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Solar Projects OK'd At Capitol, Governor's House

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- Solar panels are being placed on the Wisconsin State Capitol as well as the governor's mansion.

A board that handles building projects at the 92-year-old Capitol and the governor's residence in nearby Maple Bluff approved the projects on Monday.

Forty-eight panels will be installed on the west wing roof of the Capitol and produce over 11,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year. They will be paid for entirely by Madison Gas and Electric.

Taxpayers will foot the \$38,000 bill for panels at the governor's residence that will power the hot water heater. Sen. Fred Risser says the panels will pay for themselves within 10 years.

He says panels should be in place by November.

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