

Ørsted to build large-scale solar PV project in Texas

Continuing its growth in onshore renewables, Ørsted has decided to build the 471 MW_{AC} Mockingbird Solar Center in Texas. Covering an area of 4,900 acres (approx. 20 km²), Mockingbird will be able to generate enough renewable energy to power more than 80,000 homes annually, making it the largest solar PV project in Ørsted's portfolio to date.

Ørsted has taken final investment decision (FID) on Mockingbird and will start construction of the project this month. Completion of the project is expected in 2024.

David Hardy, CEO of Region Americas at Ørsted, says: "Adding almost half a gigawatt to our portfolio, the decision to build Mockingbird represents an important milestone for our onshore business and for our expansion in solar PV. We look forward to building Mockingbird and for this project to start producing clean energy at a large scale. Mockingbird will achieve this while doing so in a way that prioritises conservation and our deep commitment to the communities we serve."

Almost 1,000 acres of land adjacent to Mockingbird Solar Center will be donated to [The Nature Conservancy \(TNC\)](#) to protect native prairie in north-east Texas. Less than 1 % of the original tallgrass prairies of Texas survive today, and less than 5 % remains nationally. The Ørsted-TNC conservation effort will be the largest preservation effort on record for this type of native prairie.

"We need to deliver green energy for this generation while protecting natural habitats for the next. That's why we've prioritised the Smiley-Woodfin Prairie in Texas as our first biodiversity initiative in the United States," said Daniel Willard, Biodiversity Specialist at Ørsted. "We want to thank The Nature Conservancy for working with us on this conservation effort. Drawing on both internal expertise and outside guidance, we'll continue to look for opportunities to protect the prairie and ensure that native plants and pollinators thrive."

The land to be preserved will be transferred to TNC before the solar farm enters into operation and begins delivering renewable energy to the community.

In 2021, Ørsted signed a ten-year corporate power purchase agreement with Royal DSM, a global, purpose-led leader in health and nutrition, applying bioscience to improve the health of people, animals, and the planet, who will be purchasing a share of the power from Mockingbird as

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part of their global journey towards a greenhouse gas reduction of 59 % by 2030 compared to base year 2016.

Globally, and counting Mockingbird, Ørsted has approximately 5.5 GW of onshore renewable energy capacity in operation or under construction across onshore wind, solar, and storage, 1.8 GW of which is solar PV. Ørsted is on track to reach a total of 17.5 GW onshore capacity globally by the end of 2030 and has an ambition of installing 50 GW of renewable energy by the end of 2030, including 30 GW offshore wind.

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