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Flint Hills Resources Considers Solar Complex to Help Power its Corpus Christi Refinery

Refinery would be the first in Texas to be powered directly by solar energy

Corpus Christi, TX – Flint Hills Resources announced today that it is considering building what would be the first utility scale, non-rooftop solar complex in Corpus Christi to help power its refinery operations. The proposed 30-megawatt solar installation would supply up to 30 percent of the power needs of the company’s Corpus Christi West refinery, which produces jet fuel, low-sulfur gasoline and diesel, in addition to aromatics for making clothing, carpet, tires and other everyday products.

The proposed solar complex would be located on approximately 150 acres of Flint Hills Resources property just south of its West plant in Corpus Christi, Texas.

“We are excited to explore the possibility of integrating solar energy into our Corpus Christi operations,” said Rodney Dillon, Vice President and Manufacturing Manager. “We are constantly looking at ways to innovate and improve our competitiveness while minimizing emissions and reducing the resources required to make the fuels and other products people need and use every day. This solar project could harness the power of the sun to help improve the efficiency of our refinery operations, lower our energy costs and reduce emissions.”

The solar installation would be comprised of approximately 62,000 panels and is believed to be the first of its kind in Texas to power an oil refinery.

Scottsdale, Arizona-based DEPCOM Power has been selected as the engineering, procurement, and construction contractor for the project. Both Flint Hills Resources and DEPCOM are subsidiaries of Koch Industries.

DEPCOM recently completed construction of a similar solar project at Flint Hills Resources’ Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, Minnesota. The Pine Bend solar project was the first of its kind in the United States.

Flint Hills Resources is expected to decide on whether to proceed with the Corpus Christi solar project by mid-year.

About Flint Hills Resources: Flint Hills Resources is a leading refining company with operations primarily in the Midwest and Texas. Flint Hills operates the Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, Minnesota and two refineries in Corpus Christi, TX with a combined crude oil processing capacity of more than 700,000 barrels per day. The company produces, markets and transports refined products including gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, asphalt and heating oils. Flint Hills Resources also owns and/or operates more than 4,000 miles of pipelines that transport crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas liquids and chemicals that are delivered through a distribution system of more than 40 terminals throughout the Midwest and Texas.

About DEPCOM Power: DEPCOM Power, a Koch Engineered Solutions company, is a leading energy solutions partner for the utility solar and broader energy industries providing Project Development Support, Engineering, Procurement & Construction, Energy Storage, Repowering and Operations and Maintenance services.

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