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LT.-GOV. KARYN POLITO DEDICATES NEW SOLAR INSTALLATION IN WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

CON EDISON DEVELOPMENT TRANSFORMS FORMER 'BROWNFIELD' SITE INTO A SOURCE OF CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

WESTFIELD, MA – September, 20, 2016: Massachusetts Lieutenant-Governor Karyn Polito today dedicated a new solar power installation in Westfield, MA that transforms a local ten-acre “brownfield” site into a source of clean and renewable energy for the community.

Lt. Governor Polito was joined by City of Westfield Mayor Brian P. Sullivan, and Mark Noyes, President and CEO of ConEdison Development, developer of the solar site. The company is one of America’s largest owners and operators of renewable energy infrastructure projects.

The 8,844-panel solar installation will generate enough energy to provide electricity for approximately 300 homes. The facility will provide 3 MW (DC) / 2 MW (AC) of renewable power, an amount that offsets a level of carbon dioxide emissions equivalent to the removal of approximately 700 vehicles from Massachusetts roadways every year.

“We’ve been proud to enact major clean energy legislation promoting a balanced approach to diversifying Massachusetts’ energy portfolio,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.** “We applaud Westfield and ConEdison Development for their ingenuity in transforming a brownfield into a source of clean energy, and look forward to future projects continuing the growth of the Commonwealth’s vibrant solar industry.”

“We are honored to have Lieutenant-Governor Polito join us as we bring renewable power to the Westfield community,” said Mr. Noyes. “This state understands the importance of clean energy. The visionary policies of Massachusetts have allowed solar sites like this to flourish throughout the Commonwealth.”

“With the encouragement of forward-looking public officials like Lieutenant-Governor Polito, Westfield has been able to solve two serious challenges at once,” said Mayor Sullivan. “First, we have returned a brownfield site to productive use. And second, Westfield has boosted our commitment to clean energy.”

The solar installation, owned and operated by ConEdison Development, provides clean and renewable solar power to Westfield Electric & Gas under a long-term power purchase agreement.

Prior to construction, the reclaimed land had been an underutilized former gravel pit listed as a “brownfield” by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP).

Development of the site required the processing of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of construction demolition debris, all of which was subsequently used on site for grading and roadways. Moreover, working closely with the City of Westfield Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ConEdison Development established a wetland replication area, allowing the area to serve as an attractive location for wildlife to thrive in the future.

To ensure acquisition of all required permits and approvals, ConEdison Development worked closely with the City of Westfield, the MADEP and the site owner.

About ConEdison Development

ConEdison Development (CED) develops, owns and operates renewable and energy infrastructure projects. The company is one of the largest owners and operators of solar projects in North America.

ConEdison Development is focusing on renewable energy assets as part of a growth strategy and an overall corporate goal of responsible environmental stewardship. Through its deep resources and trusted relationships with a range of energy-related companies, CED has successfully developed, and owns and operates facilities generating more than 1100 MW (DC) / 885 MW (AC) of renewable power across California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, Nebraska, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Rhode Island.

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