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## **OEC Applauds American Municipal Power for Historic Investment in Solar Energy**

AMP's agreement with Standard Energy will provide Ohioans with clean, renewable power produced in Buckeye State

(Columbus, OH)—The Ohio Environmental Council is applauding American Municipal Power ("AMP") for an historic investment in solar energy resources.

On Tuesday, AMP, Ohio's largest municipal electric supplier, announced that it would partner with Standard Energy to design and implement 300 megawatts of solar power generation capacity which will be offered to customers in six states. The deal calls for solar electric installations in or near AMP municipal utilities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia

"This agreement represents one of the largest solar energy investments in the region," said Will Reisinger, OEC staff attorney. "We are pleased that AMP continues to invest in renewable power and that it will offer its customers more emissions-free solar energy."

Under the agreement, construction of the new solar facilities will begin this year. The energy produced also may qualify as "renewable energy credits" that can be sold or traded to Ohio's investor-owned utilities, all of which must achieve annual solar energy benchmarks under Ohio's renewable energy standard.

"AMP's investment could ensure that all Ohio utilities are able to meet their solar energy requirements in the coming years," added Reisinger.

AMP operates the only utility-scale wind power farm in Ohio at its Wood County facility, in addition to coal and hydro-electric-based generation facilities.

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