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## North Wind Renewable Energy Transitions to Employee-Owned Cooperative



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(Contributed)

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City Times Staff

North Wind Renewable Energy has announced the company is now an employee-owned cooperative.

The transition for the 10-year-old company took place April 1.

In 2016, North Wind installed over 660 kilowatts of solar power at more than 40 homes and businesses in Wisconsin, helping customers save money on utility bills and transitioning to clean energy in the rapidly-growing solar solutions industry.

According to RENEW Wisconsin, 2016 saw the most-ever solar installed in the state. The industry accounts for more than 2800 jobs in the state — a 45 percent increase from 2015.

“Employee-owned cooperatives are beneficial in several ways,” a news release from North Wind reads in part. “They create quality family-supporting jobs, keep investments in the community, build leadership skills among employee owners, allow for employees to have an ownership stake in the

company and share in its success."

North Wind Renewable Energy Cooperative President Josh Stolzenburg said the employee-owners would demotracratically govern the company, adding he was "thrilled" about the transition.

North Wind Renewable Energy specializes in the design and installation of solar electric systems for residential, commercial, agricultural and governmental customers. The North Wind team collectively brings over 75 years of in-house experience in a wide range of renewable energy activities, including design, installation, assessment, project management, consulting, service and training.

For more information, find the company at [northwindre.com](http://northwindre.com) (<http://www.northwindre.com/>).




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