariah Acquisition	141765 Mariah 345kV	Parmer	PANHANDLE	10/30/2020	WIN	WT	152.5	
13INR0025	Northdraw Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	National Renewable Solutions	79504 AJ Swope 345kV	Randall	PANHANDLE	08/01/2020	WIN	WT	150	
13INR0026	Canadian Breaks Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Macquarie Cap	Tap 345kV 79502 Windmill - 79504 AJ Swope	Oldham	PANHANDLE	08/30/2019	WIN	WT	210	
13INR0038	Wildrose Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	S Power	79501 Ogallala 345kV	Swisher	PANHANDLE	12/30/2021	WIN	WT	302.5	
14INR0009	WKN Amadeus Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	WKN	tap 345kV 11305 Dermott - 60704 Kirchhof	Fisher	WEST	05/15/2020	WIN	WT	245.9	
14INR0030c	Panhandle Wind 3	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Pattem Energy	79005 Railhead 345kV	Carson	PANHANDLE	12/01/2020	WIN	WT	248	
14INR0033	Goodnight Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	FGE Power	tap 345kV 79500 Alibates - 79503 Tule Canyon	Armstrong	PANHANDLE	10/15/2020	WIN	WT	504.4	
14INR0044	West of Pecos Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Eon	11083 Riverton 138kV	Reeves	WEST	12/15/2019	SOL	PV	100	
14INR0045	Torreillas Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	161252, 161301 Torreillas 34.5kV	Webb	SOUTH	06/17/2019	WIN	WT	300.5	
15INR0034	El Algodon Alto W	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	tap 345kV 8455 Lon Hill - 5725 Pawnee	San Patricio	COASTAL	12/31/2020	WIN	WT	201	
15INR0044	Corazon Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Enerverse	80219 Lobo 345kV	Webb	SOUTH	05/31/2020	SOL	PV	200	
15INR0051	Tierra Blanca W	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	79501 Ogallala 345kV	Randall	PANHANDLE	12/15/2021	WIN	WT	200	
15INR0059	Emerald Grove Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Cypress Creek Renewables	76602 Horse Crossing 138kV	Pecos	WEST	04/10/2021	SOL	PV	108	COD
15INR0063	Easter Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	TnGlobal	79502 Windmill 345kV	Castro	PANHANDLE	10/31/2021	WIN	WT	307.5	
15INR0064b	Harald (BearKat Wind B)	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	CIP	59903 Bearkat 345kV	Glasscock	WEST	12/13/2019	WIN	WT	162.1	
15INR0090	Plugerville Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	RRE Solar	tap 138kV 7336 Gillie - 3650 Elgin	Travis	SOUTH	12/31/2020	SOL	PV	144	
16INR0003	LEVEE (Freeport LNG)	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Freeport LNG	43336 Oyster Cr 138kV	Brazoria	COASTAL	12/15/2019	GAS	GT	11	
16INR0010	FGE Texas 1 Gas	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	FGE Power	Tap 345kV 1030 Morgan - 1025 Falcon	Mitchell	WEST	04/30/2021	GAS	CC	742.9	
16INR0012	Stella 2 Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	tap 345kV 80076 Ajo - 80071 Zorillo	Kenedy	COASTAL	12/30/2020	WIN	WT	201	
16INR0014	Cattleman Wind A	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	tap 345kV 79501 Ogallala - 79502 Windmill	Castro	PANHANDLE	09/01/2021	WIN	WT	201.6	
16INR0014b	Cattleman Wind B	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Eon	tap 345kV 79501 Ogallala - 79502 Windmill	Castro	PANHANDLE	09/01/2021	WIN	WT	201.6	
16INR0019	BlueBell Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	76090 Divide 345kV	Coke	WEST	06/17/2019	SOL	PV	30	
16INR0033	Hart Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Orion	79501 Ogallala 345kV	Castro	PANHANDLE	12/31/2021	WIN	WT	150	
16INR0037c	Pumpkin Farm Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Apex Clean	79505 White River 345kV	Floyd	PANHANDLE	12/01/2020	WIN	WT	280.9	
16INR0044	Halyard Wharton	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Halyard Energy	tap 345kV 9073 Holman - 44200 Hilje	Wharton	SOUTH	06/01/2021	GAS	GT	484	
16INR0045	Halyard Henderson	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Halyard Energy	tap 345kV 3109 Stryker - 3123 Trinidad	Henderson	NORTH	05/01/2021	GAS	GT	484	
16INR0049	Nazareth Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Landlease Energy	79501 Ogallala 345kV	Castro	PANHANDLE	05/31/2021	SOL	PV	201	
16INR0054	NA	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	NASA	42970 Nasa 138kV	Harris	HOUSTON	09/01/2018	GAS	CC	12	
16INR0062b	Lockett Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Lincoln Clean	141355-6 Electra 34.5kV	Wilbarger	WEST	09/30/2019	WIN	WT	184	
16INR0074	Chocolate Bayou W	SS Completed, FIS Completed, No IA	Engie	tap 138kV 42109 Hudson - 42960 Mustang	Brazoria	COASTAL	05/01/2021	WIN	WT	149.5	
16INR0076	Hudson (Ineos/Brazoria)	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	ineos	42100 Hudson 138kV	Brazoria	COASTAL	08/30/2019	GAS	GT	96	

