It began in 2017 when OneEnergy Renewables approached Organic Valley with an innovative approach to help them become a 100% renewably powered company. That idea turned into a portfolio of 10 community solar projects, across three states, and totaling over 32 MW of solar, including the largest single solar project in Wisconsin. The portfolio of projects is named Butter Solar.

The power produced from the Butter Solar Portfolio is sold to the Upper Midwest Municipal Energy Group (UMMEG). UMMEG is a joint action agency representing electricity providers in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Butter Solar delivers 100% clean energy to UMMEG where it is then distributed to residents and businesses in the region. Butter Solar represents a unique partnership. The solar facilities are located across 10 UMMEG member communities, with the renewable energy credits from the portfolio being sold to Organic Valley, the City of Madison, Dr. Bronner’s and Native Energy, lowering the cost of power supply for all UMMEG and their customers.

OneEnergy Renewables originated and developed the project portfolio, acquiring the land, securing the interconnection rights, obtaining Power Purchase Agreements, and selling the Renewable Energy Credits. Our partner, BluEarth Renewables, acquired this portfolio in 2019 and continues to operate the solar project assets.

In 2019, Organic Valley became the largest food company in the world to be powered entirely by renewable energy.

“Diversifying our alternative energy portfolio is simply good planning as we strive to meet and exceed our renewable mandate, which in turn helps to stabilize rates. The City of St. Charles benefits because the power is generated in our backyard, which saves on the rising cost of transmission.

-NICK KOVERMAN, St. Charles City Administrator
Our community solar partnership allows us to share the benefits of solar energy with our rural neighbors, advancing our mission to care for the people and farms we work with, as well as our planet. Just as ours has done, community-scale solar projects can also create meaningful and good-paying jobs where they are needed most.

-BOB KIRCHOFF, CEO of Organic Valley

Our mission is to deliver practical renewable energy projects and make clean energy the number one electricity choice for consumers and utilities. We are an innovative solar energy developer that partners with landowners and communities to deliver breakthrough clean energy facilities.

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