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LIPA Presents Long Beach Library with Solar Rebate of \$45,800

New PV System will save library nearly \$2,500 a year in electricity costs

Rebate made possible through LIPA's Solar Entrepreneur Program

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Uniondale, NY Today the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) presented the Long Beach Library with a \$45,800 solar rebate check to help offset the cost of a beneficial photovoltaic (PV) installation. This funding was provided through LIPA's Solar Entrepreneur program.

Long Beach Public Library, located at 111 West Park Avenue Long Beach, NY installed a solar electric generating photovoltaic (PV) system totaling 10.32 kilowatts (kW) which will produce a total of approximately 12,629 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity annually. This will save the facility over \$2,475 in electricity costs per year.

"I commend the Long Beach Library for their forward thinking and investment in solar energy. LIPA remains committed to working with our municipalities, business groups, and community leaders to communicate the vital message of energy efficiency and renewables through LIPA's solar, wind and efficiency," said LIPA Vice President of Environmental Affairs Michael J. Deering.

"The Long Beach Public Library installed a 10.32 kW solar panel system, with the help of LIPA's rebate program, which paid for half of the project. The Library Board considered this a win-win project, as local taxpayers would see the rise in electrical costs offset and the environment would gain by the conservation of natural resources," said Director of the Long Beach Public Library George Trepp.

LIPA's nationally recognized Solar Pioneer and Entrepreneur Programs have lowered emissions of harmful pollutants that contribute to climate change. By using solar power as opposed to fossil fuels to generate electricity, Long Beach Public Library's projected avoided emissions, over a 20-year period, will be approximately 440 pounds of Sulfur Dioxide, 300 pounds of Nitrous Oxide, and 294,500 pounds of Carbon Dioxide which is the equivalent of removing 24 passenger cars off the road and a savings 15,180 gallons of gas consumed.

From inception to December, 2010, LIPA has rebated approximately \$ 94, 978,175 to assist over 3,700 residential, commercial, educational, not-for-profit or government facilities to install solar.

For complete program details visit the LIPA website at <http://www.lipower.org/efficiency/solar-programs.html>.



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LIPA, a non-profit municipal electric provider, owns the retail electric Transmission and Distribution System on Long Island and provides electric service to more than 1.1 million customers in Nassau and Suffolk counties and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens. LIPA is the 2nd largest municipal electric utility in the nation in terms of electric revenues, 3rd largest in terms of customers served and the 7th largest in terms of electricity delivered. In 2008, LIPA outperformed all other overhead electric utilities in New York State for frequency of service interruptions, and ranked second for duration of service interruptions. LIPA does not provide natural gas service or own any on-island generating assets. More information about LIPA can be found online at: <http://www.lipower.org>.

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