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## Walmart and Electric Cities of Georgia, Inc. Members Solidify Public Power Solar Initiative in Georgia

*Walmart and 14 Electric Cities of Georgia Members signed a Renewable Energy Customer Agreement (RECA) designed to supply 26 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale solar power guided by Walmart's renewable energy strategies.*

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA, November 19, 2021** — Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) has worked with Walmart to secure a Renewable Energy Customer Agreement (RECA) with 14 ECG members that will supply 26 megawatts (MW) of utility-scale solar power to Walmart facilities in their territories.

This agreement follows discussions between ECG and Walmart on how Walmart could work toward its renewable energy commitment by purchasing MWs from a qualified renewable solar facility.

"Working with the ECG members, we were able to accomplish a state of the art agreement and supplement our sustainability goals with very competitive pricing and value to all parties," said Steve W. Chriss, Director, Walmart Energy Services.

During this process, several ECG Members met with their Council and Board Members to agree to the terms and discuss the benefits of this initiative. In an article published by The American Public Power Association (APPA) in December 2020, Patrick Bowie, Utility Director for the City of LaGrange, stated, "Buying renewable solar power through the city allows Walmart to realize better prices and keeps revenues from one of the city's largest customers in the local economy."

The 26 MW commitment will be supplied by an 80 MW utility-scale solar project that is being finalized and expected to produce electricity by December 2023.

To continue building a better working relationship and show appreciation for the recent Solar Renewable Energy Project, the Walmart Corporate Energy Services Team met in the City of LaGrange in October with ECG staff and several ECG Member Communities that serve Walmart facilities. During the meeting, John Giles, ECG CEO, took the opportunity to thank all the parties that worked on the solar initiative for their diligence in seeing the

effort to completion. "It was not easy, but all parties worked hard towards a successful, creative solution that ECG is proud to be a part of," states Giles.

The Walmart Energy Services Team provided an insightful short tour of the LaGrange Walmart Store, allowing a platform to share Walmart operational outage concerns and ECG Members' mutual aid benefits. ECG Members are thankful to Walmart for jobs, investments, and providing products and services in our Communities. This meeting was another significant step to an excellent working relationship.

Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) is a non-profit organization providing strategic and technical services to 52 public power communities with utility operations. Our services are designed to maximize utility performances while creating thriving communities with economic prosperity and opportunity.

Our services include Aggregated Services, Analytical Services, Economic & Community Development, Engineering & Energy Services, Hosted Solutions, Joint Purchasing, Legislative & Regulatory, Member Training, Pole Attachment Services, and Training & Safety.

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