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NextPower V ESG

Agreement To Acquire 248MW Spanish Solar PV Portfolio

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”), a leading global renewables manager specialised on the solar+ infrastructure sector, is pleased to announce that its latest international OECD Fund, **NextPower V ESG** (“NPV ESG”), has entered into a binding agreement to acquire a **248MW** portfolio of 12 solar PV projects in North-Eastern Spain.

This **248MW** solar portfolio marks the fourth investment that the Fund has made. The announcement comes just after the recent closing of a long-term debt financing for an operational portfolio managed by NPV ESG’s predecessor Fund NextPower III ESG in the same region. This transaction for NPV ESG follows the recent acquisitions of a 100MW solar project in the USA, as well as two operational CfD portfolios of 50MW and 66MW in Europe.

NPV ESG’s portfolio has been significantly built out during the last six months, with 348MW in construction, 116MW in operations, and over 500MW in exclusivity or advanced negotiation. Since the launch of NPV ESG, NEC has evaluated over 88GW of pipeline with 18GW of high-quality, attractive investment opportunities identified for more detailed evaluation.

To date, NPV ESG has secured **\$745 million** (including \$150 million for co-investments) in total commitments with investors ranging from a UK LGPS investment pool and a Dutch pension fund, alongside re-ups from existing NextPower III ESG investors, including KLP, a German occupational pension fund, and a large Nordic pension fund. NextEnergy Capital continues to build on its positive fundraising momentum with a number of investors around the globe currently in due diligence and the team continues to raise towards NPV ESG’s target of **\$1.5 billion**.

Given the current combination of both the lower costs of solar photovoltaic modules and higher power prices, the investment team is enthusiastic about the opportunity set presented. With its first operational assets expected to pay dividends in the second half of 2024, NPV ESG leverages NEC’s track record of successful investments in the solar+ infrastructure sector since 2007, with over 400 utility-scale projects acquired and previous Funds delivering superior financial returns to investors. NPV ESG continues to maintain a disciplined contracted revenue model with robust, credit-worthy counterparties enabling the Fund to generate long-term stable cashflows.

NPV ESG is classified as an Article 9 Fund under the EU SFDR providing tangible and measurable impact including biodiversity measures. Upon reaching its investment ceiling and delivering c.4-5GW, NPV

ESG is forecasted to generate enough clean energy to power the equivalent of up to 1.1 million households per year and avoid an estimated fossil fuel consumption of up to nearly 220 million m³ of natural gas annually.

NPV ESG's investment strategy targets the solar+ infrastructure sector in carefully selected OECD markets, with the objective of building significant portfolios in each target market, creating value with a hands-on approach, establishing an operational track record and divesting the portfolio before the end of the Fund's life in 2033.

Aldo Beolchini, CIO and Managing Partner at NextEnergy Capital, said

"NPV ESG continues to go from strength to strength, this latest investment in Spain shortly follows the recent acquisition in Poland which again demonstrates NEC's ability to deploy capital quickly and efficiently, whilst also highlighting NEC as a market leader in the solar space with over 360MW of capacity added to NPV ESG in the last twelve weeks."

Antonio Salvati, Managing Director NextPower V ESG at NextEnergy Capital, quoted:

"We are delighted with the binding agreement to acquire this sizable Spanish Portfolio. NEC currently manages c.500MW of operating solar assets in this geography which remains an attractive market to deploy capital. We expect to continue investing in Iberia through our Madrid office and as NPV ESG currently has multiple additional projects under advanced negotiation in the region."

Further information:

NextPower V ESG

NextPower V ESG is a contracted OECD solar strategy that offers investors the opportunity to earn strong risk-adjusted returns from the solar PV infrastructure asset class with a highly experienced team and a track record of success in OECD-based solar deployment. The strategy will primarily invest in OECD solar assets and adjacent technologies (e.g. battery storage) in the target markets. NPV ESG is targeting \$1.5bn in size with a \$2bn ceiling.

