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Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Celebrates Earth Day by Going Solar

GRAND JUNCTION – April 23, 2018 – Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority's electricity will be offset by solar power before the end of 2018. Following the execution of a 20-year community solar subscription agreement with Microgrid Energy, the Airport will have access to 1.16 MW of electricity annually from two community solar gardens – enough to power the terminal, runways, and parking lots. The environmental impact is equivalent to taking more than 7,000 cars off the road for one year. The agreement is also projected to save the Airport more than \$1 million in electricity costs over the next 20 years.

"This was a simple decision," said GJT Executive Director Angela Padalecki. "It aligns with our sustainability goals, avoids the hassle of managing our own on-site equipment, and reduces Airport operating costs. The Microgrid Energy team made the decision even easier by providing a competitive proposal and a partnering attitude."

"Working with GJRAA to evaluate their energy needs was easy because they saw the benefits right away. We look forward to working together for many years to come," said Microgrid Energy's Vice President of Project Development Jon Sullivan.

Microgrid Energy is building several solar gardens in Mesa and Garfield Counties scheduled to be complete this summer.

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