

**State Technical Assistance Team (STAT):
NREL Technical Assistance Work Plan**

Project: Columbia STAT: Community Solar for a Municipal Utility
TA Coordinator: Kim Peterson
Budget:
Budget Status: funds at NREL, ready to start work
Duration: April 10– October 31, 2013

Request:

- **Community Solar for a Municipal Utility.** The City of Columbia, Missouri has a municipal electric utility, Columbia Water and Light (CW&L) with a municipally mandated RPS (although no solar compliance requirement). CW&L is requesting support in developing a community solar program and seeks to write a community solar business plan for presentation to City Council for multiple phases of community solar acquisition. The goal of the utility's community solar program is to provide solar energy to its ratepayers at lower prices than they can achieve with customer sited solar. The City would also like expert testimony on this topic at a CW&L Board meeting and/or a City Council meeting.

Tasks

- NREL staff will a report in cooperation with CW&L outlining the major issues and steps to starting a municipally owned community solar program. This information may also be used to write a case study that can be shared with other jurisdictions.
- NREL staff will present the information either in-person or via a web presentation at up to two meetings chosen in coordination with CW&L staff.

Resource Allocations by Task

Task	Task Lead	Timeline	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on community solar development for a municipal utility	K. Peterson	April 10 – October 31, 2013	Ready to start
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation to local decision makers	K. Peterson	April 10– October 31, 2013	Ready to start

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