- **Opportunity Set:** Global renewable targets for 2050 demonstrate the necessity for further renewable deployment, most importantly solar as the proven and stable technology.
- **Team:** International solar fund with energy transition technology, led by the market leading solar investment team that headed NextPower III ESG ("NPIII ESG").
- **Proprietary Sourcing:** Deal flow from in-house developer and NEC's market access provides significant sourcing advantage.
- **Demonstrable Pipeline:** The team has developed a pipeline of 18GW reducing investment risk and providing a high degree of visibility on deployment.
- **Compelling Returns:** Targeting mid double-digit returns.
- **Long-Term Stable Cash Flows:** Revenue model backed by robust, credit-worthy PPAs leveraging the team's OECD-based PPA expertise.
- **Return Enhancement:** Through NEC's expertise in technical outperformance, efficient leverage, asset optimisation, and storage additionality.
- **ESG Impacts:** Classified as an Article 9 Fund under the EU SFDR providing tangible and measurable impact including biodiversity measures.

NextEnergy Group

NextEnergy Group was founded in 2007 to become a leading market participant in the international solar sector. Since its inception, it has been active in the development, construction, and ownership of solar assets across multiple jurisdictions. NextEnergy Group operates via its three business units: NextEnergy Capital (Investment Management), WiseEnergy (Operating Asset Management) and Starlight (Project Development).

NextEnergy Capital

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”) comprises the Group's investment management activities. To date, NEC has invested in over 400 individual solar plants for a capacity in excess of 3GW across its institutional funds. www.nextenergycapital.com

- **First Fund:** [NextEnergy Solar Fund \(“NESF”\)](#), is a specialist solar energy and energy storage fund, which is listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange. It currently has an installed capacity of 1,015MW spread among 103 individual operating assets in the UK and Italy, comprising an unaudited gross asset value of £1,155m. NESF is one of the largest listed solar and energy storage investment companies in the world.
- **Second Fund:** [NextPower II \(“NP2”\)](#), a private fund made up of 105 individual operating solar power plants and an installed capacity of 149MW, focused on consolidating the substantial, highly fragmented Italian solar market. Launched in 2016, NP2 was successfully divested in January 2022 at IRRs significantly in excess of its gross target of 10-12%.
- **Third Fund:** [NextPower III ESG \(“NP3 ESG”\)](#), is a private fund exclusively focused on the international solar infrastructure sector, principally targeting projects in carefully selected OECD countries, including the US, Portugal, Spain, Chile, Poland, Greece, and Italy. NP3 is now fully invested with 172 assets, totalling 1.8GW. NP3 completed its fundraising with a total of \$896m, including an SMA raised. The target of the fund was \$750m.
- **Fourth Fund:** [NextPower UK ESG \(“NPUK ESG”\)](#), is a private unlevered fund investing in greenfield subsidy-free solar projects, with PPA's, in the UK. NPUK ESG is a 10-year closed-ended private fund targeting £500m. To date, NPUK has raised total commitments of £653m exceeding its target within six months of first close, with the UK Infrastructure Bank providing cornerstone match-funding of £250m.
- **Fifth Fund:** [NextPower V ESG \(“NPV ESG”\)](#), is a private contracted solar strategy that offers investors the opportunity to earn strong risk-adjusted returns from the solar PV infrastructure asset class with a highly experienced team and a track record of success in solar deployment globally. The strategy will primarily invest in OECD solar assets and adjacent technologies (e.g. battery storage) in the target markets. NPV ESG is targeting \$1.5bn in size with a \$2bn ceiling.

Further information on the NextEnergy Group is available at: <https://www.nextenergygroup.com/>

WiseEnergy®

WiseEnergy® is NextEnergy Group's asset operator. WiseEnergy is a leading specialist asset operator in the solar sector. Currently, WiseEnergy provides development, construction and operating services to over 1,500 solar and battery assets with an installed capacity in excess of 2.5GW. Its asset management clients include listed solar funds (in addition to the Company), banks, private equity funds and other specialist investors. Further information on WiseEnergy is available at: www.wise-energy.com

Starlight

Starlight is NextEnergy Group's development company that is active in the development phase of solar projects. It has developed over 100 utility-scale projects internationally and continues to progress a

large pipeline of c.10GW of both green and brownfield project developments across global geographies.

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