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Easy Energy Installs Solar Water Heating at Grand Canyon Railway Hotel

Northern Arizona tourist destination embraces solar water heating for resort operations

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Phoenix, AZ: Phoenix-based Easy Energy has just announced the completed installation of one of the largest domestic solar water heating systems in the state of Arizona at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts. The solar water heating system is designed to offset the use of natural gas in various boilers throughout the hotel, which caters to Grand Canyon tourists from all over the world in the historic town of Williams, AZ.

Solar Water Heating works well in Northern Arizona climates, despite the cold winters. "The solar collectors and storage tanks will work together all year long to deliver significant water heating savings to the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel," says Brian Bartel, Managing Member of Easy Energy.

The two major components of the large thermal array, the rooftop mounted Skyrunner solar collectors and the 500 gallon storage tanks, were fabricated in Phoenix, AZ, by Big Solar, Inc. Lower distribution costs from the manufacturer to the project site helped keep the project cost lower than average for a similar sized system.

Chris Lane, Vice President of Environment Affairs for Xanterra Hotels & Resorts says solar water heating was implemented at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel due to the short payback period and a company initiative to implement more renewable energy sources throughout its portfolio. "Energy costs rank in the top three categories of expenses for hotels and we are investigating every possible way to lower those costs along with supporting a more sustainable environment."

About Easy Energy

Easy Energy is a Registered Arizona Solar Contractor based in Phoenix, Arizona, and operates state-wide. The company has designed and installed 28 commercial solar energy systems since 2008. Easy Energy administers the paperwork for customers to receive applicable rebates, tax incentives, building permits and financing. For more information on Easy Energy's solar energy solutions for commercial applications, please call (602) 302-7640 or visit www.easyenergyweb.com

About Xanterra Parks & Resorts

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Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been committed to the preservation and protection of the environment for many years. Through its environmental program, "Ecologix," Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been recognized repeatedly for environmental leadership in the hospitality industry and is the recipient of many honors, including major awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Travel Industry Association of America, American Hotel and Lodging Association, National Parks Conservation Association, Conde Nast Traveler, National Geographic Traveler, Colorado Department of Public Health, State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

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