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INR	Project Name	GINR Study Phase	Interconnecting Entity	POI Location	County	CDR Reporting Zone	Projected COD	Fuel	Technology	Capacity (MW)	Change indicators: Proj Name, MW Size, COD, SFS/NIP, FIS Request	
18INR0033	Oveja Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Invenergy	76005 Schneeman Draw 345kV	Irion	WEST	08/02/2019	WIN	WT	300	COD	
18INR0034	Blanco Canyon Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Invenergy	59904 Cottonwood 345kV	Crosby	PANHANDLE	12/31/2021	WIN	WT	250.7		
18INR0035	CityVct	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Castleman Power	8172 Victoria 138kV	Refugio	COASTAL	09/30/2019	GAS	GT	100	COD	
18INR0038	Barrow Ranch	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Engie	1134 Littman 138kV	Andrews	WEST	12/01/2019	WIN	WT	160		
18INR0039	Fowler Ranch	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	CED Crane Solar, LLC	tap 138kV 60014 Spudder - 76615 Crane	Crane	WEST	06/03/2020	SOL	PV	153		
18INR0040	Soda Lake Solar 1	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Arington Solar	Tap 138kV 6601 Rio Pecos - 60014 Spudder	Crane	WEST	05/31/2021	SOL	PV	202.59	MW Size COD	
18INR0042	Kaiser Creek Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Calpine	Tap 138kV 6275 Abilene East - 66074 Putnam	Callahan	WEST	12/01/2020	WIN	WT	101.52	MW Size	
18INR0043	Edmondson Ranch Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Wind Tex	<b>59903 Bearkat 345kV</b>	Glasscock	WEST	09/01/2020	WIN	WT	292.5	COD	
18INR0045	Misae Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	CIP	60501 Tesla 345kV	Childress	PANHANDLE	11/19/2019	SOL	PV	240.8		
18INR0049	Santa Rita Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	invenergy	76005 Schneeman Draw 345kV	Crockett	WEST	12/31/2022	SOL	PV	400		
18INR0050	Mustang Creek Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Sunchase Power	tap 138kV 5523 ETP - 78104 Ricebird new sub Galow	Jackson	SOUTH	05/01/2021	SOL	PV	150	COD	
18INR0053	Fort Bend Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Fort Bend Solar LLC	tap 138kV 44541 Orchard - 44190 E Bernard	Fort Bend	HOUSTON	10/30/2020	SOL	PV	240		
18INR0055	Long Draw Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	ENGIE	59900 Long Draw 138kV	Borden	WEST	06/30/2020	SOL	PV	225		
18INR0056	Hallmark Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Cypress Creek Renewables	tap 69kV 1824 Neyland - 1826 Cadmil	Hunt	NORTH	12/15/2020	SOL	PV	43		
18INR0058	Texana Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Sunchase Power	tap 138kV 8102 El Campo - 8117 Ganado	Wharton	SOUTH	03/01/2021	SOL	PV	150		
18INR0059	East Raymond Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Eon	tap 345kV 8318 Rio Hondo - 8383 N Edinburg	Willacy	COASTAL	09/15/2020	WIN	WT	201.6		
