



Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company

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MMWEC and Evergreen Solar announce effort to promote solar power in municipal utility communities

LUDLOW, Mass. - January 24, 2008 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) today announced that it is working with Evergreen Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: ESLR), a manufacturer of solar power products with its proprietary, low-cost String Ribbon™ wafer technology, to advance solar power opportunities for customers of Massachusetts municipal utilities.

MMWEC and Evergreen Solar are working together to install pilot photovoltaic (PV) systems on schools, municipal buildings and other high-profile sites in communities served by municipal utilities. These installations will serve to promote renewable energy and as a visual statement of MMWEC's commitment to solar power in conjunction with the Governor's "Commonwealth Solar" program.

Additionally, MMWEC plans to work with Evergreen Solar to develop a municipal program that will provide incentives for municipal utility customers to purchase solar systems for both residential and commercial installations.

"We are pleased to be working with MMWEC to generate awareness of solar power in these communities along with educating the public on the benefits of this renewable energy source," said Richard M. Feldt, chairman, president and CEO of Evergreen Solar. "This program in conjunction with Governor Patrick's Commonwealth Solar initiative will go a long way in accelerating the adoption of solar in the Commonwealth."

"MMWEC is excited about working with Evergreen on the installation of demonstration projects in the short-term and in developing a broader involvement in the promotion and installation of solar projects in municipal electric systems," said MMWEC President H. Bradford White. "This is the kind of initiative needed to make solar power and other renewable energy resources an integral part of our power supply," he said.

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About Evergreen Solar, Inc.

Evergreen Solar, Inc. develops, manufactures and markets solar power products using proprietary, low-cost manufacturing technologies. The Company's patented crystalline silicon technology, known as String Ribbon, uses significantly less silicon than conventional approaches. Evergreen Solar's products provide reliable and environmentally clean electric power for residential and commercial applications globally. For more information about the Company, please visit www.evergreensolar.com. Evergreen Solar® is a registered trademark and String Ribbon™ is a trademark of Evergreen Solar, Inc.

About MMWEC

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that provides a variety of power supply, financial and other services to the states' consumer-owned, municipal utilities. For more information about MMWEC, please visit the company's website at www.mmwec.org.