

Combined natural gas-solar energy center to be built in Four Corners

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A new energy center that combines natural gas and solar power will be built on private land near Waterflow in order to offset power needs in the Four Corners when a coal-fueled power plant is eventually retired.

Colorado-based Western Energy Partners announced the project Tuesday. The new energy center will be called the Clean Path Energy Center.

According to a news release, the energy center will use a 680-megawatt natural gas combined cycle power plant and a 70-megawatt solar source to produce electricity.

Western Energy Partners say the project will create 800 jobs during the plant's construction phase and 30 full-time jobs when the project is completed, which is expected to happen in 2019.