18INR0060	Brightside Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Cypress Creek Renewables	tap 69kV 8198 Beeville - 8400 Three River	Bee	SOUTH	12/15/2020	SOL	PV	50		
18INR0062	Wagyu Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Cypress Creek Renewables	tap 138kV 43380 West Columbia - 44010 WA Pansh	Brazoria	COASTAL	06/01/2020	SOL	PV	121.9		
18INR0064	Silver Star repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Silver Star I Power Partners, LLC	1642 Flat Creek 138kV	Eastland	NORTH	08/10/2020	WIN	WT	-7.2	COD	
18INR0065	Goodranch Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	EDF Renewable Energy	79600 Vealmoor 138kV OR 79640 Vealmoor 345kV	Borden	WEST	09/30/2021	SOL	PV	200		
18INR0067	Gopher Creek Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Terna Energy	11306 Dermott 138kV	Borden	WEST	08/30/2019	WIN	WT	158	COD	
18INR0068	Loraine Windpark Phase III	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Third Planet Wind Power	181153 Lonewolf 345kV	Mitchell	WEST	05/01/2020	WIN	WT	100		
18INR0069	Indian Mesa repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	76019 Indian NWP 138kV	Pecos	WEST	01/01/2019	WIN	WT	0		
18INR0070	Blue Summit II	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	61001 Jim Treece 345kV	Wilbarger	WEST	06/17/2019	WIN	WT	102		
18INR0072	Blue Summit repower	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Nextera	61001 Jim Treece 345kV	Wilbarger	WEST	06/03/2019	WIN	WT	9.9		
18INR0073	Sweetwater 1 repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, No IA	Leeward Energy	71050 Bitter Creek 345kV	Nolan	WEST	09/30/2019	WIN	WT	3	COD	
18INR0075	Gulf Wind 1 repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Pattern Energy	80071 Zorillo 345kV	Kenedy	COASTAL	06/01/2020	WIN	WT	0		
18INR0076	Kolf Hollow 2 repower	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Exelon	1877 Mitchell Bend 345kV	Hood	NORTH	09/16/2019	GAS	CC	44		
18INR0077	Colorado Bend 2 repower	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Exelon	44040 Bailey 345kV	Wharton	SOUTH	09/15/2019	GAS	CC	45		
18INR0078	Bobcat Bluff repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	EDF Renewable Energy	1475 Windthorst 138kV	Archer	WEST	07/19/2019	WIN	WT	12	COD	
18INR0079	Woodward 1 repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	60400 Lynx 138kV	Pecos	WEST	01/01/2019	WIN	WT	0		
18INR0080	Woodward 2 repower	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Nextera	60400 Lynx 138kV	Pecos	WEST	12/31/2018	WIN	WT	0		
19INR0001	Texas Solar Nova	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Cleanway Energy	tap 345kV 11305 Dermott - 59904 Cottonwood	Kent	WEST	06/01/2021	SOL	PV	252.2		
19INR0002	King Mountain Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Nextera	tap 345kV 11028 Odessa - 76000 N McCamey	Upton	WEST	05/01/2021	SOL	PV	350		
