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Solar Lunch & Learn May 11, 2017 12:15-2:30

Village Hall 200 North River, Montgomery, Illinois

12:15-12:30 – Greetings & Introductions

Lunch provided by GEM Energy

Welcome: *Charlene Coulombe Fiore is Executive Director of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation. She is a specialist in economic development with over 29 years of experience plus certifications through several national economic development councils and programs. This is Economic Developers week which acknowledges the field and promotes how EDC's help the communities they serve. The goal of this open forum is to provide information about one of the tools that can be used to for future economic development in the Montgomery area. Solar provides lower energy costs to our business community stakeholders, resulting in reduced cost for doing business and sustainable growth.*

12:35 - 1:00 – Energy Rates and Demand Charges: *Chris Childress is Managing Partner at Progressive Energy Group. Chris has been working in the Illinois energy industry for nearly 40 years. Progressive is an industry leader in reducing utility costs using a proprietary methodology that has saved its customers over \$400 million dollars in energy expense with no capital investment. As a result clients have realized an immediate increase in positive cash flow by lowering their operating expense.*

1:00 - 1:15 – Break

1:15 - 2:15 – Illinois Solar Energy Market: *Brian Maillet is the Solar Energy Development Manager for GEM Energy. For the past eight years Brian has worked on origination through implementation business advisory models for renewable energy developments in North America, Europe and emerging markets. Brian will discuss the new policies implemented in Illinois to promote solar energy development and how clients can benefit from these programs. GEM Energy is a turnkey solar development firm, based out of Toledo, Ohio with engineering, procurement, and construction capabilities, as well as operations and maintenance.*

Closing – Q & A