



McCormick Achieves Net-Zero Energy Use with Constellation Energy

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363,000 square-foot distribution center generates more electricity than it uses thanks to energy efficiency and solar power

BALTIMORE, Apr. 16, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) – McCormick & Company, Inc. (NYSE: MCC) and Constellation Energy, a business unit of Exelon (NYSE: EXC), today announced that McCormick's 363,000-square foot distribution center in Belcamp, Md., now generates more electricity than it uses.

The center is considered a net-zero energy building, which means it produces as much or more electricity than it consumes from the grid. For McCormick's Belcamp facility, this was achieved through energy conservation measures implemented by McCormick and the installation of a 1.6-megawatt rooftop solar array system from Constellation Energy in 2011. Constellation Energy currently owns and operates more than 100 megawatts of solar installations that have been completed or are under construction for commercial and government customers throughout the United States. "This is a milestone for our solar power projects and represents tangible evidence of our robust corporate social responsibility efforts," said Jeff Blankens, sustainable manufacturing manager for McCormick. "During a five-year period we were able to reduce electricity use at Belcamp by 55 percent through energy efficient interior and exterior lighting, occupancy sensors, HVAC upgrades, and energy efficient public conveniences. With the addition of rooftop solar power, the facility generated a surplus of more than 10,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity in a one-year period. McCormick's Belcamp distribution center reinforces that net-zero energy use is achievable and affordable for large commercial buildings."

Constellation Energy built, owns and maintains the solar power system at the Belcamp facility as well as a nearly 1-megawatt solar installation at McCormick's Opus 160 in Hunt Valley, Md., and a smaller solar installation at McCormick's corporate headquarters building in Sparks, Md. McCormick purchases all of the electricity generated by the solar panels at less than current market rates under separate 20-year power purchase agreements. To view a brief video about the role that solar plays in McCormick's sustainability efforts click [here](#). "On-site solar generation is an economic and practical way for more and more companies to achieve their sustainability goals and control their electricity costs," said Michael D. Smith, vice president of solar and efficiency sales for Constellation Energy. "Additionally, through conservation measures, which are essential to any effective energy management strategy, businesses can realize further savings. In many cases, Constellation can offer to customers the ability to bundle the costs of energy efficiency upgrades with their electricity spend, allowing them to leverage existing operational budgets for related capital improvements. By structuring its solar projects as solar services agreements or power purchase agreements, Constellation Energy requires no upfront capital from its customers and is able to provide power at a fixed cost that is less than projected market rates. Constellation's commercial customers, universities, school systems, hospitals and government agencies interested in [power efficiency](#) or [on-site solar](#) installations of 1 megawatt or larger may contact Constellation Energy at [sustainable.solutions@constellation.com](#) or 1-877-427-0005.

About McCormick

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About Exelon

Exelon Corporation (NYSE:EXC) is the nation's leading competitive energy provider, with approximately \$33 billion in annual revenues. Headquartered in Chicago, Exelon has operations and business activities in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Exelon is the largest competitive U.S. power generator, with approximately 26,000 megawatts of named capacity comprising one of the nation's cleanest and lowest-cost power generation fleets. The company's Constellation business unit provides energy products and services to approximately 100,000 business and public sector customers and approximately 1 million residential customers. Exelon's utilities deliver electricity and natural gas to approximately 8.8 million customers in central Maryland (BGE), northern Illinois (ComEd) and southwestern Pennsylvania (PECO).

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