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Dear Matthew Homsher,

On behalf of the West Penn Energy Fund (WPEF), please accept the Fund's enclosed annual reports for 2015 to 2024. A total of ten (10) annual reports are being submitted to ensure our respective files are complete. I would like to thank the PUC Commissioners and staff for the guidance and assistance that they have provided to the Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

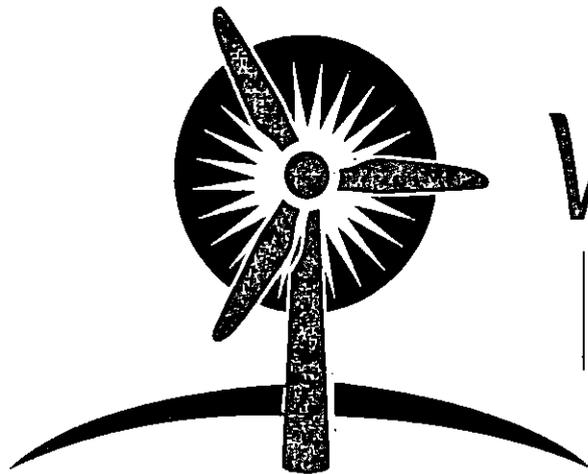
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Fund Administrator, WPEF

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Mr. Alan Neuner, WPEF President  
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# WPPSEF

WEST PENN POWER  
SUSTAINABLE  
ENERGY FUND

**The 2020 Annual Report of the  
West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund  
(January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020)**

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## **FORWARD**

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WPPSEF operates on a calendar year basis. This report summarizes the WPPSEF's activities between January 1 to December 31, 2020.

### **APPROVALS**

The WPPSEF Board approved \$371,900 to support twelve (12) new funding requests in 2020.

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

The WPPSEF disbursed \$648,198 to support eighteen (18) projects funding in 2020.

### **YEAR END BALANCE**

The WPPSEF had a net asset value of \$31,354,351 as of December 31, 2020.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

WPPSEF's administrative expenses were \$404,203 in 2020. The core administrative expense/ net asset value was 1.28%.

### **AN UNPRECEDENTED EVENT**

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic represented a global outbreak of coronavirus that caused infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). On March 19, 2020 Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Wolfe ordered a statewide closure of all "non-life" sustaining business operation and services. On April 1, the Governor extended a stay-at-home order across the entire state of Pennsylvania. On April 17, Governor Wolfe laid out a plan to gradually open the state and to begin the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted WPPSEF operations and projects.

## **INTRODUCTION**

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The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) was established through the West Penn Power (WPP) Company restructuring plan approved by the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (PA-PUC) on November 3, 1998. WPPSEF was incorporated on May 3, 2000 and received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status on July 19, 2000.

The Fund entered its twentieth year of operations in 2020. WPPSEF continually strives to increase its visibility in the WPP service region and to provide support to clean energy projects that benefit the WPP ratepayer. WPPSEF funding is focused on:

- ❖ Promoting the use of renewable and clean energy;
- ❖ Promoting energy conservation and energy efficiency; and
- ❖ Promoting the start-up, attraction, expansion, and retention of sustainable energy businesses.

The year 2020 had unprecedented challenges due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. A statewide shutdown was in force during the March 21, 2020, to May 1, 2022, timeframe. Although the COVID-19 pandemic impacted WPPSEF throughout 2020, the Fund continued to identify and select new projects, support its existing project pipeline, and continued its design and construction efforts at the 63 Fraley Street renovation to Passive House EnerPHit standards.

## **HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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WPPSEF worked to identify new mission-aligned projects throughout 2020 while providing guidance and oversight to its portfolio of existing projects. Selected highlights and accomplishments are provided below.

## **2020 Request for Proposals**

WPPSEF is constantly seeking to identify and support projects that are aligned with its mission and provide benefit to the WPP ratepayer. As part of this process, WPPSEF solicits project proposals through a request-for-proposals (RFP) process. The RFP was released on October 22, 2019 and closed on January 29, 2020. A total of nineteen (19) proposals were submitted for funding consideration.

