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First Solar, a Tempe, Arizona-based global provider of photovoltaic (PV) systems, announced the project on February 21. The plant already has a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Georgia Power. Construction of the plant in Twiggs County is expected to begin in November 2018, with the plant coming online about a year later.

Most large U.S. PV installations are located in the desert Southwest, in California and Arizona. The largest U.S. solar farm is the 579-MW Solar Star project near Rosamond, California, which came online in 2015. It is owned by BHE Solar, a subsidiary of BHE Renewables, and was designed and built by SunPower. It operates under a PPA with Southern California Edison.

The 103-MW Butler Solar Facility came online in late 2016 in Butler, Georgia. Courtesy: Southern Power

Georgia is one of 21 states that has not adopted a renewable portfolio standard for electricity production, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. Georgia Power, part of Southern Co., in its 2016 Integrated Resource Plan authorized the development of commercial and industrial (C& I) renewable generation "that would allow Georgia Power to procure up to 200 MW of additional renewable generation through Power Purchase Agreements that C& I customers could utilize to support their sustainability initiatives," according to Georgia Power's website.

TEMPE, Ariz., and MIAMI, Fla., October 24, 2018 - First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: FSLR) and Origis Energy USA announced today that Origis Energy has acquired the GA Solar 4 Project from First Solar. The 200 MWac photovoltaic solar generation asset, located in Twiggs County, Georgia, near Warner Robins, is expected to be the largest solar power plant in the southeastern United States when completed. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"A solar plant of this size can only be accomplished with an outstanding team," said Dries Bruyland, Managing Director, Mergers & Acquisitions for Origis Energy. "We thank First Solar for their close collaboration. Georgia Power, Southern Company and the authorities in Georgia have been crucial to this milestone clean energy project for the state. Together we will bring this project to successful completion."

"We are excited to partner with Origis Energy on this project, and we look forward to its successful completion and commissioning," said Georges Antoun, First Solar's Chief Commercial Officer. "We are also grateful for Georgia Power's vision and commitment to advancing solar power in the Southeast."

Construction of the 2,000-acre project is expected to begin in early November 2018, and will consist of more than half a million of First Solar's advanced technology thin film solar modules on single axis tracker mounts. The largest infrastructure project in Twiggs County, this build will create up to 400 construction jobs and



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ongoing tax revenues.

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar systems which use its advanced module and system technology. The company's integrated power plant solutions deliver an economically attractive alternative to fossil-fuel electricity generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life module recycling, First Solar's renewable energy systems protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit

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