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Employer Announces “Clean Commuter Benefits Program” to Empower Employees and Celebrate Climate Action Month

EmPower Solar employees receive complimentary access to public transportation and a monthly stipend towards electric and hybrid vehicles

Island Park, NY, September 25, 2018 – EmPower Solar just added a new employee perks program to their list of employee benefits. To recognize **Drive Electric Week** and **Climate Action Month**, the firm formalized a program that provides employees with a free or reduced cost work commute via cleaner transportation methods like electric vehicles, or public transportation.

Out of the company's 70 employees, over a dozen “reverse commute” from New York City to the company's headquarters in Island Park, a two-minute walk from the LIRR station in the transit-oriented community. For any employees to take public transportation instead of drive, the company pays for their monthly LIRR ticket, a value of \$297. For any employees who opt to buy or lease a personal vehicle powered all or in-part by electric, the company will reimburse up to \$200 per month towards the vehicle's lease or loan payments. Employees are also free to charge their personal vehicles at any of the 5 charging stations located at the warehouse or the Solar Design Center.

The company has embraced electric vehicles and battery storage since their start in 2003. Seven of the company's vehicles are 100% electric, and three are EV Hybrids with high MPG efficiency. Most of the electricity used in the cars comes from the 36.5 kW solar system owned by the company, so they are truly powered by the sun, not by a natural gas via a local power plant.

“We install solar panels from Montauk to Mt. Kisko, so our team can cover 100 miles or more in any given day. To best align our driving habits with our company’s mission of deploying clean energy, we strive to power our commutes with a clean fuel source,” said David G. Schieren, CEO of EmPower Solar. “We spend a lot of time hiring and recruiting quality employees that embody our values. We have an amazing team, and we want to make sure they are happy in their every day commute. We try to respect our employee’s work/life balance by making that part of their day a little bit cleaner, and a lot more enjoyable.”

The company also offers free perks to the public as well. EmPower Solar also offers complimentary EV charging for 30-minute increments to patrons of the Barnum Landing Shopping Center in Island Park.

About EmPower Solar

EmPower Solar delivers superior solar and battery technology, maximum savings, and exceptional customer service. Since 2003, EmPower Solar has been the preferred solar provider of over 2,000 New Yorkers and leading businesses, earning an industry-leading customer satisfaction rating. EmPower Solar represents the world's leading clean technology companies including SunPower as a Master Dealer, and Tesla as a Certified Powerwall Installer. EmPower Solar leverages over 15 years of solar and storage industry experience and record-setting technology.

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