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Kane Area Radio Association installing Solar Panels on WXZY Studios with Grant Support from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

Kane, Pennsylvania – July 12, 2023 – The Kane Area Radio Association, a non-profit/non-commercial entity who oversee the operation of WXZY 101.7 FM, has received a \$30,000 grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to install 5.67 kW DC roof mounted solar energy panels and upgrades to ENERGY STAR labeled studio equipment to reduce electric consumption.

The mounting of solar panels on the south facing slope of the studio roof will provide renewable energy for operations and future sustainability of WXZY. Replacing certain pieces of aging equipment with newer ENERGY STAR rated equipment will further reduce demand on the energy grid.

WXZY plays an important role in the community, as a source for up-to-date weather information from real meteorologists, news, local sports broadcasts and live community remote broadcasts from events around the area.

WXZY's Chris Niklaus states "As a 501c3 non-profit organization, Kane Area Radio Association strives to make every donation count and this grant is no exception. Solar energy and ENERGY STAR equipment will help bring sustainability to our operations, keeping the studio powered up and information flowing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just like we've done for nearly ten years. Local support from listeners and businesses, and grants like the WPPSEF are the station's lifeblood, and for that, we are deeply grateful."

The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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