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**ENERGY TRUST SUPPORTS MEMBER SOLAR PROJECTS**

CENTREVILLE MD - The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium Energy Trust (ESMEC-ET) is pleased to announce the purchase of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) generated from its member entities' solar projects. Those entities include Kent County, Dorchester County Public Schools, Caroline County Public Schools and the Town of Rock Hall. The purchase was facilitated by the solar projects' developer and ESMEC-ET's electric supply services provider, Washington Gas Energy Systems. The purchase of 2,170 SRECs meets most of the Maryland solar renewable energy requirements for the Energy Trust through 2016. As a result of this purchase, the Energy Trust has provided significant financial support for the solar projects located on and serving Energy Trust member facilities.

The 28 institutional members of the ESMEC Energy Trust work collaboratively to reduce the cost of electricity and save public tax dollars. To date, more than \$11,000,000 in cost avoidance has been achieved, as compared to standard utility electricity rates. This procurement of SRECs concurs with the Energy Trust's policy to use its renewable energy purchasing activity to help sustain and/or create renewable energy projects on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The SREC purchase, as well as the routine purchase of electricity supply, is guided by the energy consultant services provided by EnerNOC, Inc., Baltimore, Md. Through EnerNOC, the Energy Trust purchases more than 160,000 megawatt hours of electricity each year using procurement policies that reduce cost volatility and lowers pricing through added price transparency.

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