## **Selected 2020 Project Highlights**

**Centre County.** The WPPSEF worked with Solar Renewable Energy, LLC (SRE) and Centre County to co-fund a 1.197 DC MW bifacial panel solar farm at the Centre County Correctional Facility in late 2020. The project used a total of 3,150 bifacial 380W solar panels that have a dual (front and back) generation capability. The project was designed to offset nearly 100% of the Centre County Correctional Facility annual electric usage. WPPSEF provided a \$25,000 grant to Centre County government and SRE in the later stages of the solar farm construction to offset the purchase of a portion of the bifacial panels for the solar array.

**Rostraver Public Library.** The Rostraver Public Library and WPPSEF worked together to perform a comprehensive energy audit of the library. The energy audit was used to identify cost-effective energy efficiency improvements that would reduce the library's electric use. In 2020, the library begins to implement some of the audit's recommendations such as: LED lighting upgrades, retro-commissioning of the heating & cooling system, and installing a low-e window film on the library's windows.

**63 Fraley Street, LLC.** The transition from 2019 to 2020 marked the transition of the demo phase (2019) to the rebuild phase (2020) of the project. The design of 63 Fraley Street to be compliant with Passive House EnerPHit standards began in earnest in early 2020. The project team was in the design phase when Pennsylvania closed and had travel restriction in force during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kane Borough issued the building permit on June 30, 2020. Efforts were focused on replacing the roof assembly, replacing the front exterior, and having the building totally enclosed by the end of 2020. The design and construction team met the year end goal despite many challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Annual PA Public Utilities Commission Presentation**

Pennsylvania sustainable energy funds delivered their annual presentation to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission and the Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Board on February 6, 2020. The presentation reviewed WPPSEF's activities in 2019 and upcoming activities in 2020.

## **FINANCIAL APPROVALS**

The WPPSEF Board approved \$371,900 to support twelve (12) new funding requests in 2020. A summary of these funding requests is provided in Table 1.

## **FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS**

The WPPSEF disbursed \$648,198 to support eighteen (18) projects funding in 2020. A summary of these funding disbursements is provided in Table 2.

WPEF disbursements are made using performance milestones for each project. These milestones are unique to each project. Performance milestones may include but are not

limited to the following: executing agreements with contractors, receiving and installing building materials for the project, and the submission of project reports and photographs.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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The WPPSEF utilized the professional services of Horner, Wible & Terek PC to independently conduct its 2020 annual audit. The WPPSEF fiscal year is based on the calendar year. As of December 31, 2020, the WPPSEF had a total net asset value of \$31,541,351. WPPSEF's administrative expenses were \$404,203 in 2022. The core administrative expense/ net asset value was 1.28%. The administrative expenses included the costs associated with its Fund Administrator (Penn State) and the financial services provided by the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland.

## **BOARD ORGANIZATION**

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The WPPSEF administration consists of a seven-member board of directors that provides oversight to the Fund and an administrative staff that oversees the day-to-day operations. All board members serve on a volunteer basis.

### **WPPSEF Board of Directors**

- Alan Neuner, *Chairperson*
  - Geisinger Health System
  
- John Walliser, *Vice Chairperson*
  - Pennsylvania Environmental Council
  
- John Kline, *Treasurer*
  - Standard Bank
  
- Jim Stark, *Secretary*
  - Fayette County Community Action Agency
  
- Rob Hosken,
  - Building Performance Architecture

- Ed Miller
  - West Penn Power
  
- Michele Ponchione
  - Corelle Brands

**WPPSEF Administrative Staff**

Joel Morrison, The Pennsylvania State University, (University Park, PA). Mr. Morrison serves as WPPSEF’s Fund Administrator, which oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund. He is assisted by Barbara Robuck (Marketing & Communications) and Elizabeth Wood (Database Design/ Maintenance).

James Smith, Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland (Greensburg, PA). Mr. Smith is the President & Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Growth Connection (EGC) of Westmoreland. He is assisted by George App (Accounting).