19INR0006	Bluebonnet Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	One Energy Renewables	tap 138kV 6680 Alamo - 60385 Solstice	Brewster	WEST	12/31/2020	SOL	PV	60.7		
19INR0007	Charbray Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	8minutenergy	1032 Morgan Creek 138kV	Mitchell	WEST	10/01/2020	SOL	PV	200		
19INR0009	Holstein Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	8minutenergy	11406 Central Bluff 345kV	Nolan	WEST	06/01/2020	SOL	PV	204.47	MW Size COD	
19INR0014	Formosa Increase	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Formosa Plastics	8126 Formosa 138kV	Calhoun	COASTAL	12/31/2019	GAS	CC	240		
19INR0017	Tri-County Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	First Solar	tap 138kV 1027 Odessa - 1107 Monahans2T	Crane	WEST	12/31/2020	SOL	PV	177.75		
19INR0019	Foard City Wind	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Innergex	60500 Edith Clarke 345kV	Foard	WEST	09/24/2019	WIN	WT	350		
19INR0020	SP-Pecos Bend Solar A	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Solar Prime	tap 345kV 76002 Bakersfield - 76005 SchneemanDr, ~ 11 mi E of Bakersfield.	Pecos	WEST	02/01/2021	SOL	PV	200		
19INR0020b	SP-Pecos Bend Solar B	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Solar Prime	tap 345kV 76002 Bakersfield - 76005 SchneemanDr, ~ 11 mi E of Bakersfield.	Pecos	WEST	02/01/2021	SOL	PV	180		
19INR0022	Monte Alto I	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Terra-Gen	tap 345kV 8318 Rio Hondo - 8383 N Edinburg	Willacy	COASTAL	10/12/2020	WIN	WT	223.8		
19INR0023	Monte Alto 2 Wind	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Terra-Gen	tap 345kV 8318 Rio Hondo - 8383 N Edinburg	Willacy	COASTAL	10/12/2020	WIN	WT	236.9		
19INR0026	Holstein 2 Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	8minutenergy	11406 Central Bluff 345kV	Nolan	WEST	06/01/2021	SOL	PV	100		
19INR0028	Normande Solar Farm	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	8minutenergy	59900 Long Draw 345kV	Borden	WEST	06/01/2021	SOL	PV	360		
19INR0029	Phoebe Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, IA	Longroad Energy	11260 Dune Switch	Winkler	WEST	09/30/2019	SOL	PV	250	COD	
19INR0030	San Bernard Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Sunchase Power	43012 NEWGLF60T3_8 to 43340TXGLF_POI_8 60 138kV	Wharton	SOUTH	06/01/2021	SOL	PV	100	COD	
19INR0031	Bestla Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, No IA	Longroad Energy	lap 138kV 1147 Cheyenne - 131853 Notrees	Winkler	WEST	07/01/2020	SOL	PV	180		
19INR0033	Murphy Lake Solar	SS Completed, FIS Completed, No IA	S Power	6904 CombinRC 138kV	Kaufman	NORTH	12/15/2020	SOL	PV	120		
19INR0034	Greasewood Solar	SS Completed, FIS Started, IA	Concho Bluff, LLC	tap 345kV 76002 Bakersfield - 76000 NMcCamey	Pecos	WEST	09/30/2020	SOL	PV	200		

