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Solar farm development to bring \$200 million in new investment and create at least five jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. - **Adger Solar**, a clean energy development company, intends to invest \$200 million in two separate solar farm projects in Clarendon County. Along with this investment, the project will create at least five new jobs in the process.

Active in the southeastern United States since early 2014, Adger Solar is a clean energy development company focused on creating lower-cost, utility-scale solar-electric generating facilities, with developments underway in six different S.C. counties. Adger Solar is a joint venture with one of the nation's oldest private energy investors, which has participated in the financing and development of more than 10,000 megawatts (MWs) of wind and solar projects now in operation around the country.

The first of these two 72MW solar farms is expected to be operational by the end of 2018; and, together, these projects will generate enough electricity to supply approximately 25,000 homes on an average annual basis, including customers of the two major local utility providers.

For more information on Adger Solar, visit the company's [website online](#).

QUOTES

"Adger Solar has been developing these projects for nearly two years, and we're very excited to have the strong support of Clarendon County as we move into the next phase of development. These low-profile solar PV (photovoltaic) projects will complement the county's strong agricultural base and will become important contributors of jobs, tax revenue and clean power to the local community." -Adger Solar Principal Bill Moore

"Adger Solar's investment in Clarendon is a real reason to celebrate because it shows that South Carolina is a place where companies in every industry can thrive. This \$200 million investment shows that Adger Solar is serious about its commitment to our state and our people, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for many years to come." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"I am excited and encouraged by the decision of Adger Solar to invest \$200 million in Clarendon County. This investment will not only provide a boost to one of South Carolina's persistent poverty counties, but more importantly it is an investment into eliminating this nation's reliance on both fossil fuel and foreign energy sources." -U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn

"This investment by Adger Solar will further strengthen South Carolina's growing reputation in the area of renewable energy. Providing both environmental and economic impacts, I'm proud to welcome Adger Solar to Clarendon County and look forward to growing this terrific partnership." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We have always known Clarendon County to be a great place to live, work and play. Today's announcement cements our place in the solar energy world and builds toward the county's goal of green energy and sustainability. We welcome Adger Solar with open arms and look forward to many years of success." -Clarendon County Council Chairman Dwight Stewart

"Today's announcement by Adger Solar is the largest solar energy project to date in central South Carolina, and we are honored they selected Clarendon County and the Central SC region. Clean, affordable and reliable energy will support our growing population for many, many years to come." -Central SC Alliance Chairman Mike Brenan

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Adger Solar constructing two new solar projects in Clarendon County.
- \$200 million investment and the creation of at least five jobs.
- Adger Solar is a clean energy development company focused on creating lower-cost, solar-electric generating facilities.
- The first of these two facilities is projected to be operational by the end of 2018.
- For more information on Adger Solar, visit the company's [website online](#).

About S.C. Department of Commerce

As South Carolina's leading economic development agency, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing business grow. Commerce has recruited world-class companies to South Carolina such as BMW, Boeing, Continental, Giti Tire, LPL Financial Holdings, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Toray and Volvo Cars and also supports startups, small and existing business, innovation and rural development initiatives. Commerce partners with the [S.C. Technical College System](#) via [readySC](#) to support workforce training and recruiting, and with the [S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce](#), which provides worker training and employment opportunities within the state. IBM-Plant Location International reports in 2012, 2013 and 2015 ranked South Carolina first in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign investment. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012, 2014 and 2015. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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