

Mountain Service Distributors Completes Solar Power Installation At South Fallsburg Facility

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Rooftop Installation Will Provide Nearly 90 Percent of Facility's Annual Power

Mountain Service Distributors, a full-line convenience store supply company, today announced the completion of a 380-kilowatt (kW) solar energy system atop its distribution facility located in South Fallsburg, New York. Mountain Service Distributors partnered on this significant solar project with EnterSolar, a leading New York-based provider of solar solutions to commercial enterprises.

The initiative involved the installation of over 1,500 individual solar photovoltaic modules on the roof of Mountain Service Distributors' 80,000-square-foot distribution center. The state-of-the-art solar system will generate over 90 percent of the companies' annual electricity requirements. The project has received a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) award as part of Governor Cuomo's NY-Sun initiative.

The solar system will yield not only significant financial savings for Mountain Service Distributors but significant environmental benefits as well. The energy saved by generating onsite clean electricity will produce environmental benefits equivalent to powering 51 homes per year, or saving 33,300 gallons of gasoline.

This is Mountain Service Distributors' first solar energy project, but is only the latest in a series of sustainability initiatives that the company has completed.

In July, 2013, the company worked with the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) to replace more than 160 400-watt metal halide light fixtures with industrial 32W T8 fluorescent fixtures. And in March, the firm replaced 8 pole-mounted 400W metal halide light fixtures with 105W LED fixtures to reduce its exterior energy costs. NYSEG provided 70 percent of the installation costs for both projects, and the energy savings is estimated at 51 percent and 78 percent respectively.

"EnterSolar is proud to support Mountain Service Distributors' community-focused values by enabling their use of solar energy," said Paul Ahern, president, EnterSolar. "Their continued investment in sustainable energy practices serves as a leading example for the mid-state region, and we are pleased to partner again with NYSERDA to promote this renewable energy project."

About Mountain Service Distributors

Mountain Service Distributors is a full line convenience store distributor based in South Fallsburg, New York. The Company serves customers in all of New York State, and some areas of Pennsylvania and Connecticut as well. Founded in 1928, by Ben Altman, the family-owned business is now being run by its third generation. Stephen Altman has led the business since 1962, and in 1990, his son Josh officially joined the operation. The Company prides itself on being a partner to its customers, and even from its humble beginning has always operated with its customers, profitability in mind.