GINR Project Milestone Dates																
Screening Study Started	Screening Study Complete	FIS Requested	FIS Approved	IA Signed	Financial Security and Notice to Proceed Provided	Air Permit	GHG Permit	Water Availability	Meets Planning Guide Section 6.9(1) Requirements for Inclusion in Planning Models	Meets All Planning Guide Section 6.9 Requirements for Inclusion in Planning Models	Meets Planning Guide QSA (Section 5.9) Prerequisites	Construction Start	Construction End	Approved for Energization	Approved for Synchronization	Comment
07/21/2006	10/02/2006	07/21/2006			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
02/26/2009	05/28/2009	11/30/2009	04/19/2018	11/05/2017	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/24/2018	09/28/2018	05/01/2018			10/23/2018	12/04/2018	
04/23/2009	06/16/2009	07/21/2009	06/13/2018	07/02/2013	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/18/2018	09/28/2018	07/31/2018			03/27/2019	04/05/2019	
09/28/2010	12/20/2010	08/17/2010	06/19/2018	12/04/2017	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	08/01/2018			04/11/2019	04/19/2019	
12/01/2010	02/25/2011	08/09/2011	01/16/2014	12/26/2013	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
12/03/2010	03/21/2014	06/06/2011	05/31/2018	05/21/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	05/21/2018	09/28/2018	04/30/2018			10/11/2018	11/29/2018	
06/29/2009	09/25/2009	03/26/2010		01/31/2013	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/30/2018	04/30/2018						
06/15/2010	09/02/2010	03/01/2011		04/25/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
07/06/2010	10/04/2010	04/01/2011	03/16/2017	05/20/2016	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	09/04/2018	10/30/2018	10/30/2018			07/08/2019	07/18/2019	
05/01/2011	05/26/2011	11/02/2011		09/06/2015	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	05/04/2017							
01/24/2011	03/18/2011	09/12/2011		03/15/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	03/07/2019							
07/03/2012	08/17/2012	03/26/2014		08/25/2014	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Date Not Available							
07/24/2012	09/19/2012	03/04/2013	09/25/2017	03/07/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
01/21/2013	02/19/2013	06/12/2013	04/25/2019	02/05/2019	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	05/04/2017	04/24/2019	04/24/2019					
01/30/2013	03/14/2013	01/30/2013	05/14/2018	04/12/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/26/2018	04/26/2018	05/14/2018			11/09/2018	02/26/2019	
02/04/2013	03/25/2013	08/16/2013			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
09/06/2013	09/16/2013	08/20/2013			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
10/01/2013	10/18/2013	02/05/2014			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
11/13/2013	12/23/2013	11/12/2013		06/27/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Date Not Available	04/17/2019						
12/18/2013	02/27/2014	04/15/2014	12/06/2017	06/01/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
11/27/2013	01/27/2014	04/15/2014	09/27/2017	05/30/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	05/30/2018	09/19/2018	01/22/2019					
04/28/2015	07/01/2015	09/30/2015		06/13/2017	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
12/15/2011	02/15/2012	01/04/2012	01/22/2018	01/13/2014	Yes	07/16/2014	Not Required		10/09/2018	10/09/2018	10/09/2018			03/15/2019		
04/24/2013	05/29/2013	05/14/2013		08/31/2016	No	12/16/2016	12/12/2016	01/29/2014								
06/13/2013	03/15/2013	09/10/2013			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
10/01/2013	11/18/2013	02/10/2014			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
10/01/2013	11/18/2013	02/10/2014			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
11/15/2013	12/30/2013	11/07/2013	05/01/2018	08/19/2015	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	05/01/2018	09/12/2018	05/01/2018			10/12/2018	10/25/2018	
02/10/2014	03/20/2014	10/27/2014		08/06/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
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03/17/2014	04/28/2014	11/11/2014		01/26/2016	No	10/09/2015	Not Required	09/21/2015								
