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Press Release

Kerrville Area Solar Partners Promote Solar Access

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On March 5 and 6, 2018, the Kerrville Area Solar Partners participated in the Empowering Texas Communities Conference in Galveston, TX. This joint conference between the Texas Association of Community Development Corporations (TACDC) and the Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) was a first for both organizations, facilitating discussions on the intersections between housing and energy for low income Texans.

Kerrville Area Solar Partners and its work in the Department of Energy's Solar in Your Community Challenge, a grant program dedicated to increasing solar access to low to moderate income Americans and non-profit organizations, spoke on a panel focusing on low-income solar models. Austin Energy's various low-income community solar programs and the Environmental Defense Fund's work developing and advocating for Future Energy Jobs Act in Illinois were also featured.

These panelists discussed challenges to providing solar to low income households. The combination of a lack of homeownership, roof access, and permanence among many low-income customers has presented significant challenges to providing solar to this customer segment. Utilities, such as KPUB and other stakeholders must be creative to address some of these obstacles affordably and provide meaningful benefits to the customers they are serving.

Kerrville Area Solar Partners is led by the Kerrville Public Utility Board (KPUB) in an effort to expand solar access to all KPUB customers while focusing on reducing energy poverty in Kerrville and the surrounding area. The Kerrville Area Solar Partners is specifically focused on a project to provide direct access to solar by lowering barriers for low-income customers.

