

# Hornet Solar Project



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Hello,

Over the past six months, we have been progressing on building Capital Power's 73-megawatt (MW) Hornet Solar Project ("the Project") located in Stanley, North Carolina. Preliminary construction activities, including establishing the substation, laydown yard, constructing entrance roads, and substation civil works have been completed.

## Introducing Vanguard Energy Partners

Vanguard Energy Partners, LLC ("Vanguard") was recently selected as the Project's Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC") contractor. Vanguard has extensive experience in the construction and project management of utility scale solar projects in the United States.



Vanguard started to mobilize temporary construction trailers and equipment on February 17, 2025 and Duke Energy will be mobilizing and delivering equipment in March.

These activities will likely cause some temporary traffic disruptions and congestion around site entrances on Drew Road, Old Beatty Road and June Delinger Road. Noise levels may also increase due to additional onsite workforce between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Some work may occasionally occur on Saturdays to maintain schedule or if there are weather delays.

We are working to be as efficient as possible to complete construction in a timely matter and minimize impact on surrounding neighbors.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

## Updated Construction Schedule

Construction activities will begin to intensify over the coming weeks as Vanguard works to bring Hornet Solar online in Q2 2026.

Activity	Timing
Construction mobilization	Ongoing
Equipment deliveries	Starting in June 2025
Piling/post installation	Q3 2025
Racking installation	Q3 2025
Cabling/collection system installation	Q3 / Q4 2025
Substation construction	Q3 / Q4 2025
Solar modules deliveries and installation	June – August 2025
Inverter installation	Q3 / Q4 2025
Commissioning	First half of 2026
Anticipated COD (Commercial Operation Date)	Q2 2026

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