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GINR Project Milestone Dates					Financial Security	Air Permit	GHG Permit	Water Availability	Meets Planning	Meets All Planning	Meets Planning Guide	Construction	Construction	Approved for	Approved for	Comment
Screening Study Started	Screening Study Complete	FIS Requested	FIS Approved	IA Signed	and Notice to Proceed Provided				Guide Section 6.9(1)	Guide Section 6.9	Meets Planning Guide	Start	End	Energyization	Synchronization	
									Requirements for Inclusion in Planning Models	Requirements for Inclusion in Planning Models	QSA (Section 5.9) Prerequisites					
07/12/2016	09/07/2016	10/21/2016	07/11/2018	07/24/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	07/30/2018	09/28/2018	07/30/2018			03/28/2019	04/05/2019	
07/21/2016	09/14/2016	03/22/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required			Not Required					
08/15/2016	09/27/2016	03/27/2017	07/25/2018	03/06/2018	Yes	06/15/2017	Not Required	04/26/2018	03/06/2018	09/19/2018	Date Not Available					
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10/07/2016	11/08/2016	12/23/2016	01/30/2019	10/23/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	03/28/2019							
10/07/2016	11/08/2016	02/10/2017		08/20/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
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12/15/2016	02/02/2017	02/28/2017		08/16/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	02/28/2019							
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02/17/2017	03/20/2017	02/21/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
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04/05/2017	05/08/2017	07/06/2017	04/26/2018	10/16/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
06/23/2017	08/04/2017	04/02/2018														
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08/14/2017	10/05/2017	10/20/2017	04/11/2018	04/10/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/12/2018	09/12/2018	05/01/2018					
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01/04/2018	01/04/2018	01/04/2018			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
02/09/2018	02/09/2018	02/09/2018	12/27/2018		No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
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06/27/2018	06/27/2018	06/27/2018	01/09/2019	12/12/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								12/18/2018
06/19/2018	06/19/2018	06/19/2018	11/27/2018	12/18/2018	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								12/19/2018
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07/18/2016	10/07/2016	04/05/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
07/26/2016	10/07/2016	04/07/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
07/26/2016	09/13/2016	01/31/2017	07/16/2019	09/15/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	04/26/2019	07/12/2019	07/29/2019					
09/12/2016	11/14/2016	06/08/2017	02/20/2019	04/30/2019	Yes				04/30/2019	04/30/2019	04/30/2019					
10/10/2016	11/29/2016	02/22/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
10/19/2016	11/28/2016	01/11/2017	08/01/2018	11/06/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	06/22/2018	11/05/2018	10/26/2018			06/26/2019		
10/26/2016	12/07/2016	10/31/2016			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
10/26/2016	12/07/2016	10/31/2016			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
11/04/2016	01/10/2017	03/23/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
11/04/2016	01/10/2017	03/23/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
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01/30/2017	02/22/2017	08/24/2017			No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
01/26/2017	02/15/2017	03/07/2017	10/23/2018	03/05/2018	Yes	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	03/05/2018	09/14/2018	10/31/2018			04/12/2019	06/05/2019	
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02/06/2017	03/03/2017	08/10/2017	03/28/2019		No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								
02/22/2017	04/17/2017	10/10/2017		01/25/2019	No	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required								

