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By Editors of Power Engineering

Florida Power & Light Company announced it plans to construct nearly 600 MW of new solar facilities by early 2018.

The new plan effectively doubles the company's previously-announced near-term solar construction commitment. Now, eight solar plants with 74.5 MW of capacity each will be built across Florida, including three previously-announced sites in Alachua, Putnam and DeSoto counties.

Construction is expected to start this spring.

"We have been working hard to drive down the costs of adding solar so we can deliver even more zero-emissions energy to all of our customers. As the first company to build solar power generation cost effectively in Florida, we are proud to continue leading the advancement of affordable clean energy infrastructure. We have proven that it's possible to cut emissions and deliver reliable service while keeping electric bills low for our customers," said Eric Silagy, FPL president and CEO, during a celebration at the FPL Manatee Solar Energy Center, one of the company's three most recently completed solar power plants.

FPL currently operates more than 335 MW of solar capacity, not including small-scale solar arrays for 100 schools and educational facilities.

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