**WPPSEF Board Meetings**

The WPPSEF board meetings are scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year. The Board calendar may be adjusted on an as-needed basis. A summary of the 2020 WPPSEF Board meetings are presented below.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| ✓ February 21, 2020 | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ March 19, 2020    | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ April 15, 2020    | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ June 18, 2020     | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ August 20, 2020   | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ October 16, 2020  | Board Meeting (Kane, PA)        |
| ✓ October 22, 2020  | Board Meeting (Electronic vote) |
| ✓ December 2, 2020  | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |
| ✓ December 17, 2020 | Board Meeting (Conference Call) |

**TABLE 1. Project Related Financial Approvals - 2020**

Organization	Grant	Loan	Comments
Rostraver Public Library	\$37,500	\$0	Grant. Energy efficiency improvements
Kane Area Community Center	\$21,000	\$0	Grant. LED lighting upgrade and heat pump hot water heater
State College Friends School	\$35,000	\$0	Grant. Funding for 26.1 DC kW roof mounted solar system
Centre County	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. 1.197 DC MW ground solar system at Centre County Corrections facility
The Pennsylvania State University (PennTap)	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. Workforce & education development through alternative energy technology
Lutheran Home at Kane	\$12,400	\$0	Grant. Comprehensive energy audit at elderly care facility
Greater Washington County Food Bank	\$100,000	\$0	Grant. Co-funding for a 236 DC kW ground mount solar system
County of Elk Community Recycling Center	\$26,500	\$0	Grant. Woody biomass furnace handling system modifications
Slippery Rock University	\$25,000	\$0	Grant. Campus wide energy infrastructure study to achieve carbon neutrality
Frank Sarris Public Library	\$32,500	\$0	Grant. LED lighting upgrade at Frank Sarris Library
Kane Area Industry Development Corporation	\$20,000	\$0	Grant. Public outreach for Six&Kane Passive House Technology
Brownsville Area Revitalization Corporation	\$12,000	\$0	Grant. Comprehensive energy audit and electrical upgrades
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$371,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$371,900</b>		

**TABLE 2. Project Related Disbursements - 2020**

Organization	Year Funding Commitment	Amount Expended	Comment
The Pennsylvania State University - New Kensington	2017	\$10,000	Grant. Funding for New Kensington LaunchBox sustainable energy program
New Sun Rising	2018	\$9,000	Grant. Establishment of PA Solar Center
Keystone Energy Efficiency Fund	2018	\$3,000	Grant. Co-funding for KEEF's Moving to the Head of the Class school awards
Fayette County Community Action Agency	2018	\$35,000	Grant. Funding for 50.7 DC kW roof solar system on Fairchance senior housing
County of Fayette	2018	\$36,920	Grant. Solar security LED lights for Jacob's Creek Park public park
Saint Vincent College	2018	\$50,000	Grant. Co-funding for Latimer Family Library Expansion/ Renovation
Tree Pittsburgh	2019	\$3,000	Grant. Funding for 8.5 DC kW roof mounted solar system on Tree Pittsburg office
Delmont Public Library	2019	\$40,000	Grant. Funding for new 4,150 square foot library with 34 kW solar and LED lighting
Historic Church of St. Peter	2019	\$55,000	Grant. Energy components for Brownsville Community Center new construction
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company	2019	\$2,500	Grant. Interior LED lighting upgrades
Geisinger System Services	2019	\$35,180	Grant. Optimize air flow at Gray's Woods & Jersey Shore to reduce electricity use
Storystop	2019	\$15,000	Grant. Video to showcase ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm construction
Greater Washington County Food Bank	2019	\$21,700	Grant. LED lighting upgrade, heat pump hot water heater, and surge suppression
State College Community Land Trust	2019	\$17,500	Grant. Funding to provide energy efficiency improvements to 16 housing units
State College Friends School	2020	\$35,000	Grant. Funding for 26.1 DC kW roof mounted solar system
Centre County	2020	\$25,000	Grant. 1.197 DC MW ground solar system at Centre County Corrections facility
Greater Washington County Food Bank	2020	\$100,000	Grant. Co-funding for a 236 DC kW ground mount solar system
ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm	2019	\$154,398	Loan. Supplemental funding for farm-to-table restaurant built to LBCstandards
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$648,198</b>	

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