

project will average 10.5¢ per kWh. Renewable energy credits will be split evenly between Interconnect Solar and Idaho Power. If approved, the project is expected to come on line next July. +++ **Federal debt impasse could delay 10 MW project at Indiana airport:** The Indianapolis International Airport plans to soon select a contractor to develop a 10 MW ground-mounted PV facility. But the planned construction start this year may be delayed because Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration (FAA) approval is required for the project to move forward. The FAA – which is partially shut down due to the political impasse between Democrats and Republicans over the federal debt ceiling in Washington, District of Columbia – has placed stop work orders on construction projects throughout the country. The Indianapolis International Airport project has not officially been halted – because it has not yet been approved. But a continued federal budget dispute could delay

its approval. +++ **Constellation to develop 17.4 MW PV power plant in Maryland:** Constellation Energy received approval from the Frederick County government to construct a 17.4 MW ground-mounted thin-film PV plant at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. First Solar Inc. is supplying its cadmium telluride (CdTe) panels for the plant. Most of the energy produced by the approximately \$60 million project will be sold to the state of Maryland through a 20-year PPA. Some energy – from a 1.3 MW section – will also be consumed by the university, which is using the project for educational purposes. Once completed next year, it will be the largest solar power plant located at a US university. The project is set to begin construction later this year. +++ **NRG to supply 2 MW PV canopy at NFL stadium:** NRG Energy announced it will construct a 2 MW solar-powered parking canopy at FedExField in Landover, home of the National Football League's (NFL) Washington Redskins. The deal includes stadium sponsorship for NRG and 10 charging stations for electric vehicles. The PV system – which will rely on thin-film panels from three unnamed suppliers –



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◀ Transformed: Rivermoor Energy completed this approximately 1 MW PV system in Haverhill, Massachusetts, at the site of a former manufactured gas plant.

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should come on line in September. +++ **3 MW PV plant inked in Massachusetts, as 1 MW is completed:** On July 12, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the largest currently active solar project in eastern Massachusetts. Developed by Rivermoor Energy and built by contractor Fischbach & Moore Electrical Group, the 1.05 MW facility is located in the town of Haverhill on a 6 acre brownfield site, which is the former location of a manufactured gas plant. Utility National Grid is the long-term owner of the project.

Meanwhile, the town of Athol executed a PPA for the development of a 3 MW PV plant, which will be built this fall and operational this winter. Smart Energy Capital LLC, a solar development and finance company headquartered in White Plains, New York, executed a PPA for the plant's output with the city of Athol. The project is set to begin construction this fall and should be completed by early next year. +++ **ENN proposes 720 MW PV project in Nevada:** On July 5, the Clark County Board of Commissioners voted 7-0 for staff to work toward the appraisal for the lease or sale of 5,400 acres of county-owned land south of Laughlin to ENN Mohave Energy Corp. ENN – a subsidiary of the China-based ENN Group – plans to use the land, which is designated for »economic development,« for a 720 MW solar generation plant

and manufacturing facility with a capacity of up to 5.4 million modules per year. The company estimates that the project should create 4,000 construction jobs over the next 4 years in addition to 2,000 ongoing manufacturing jobs. +++ **3 MW and 5 MW PV plants under construction in New Jersey:** Developer KDC Solar LLC – working with Solar Power Inc. and LDK Solar – is currently in the advanced stages of construction on a 3.25 MW

PV plant at the United Stationers supply facility in Cranbury, New Jersey, and a 5 MW PV system at White Rose Foods in Carteret, New Jersey. Both rooftop projects use panels from LDK Solar and are planned for completion in 2011. Solar Power is the EPC contractor. +++ **3 MW PV rooftop system dedicated in New Jersey:** On July 28, Public Service Electric and Gas Co. (PSE&G) and the Matrix Development Group dedicated a 3 MW rooftop PV



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▲ Energized: A 2 MW thin-film silicon PV system at Air Products' headquarters in Pennsylvania uses modules from its gas customers Astronergy and ENN.



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