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West Riverside Energy Center generating station is 50 percent complete

Natural gas-fired facility near Beloit on schedule for operation by the end of 2019

TOWN OF BELOIT, Wis. – September 27, 2018 – Construction of Alliant Energy’s West Riverside Energy Center has reached its midpoint. The 730-megawatt, natural gas-fired generating station is on schedule to go into service by the end of 2019.

“We’re excited to hit the halfway mark for the construction of our West Riverside Energy Center and pleased with the progress we’ve made on the project,” said David de Leon, vice president of Wisconsin operations for Alliant Energy. “The facility will play an important role in providing a cost-effective and balanced energy mix for our customers as we continue our transition to clean energy. It has allowed us to retire older and less efficient coal-fired generation, and it will complement our growing investments in renewable energy.”

Alliant Energy is working to increase the sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of the generating station during construction and in its future operations. The new natural gas facility’s technology will allow it to adjust up and down quickly to be a 24/7 energy source when intermittent renewable energy is not available. The West Riverside Energy Center will also include a 4-5-megawatt solar garden, where the clean energy output will be delivered to the natural gas facility and offset its auxiliary power needs.

The generating station will emit less than half the carbon dioxide (CO₂), about two-thirds less nitrogen and 99% less sulfur and mercury than traditional coal-fired facilities. Its operation will support Alliant Energy’s clean energy vision, which includes a goal to reduce CO₂ emissions from fossil-fueled generation by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050.

The West Riverside Energy Center began construction in the fall of 2016 on the company’s 315-acre Town of Beloit energy campus between the cities of Beloit and Janesville. It will have the capacity to serve more than 550,000 homes and businesses. The \$700 million investment is one of Wisconsin’s largest economic development and job creation projects. More than 600 skilled workers are onsite safely constructing the highly efficient generating facility.

For more information, visit alliantenergy.com/westriverside.

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