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THE CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION OF 25 SOLAR PV PROJECTS FEATURING 6.7 MEGAWATTS INSTALLED AT BARNSTABLE AIRPORT

The Town of Barnstable announced today that a celebration will be held on Earth Day, April 22nd at 10:00 am to mark the construction completion of twenty-five photovoltaic projects, made possible through the regional non-profit energy cooperative, the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC). The ribbon-cutting celebration is to be held at Barnstable Airport and will feature the Town of Barnstable's Airport PV project, which at 6.7 megawatts (MW) is the largest of CVEC's solar projects installed across the Cape and Martha's Vineyard since 2013. The 6.7MW Airport project is, in fact, the largest solar farm located in New England, with the combined project spanning adjoining Barnstable Airport and Barnstable Fire District properties.

The 25 CVEC solar energy projects totaling 27.8 megawatts to be celebrated on Earth Day are the result of CVEC's Round 1 and Round 2 PV Initiatives, initiatives that have been under way since 2011. With the completion of the two initiatives, the equivalent of enough power to provide electricity to 3,170 homes will be flowing. The green energy will generate financial benefits as well as educational and environmental ones to the 20 participating governmental hosts and offtakers. Financial benefits are estimated to equal just under \$2.3 million dollars by the end of year one and by the end of year twenty, estimated benefits will have grown to over \$65 million.

Environmental benefits from the 27.8 megawatts of solar energy are estimated to offset about 50 million pounds of carbon equivalent. A carbon offset of this size is equal to taking 4,850 cars off the road each year.

For Round 1, the Lowell based firm American Capital Energy led the construction. For Round 2, which includes the Airport project, the New York based firm G&S Solar Installers, LLC led the construction.

The rain or shine Earth Day ceremony is open to the public and will assemble in the Airport lobby at 480 Barnstable Road, Hyannis, at 10:00. A site visit will be followed by a short ceremony. Light refreshments will be offered.

About the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative

The Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) is an electric cooperative comprised of 17 towns on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard plus Barnstable County, Duke's County, and the Cape Light Compact. CVEC was formed out of a strategic planning process commissioned and undertaken by the Cape Light Compact (CLC) in 2007. CVEC's objectives include developing and/or owning renewable electric generation facilities and procuring or selling long-term electric supply or other energy-related goods and services at competitive prices to member communities and consumers within member communities. (www.cvecinc.org)

