

# Melink develops vast solar farm for NC country club

Project uses nearly 17,000 PV panels, will sell electricity to Duke

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Melink Corporation has completed development of a 5.25 megawatt solar farm in the Charlotte, North Carolina, metro region.

Located on land owned by Rock Barn Country Club & Spa in Conover, the photovoltaic array began operating Nov. 18. The vast array comprises 16,948 solar panels on 28 acres.



The power generated from this 5 mega-watt solar array will be enough to power 500 homes annually. Bill Parrish, the Vice President of Rock Barn Properties, explains the story behind their decision to go green with solar energy.

All of the electricity produced by the solar farm will be sold to Duke Energy. The system is expected to generate more than 7.3 million kilowatt hours of clean energy – enough electricity to serve 500 homes annually – in its first year of operation. The system has an expected life of up to 35 years.

"We are very grateful for the opportunity to have partnered with Rock Barn's owner, Don Beaver, on this project," said Steve Melink, founder and CEO of the Cincinnati-based company that provides energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for the commercial building industry. "At 5 megawatts, it is our largest solar PV project to date. And being located in North Carolina, it allows us to show our national capabilities. Solar power is the way of the future and we are proud to be helping lead the way."

Bill Parrish, vice president of Rock Barn Properties, added, "We explored development opportunities on some of our land that was otherwise unbuildable for commercial or residential, and identified this project as a good economic return and an environmentally friendly investment. Through our subsequent due diligence process, we identified Melink Corporation as an outstanding partner for our solar project."

Rock Barn Properties is the owner/operator of Rock Barn Country Club & Spa, which includes two signature championship golf courses, 485 residences and an equestrian center.

Construction of the solar farm began in November 2015 and concluded in June, despite record precipitation in the Blue Ridge Mountain region of North Carolina in November and December. The solar farm has just received final regulatory approval to begin operations.

To learn more about the solar project and see the array from an aerial viewpoint, click [here](#). You may learn more about the country club at [Rock Barn Properties](#).

To schedule an interview with Steve Melink, please contact Marketing Manager Luci Feie at 513.965.7300 or [lfeie@melinkcorp.com](mailto:lfeie@melinkcorp.com).

## **ABOUT MELINK**

Melink Corporation is a global provider of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions for the commercial building industry, with four business offerings: HVAC Testing & Balancing, Intelli-Hood® Kitchen Ventilation Controls, Solar PV Development

and Geothermal HVAC. For 30 years, the Cincinnati-based company has been helping organizations save energy, increase profits and make the world a more sustainable place. Melink's corporate headquarters is LEED Platinum and Net-Zero Energy, and its vehicle fleet consists of all hybrid and electric cars. To learn more about Melink Corporation, visit [Melinkcorp.com](http://Melinkcorp.com) or call 513.965.7300.

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