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New Mexico's community solar program continues to grow

More than one-third of projects are now online, generating nearly 71 MW of power

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC or Commission) announces that more than one-third of the state's community solar program facilities are now online and delivering renewable energy to New Mexicans.

When fully built, the program will include [47 projects](#) across the service areas of the state's three investor-owned utilities – Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), and El Paso Electric Company (EPE) – the providing nearly 200 megawatts of renewable power.

As construction continues, 16 projects producing nearly 71 megawatts are already operating statewide. With additional facilities moving through development, the program is on track to bring more sites online by the end of the year.

This progress supports the program's broader goal of expanding solar access for residents and small businesses, including those who rent, own, or prefer not to install rooftop systems.

Currently operating community solar projects in order of energization are:

- **Cuidando Los Niños Community Solar Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Belen | Utility: PNM
- **Pino:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Las Vegas | Utility: PNM
- **Global Give a Book Community Solar Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Los Lunas | Utility: PNM
- **Bent Bow Solar, LLC:** Size: 4.98 MW | Location: Salem | Utility: EPE
- **SLT Las Cruces:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Las Cruces | Utility: EPE
- **Curry Road North:** Size: 3 MW | Location: Clovis | Utility: SPS
- **CNM Community Solar Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Belen | Utility: PNM
- **Locker 505 Community Solar Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Rio Rancho | Utility: PNM

- **Wings for Life Community Solar Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Las Cruces | Utility: EPE
- **Reynolds:** Size: 5 MW | Location: Tularosa | Utility: PNM
- **WESST Project:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Roswell | Utility: SPS
- **Ben Thomas:** Size: 1.95 MW | Location: Roswell | Utility: SPS
- **Clovis Concrete North:** Size: 3.45 MW | Location: Clovis | Utility: SPS
- **SLT Hidalgo:** Size: 3.75 MW | Location: Lordsburg | Utility: PNM
- **Rockhound Sol Community Solar Garden:** Size: 4 MW | Location: Deming | Utility: PNM
- **Juniper Sol Community Solar Garden:** Size: 4.975 MW | Location: Santa Fe | Utility: PNM

To ensure the community solar program operates effectively and serves the public interest, the Commission oversees all aspects of its implementation. This includes setting program rules, selecting and managing the administrator, ensuring utilities meet requirements, and protecting subscribers throughout the process. The Commission carries out this work with InClima Inc., the independent administrator.

Community solar projects are large, shared installations that allow multiple customers to benefit from solar generation. Subscribers receive bill credits that reduce their utility bills while paying a subscription charge to their community solar provider, giving them access to renewable energy without installing equipment at home.

The program also prioritizes low-income subscribers by requiring that at least 30 percent of each project's capacity serve qualifying customers, though all approved projects have voluntarily committed to 50 percent or more. To further support low-income participants, the program eliminates upfront costs, credit checks, and early-termination fees.

In 2024, the Commission approved an additional 300 megawatts for a future expansion of the program. This capacity will be awarded through a second project solicitation once the Commission sets the timeline.

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