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The west Arkansas city of Clarksville is the first in the state to power all of its governmental operations with solar energy. Officials with the city-owned utility company and Scenic Hill Solar opened a new 2-megawatt solar power plant in a ceremony today (Wed). Scenic Hill Solar's C-E-O and Former Arkansas Lt. Gov. Bill Halter says the project will offer \$5 million in economic development opportunities to the small community of about 9-thousand.

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“...Clarksville as well.”

The solar plant opened today (Wed) is the second built through a partnership with Scenic Hill solar and Clarksville Connected Utilities. The two plants combined will produce more than 15 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year, at a value of over \$1-and-a-half million dollars.

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The Johnson County city of Clarksville is the first in Arkansas to power all of its government buildings with solar energy. Officials with Clarksville Connected Utilities and Scenic Hill Solar unveiled a new 2-megawatt facility in a ceremony today (Wed). John Lester, general manager of the city-owned utility company, says the energy savings have freed up the city budget to address other infrastructure projects, like offering fiber optic high-speed internet.

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“...for future jobs.”

The city opened its first 5-megawatt solar power plant in 2018 with an investment of roughly \$10 million dollars, about what the city would have spent for eight months' worth of power. The two plants combined are expected to reduce carbon emissions by over 300-thousand metric tons over the next 30 years.