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SCE&G, Clean Energy Collective Announce Partnership for Major Community Solar Program

Community solar project among the largest in S.C. and U.S., gives customers option for tapping into solar

CAYCE, S.C. (September 8, 2016) – More South Carolinians will soon be able to harness the power of the sun, thanks to a new solar energy initiative by SCE&G. Today the company announced plans to launch a community solar partnership with leading community solar solutions provider Clean Energy Collective (CEC).

An alternative to rooftop solar, CEC's RooflessSolar™ will give SCE&G residential electric customers, schools, churches and municipalities the opportunity to subscribe to or purchase panels in solar farms and receive credit for solar generation on their energy bills each month. CEC will develop, construct, own, and operate the 16 MW community solar portfolio, the largest utility-driven program in the state and one of the largest in the country. Details regarding facility development, product offering and customer participation will be announced as plans advance in the coming months.

"For some, rooftop solar is a good resource, but for those in this market looking for another option – including home owners, renters, churches, schools, and municipalities – community solar can be a great alternative," said Danny Kassis, vice president of customer relations and renewables for SCE&G. "We're pleased to work with CEC to put solar power within reach for more of our customers and extend our commitment to growing renewable energy in South Carolina."

SCE&G has long placed a priority on growing its renewable energy portfolio and lowering carbon emissions. Customers interested in SCE&G's community solar program, can complete an online sign-up form to receive program specifics when they become available at www.sceg.com/communitysolar.

"Community solar is part of our plan to create a balanced energy portfolio and grow a clean energy future for South Carolina," said Keller Kissam, retail president of SCE&G. "We're proud to say that with the future completion of our solar initiatives and new nuclear reactors, 60 percent of the energy we produce each year will be non-greenhouse gas emitting. We're investing in a clean, reliable energy future for our customers."

Tapping CEC's industry-leading expertise in community solar development gives SCE&G the ability to deploy an efficient, cost-effective and successful community solar program. CEC will integrate its software and services suite Community Solar Platform™ to provide customer sales, system monitoring, production tracking, bill crediting, and ongoing subscriber engagement.

"We commend SCE&G for its leadership among investor-owned utilities in establishing one of the country's most significant community solar programs, providing a renewable energy option that is more broadly accessible to South Carolinians of all economic or geographic circumstance," said Paul Spencer, CEC's founder and CEO.

The community solar project is the latest initiative by SCE&G to grow solar energy. Since 2007, SCE&G has interconnected more than 1,600 customer solar systems, including homes, businesses, nonprofits and governmental entities. In April, SCE&G announced the planned addition of six new solar generating facilities to its system.

About SCE&G

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company is a regulated public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to approximately 706,000 customers in 24 counties in the central, southern and southwestern portions of South Carolina. The company also provides natural gas service to approximately 352,000 customers in 38 counties in the state. www.sceg.com

About Clean Energy Collective

A solar tech start-up in 2009, Clean Energy Collective (CEC) has grown to become the world's leading developer of community solar solutions. CEC pioneered the model of delivering clean power-generation through medium-scale solar PV facilities accessible to all utility customers. Since establishing the country's first community-owned solar array near El Jebel, Colorado in 2010, CEC has built or has under development more than 100 RooflessSolar™ projects with 27 utility partners across 12 states, serving thousands of customers, and representing more than 160 MW of community solar capacity. CEC is also the leading provider of community solar software and services to the utility, development and financial industries through its Community Solar Platform™. www.cleanenergyco.com