



Empire Portfolio



CORTEZ, COLORADO



11.8 MW_p ACROSS 3 SITES

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Empire Electric Association (EEA) is based in Cortez, Colorado and serves over 12,000 farms, ranches, residences, and businesses across its 3,410 square mile service territory. As an electric cooperative, owned by its members, EEA fulfills its mission to meet its customers' electrical energy needs safely, responsibly, and reliably.

OneEnergy approached EEA in 2019 with a team and a plan to reduce their electrical energy expenses. The advantages to EEA included serving local loads with locally produced solar energy economically - at a cost below their long-term wholesale supply contract. EEA was receptive to the idea and began working with OneEnergy to identify the amount of energy they could produce locally and suitable locations for distributed solar projects.

OneEnergy then began identifying suitable land and interconnection locations to achieve the goals of the utility and its members. A portfolio of three project sites came together in EEA's territory over several years. The projects

are sited on land leased from the local community helping the landowners generate guaranteed revenue with their land. The resulting Empire Portfolio was fully permitted in 2021 and fully constructed in 2023. The Empire Portfolio consists of three projects: Totten (2.8 MW_p), Rocky Ford (2.6 MW_p), and Montezuma (6.4 MW_p). Overall, these projects will produce nearly 5% of EEA's energy supplied to the local communities they serve.

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CASE STUDY



Montezuma, 6.4 MWp



Rocky Ford, 2.6 MWp

“ Success in any major project hinges on good communication and OneEnergy has been excellent in communicating with us. They have been very responsive to our questions, and it has been a very pleasant experience all around.

-JOSH DELLINGER

Empire Electric Association, General Manager



Totten, 2.8 MWp



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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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