**Summary of Changes to Generation Capacity (MW) in Texas By Status and Resource Type (updated 1/8/2019)**

Status	Biomass	Coal	Nat. Gas	Nuclear	Solar	Storage	Wind	Other	Total
<b>Completed Since 1995</b>	244	4,523	47,158	286	1,541	102	23,824	-	<b>77,678</b>
<b>Announced</b>	-	-	8,652	-	28,026	1,514	35,955	34	<b>74,180</b>
<b>Mothballed</b>	-	840	410	-	-	-	-	-	<b>1,250</b>
<b>Retired Since 2002</b>	-	4,411	16,397	-	-	2	76	11	<b>20,897</b>

**Notes**

1. Data used in this report is compiled from various public sources, including ERCOT reports.
2. Wind and solar capacity values have not been adjusted for Effective Load Carrying Capability or historical experience.
3. There is no assurance that an "Announced" project will be built. For purposes of this report, Staff attempts to update the status of Announced projects as information becomes available. Changes in the number of MWs and the expected in-service date will remain on the "Announced" tab, but an "Announced" project may be changed to "Cancelled" depending on a variety of factors. These factors include (1) public statements from project developers, (2) trade press or news articles concerning the status of a project, (3) lack of any new information about a project over multiple years, and (4) removal of a project from ERCOT reports without the project having reached commercial operation.
4. "Biomass" includes landfill gas and wood products. "Coal" includes coal, lignite, and petroleum coke. "Storage" includes battery storage and compressed air energy storage (CAES). "Other" includes fuel oil and hydro.
5. Abbreviations: CAES - compressed air energy storage; DFO - distillate fuel oil; NG - natural gas; NUC - nuclear; Petcoke - petroleum coke; SPR - ERCOT System Planning Report; CDR - ERCOT Capacity Demand Reserve Report; GIS - ERCOT Generator Interconnection Status Report; TCEQ - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

## New Electric Generating Plants in Texas Since 1995

Facility	County	Energy	Capacity (MW)	In Service	Region	Notes
FGE Texas 1 Gas	Mitchell	Gas	743	Apr-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Halyard Henderson	Henderson	Gas	484	May-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Juno Solar	Borden	Solar	495	May-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Juno Storage	Borden	Storage	495	May-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Zier Solar	Kinney	Solar	120	May-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Zier Storage	Kinney	Storage	60	May-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Brandon	Lubbock	Gas	22	Jun-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Halyard Wharton	Wharton	Gas	398	Jun-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Montgomery County Power Station	Montgomery	Gas	993	Jun-21	MISO	
R Massengale	Lubbock	Gas	60	Jun-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Danish Fields III	Matagorda	Solar	200	Jun-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
IP Titan	Culberson	Solar	272	Jun-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Red Holly Solar	Dawson	Solar	260	Jul-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Green Holly Solar	Dawson	Solar	414	Aug-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Green Holly Storage	Dawson	Storage	50	Aug-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Angelina Solar	Angelina	Solar	150	Oct-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Tom Green Solar	Tom Green	Solar	150	Oct-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Ajax Wind	Wilbarger	Wind	630	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
SWindford Wind I & II	Moore and Hartley	Wind	800	Dec-21	SPP	
<b>Texas Solar Nova</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>Solar</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>Dec-21</b>	<b>ERCOT</b>	<b>11/2018 GIS Report</b>
Montgomery Ranch Wind	Foard	Wind	200	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Blanco Canyon Wind	Crosby	Wind	251	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Callisto	Borden	Solar	300	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Danciger Solar	Brazoria	Solar	200	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Elrond	Haskell	Solar	313	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Lumina	Scurry	Solar	313	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Quantum	Haskell	Solar	313	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Radian	Brown	Solar	313	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Red Mud Creek II	Borden	Wind	102	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Samson Solar	Lamar	Solar	200	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Vancourt	Cameron	Solar	50	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Wake Solar	Crosby	Solar	150	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Westoria Solar	Brazoria	Solar	200	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
Westoria Storage	Brazoria	Storage	58	Dec-21	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report
FGE Texas 2 Gas	Mitchell	Gas	743	May-22	ERCOT	11/2018 GIS Report

COMPTROLLER QUERY RELATED TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.026(c)(2)  
– Jayton-Girard ISD – Texas Solar Nova 1, LLC App. #1403 –

Comptroller Questions (via email on September 9, 2019):

- 1) Is this project known by any specific names not otherwise mentioned in this application?
- 2) Please also list any other names by which this project may have been known in the past-- in media reports, investor presentations, or any listings with any federal or state agency.
- 3) Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's GINR number and when was it assigned.

Consultant Response (via email on September 9, 2019):

- 1) *No, all names are identified in Tabs 4, 7, and 8 as Texas Solar Nova 1, Kent 3 Solar, TX Kent 3, TX Kent 3 Solar, and Kent3 Solar Site.*
- 2) *Texas Solar Nova 1, Kent 3 Solar, TX Kent 3, TX Kent 3 Solar, and Kent3 Solar Site.*
- 3) *Yes. 19INR0001, Nov 2015.*