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Klondike Wind Power Plant
Dedicated to Growing Renewable Energy

WASCO, Ore. – Public officials, environmental advocates and energy industry representatives joined hundreds of local schoolchildren and their families in north central Oregon to dedicate the state's newest wind energy farm, Klondike II on Oct. 28, 2005. The ceremony also included the announcement of the \$270 million Big Horn Wind Power Project in Bickleton, Wash., and a multi-million dollar agreement between Portland General Electric and the Energy Trust of Oregon.

“The Klondike wind power plant in Oregon and the Big Horn wind power project we are building across the Columbia River in Washington represent major steps forward in the development of renewable energy,” said Peter van Alderwerelt, president of PPM WindPower. “The benefits of projects like these are immense – lease payments for farmers, property taxes for communities, jobs on site and in Portland and above all, clean, sustainable wind power for our nation.”

Owned by Portland, Ore.-based PPM Energy (PPM), ScottishPower's (NYSE: SPI) competitive U.S. energy business, Klondike II is a significant expansion of a successful wind farm near Wasco, Ore. Klondike II brings 50 additional GE 1.5 megawatt (MW) turbines to the farm's existing 16 units for a total of 99 MWs of energy – enough to power 24,600 homes. GE's 1.5 MW units, among the world's most utilized with more than 3,500 in operation around the globe, are the largest wind turbines assembled in America.

The 75 megawatts generated by Klondike II is sold to Portland General Electric through a 30-year power purchase agreement. “This agreement is the first major step toward meeting PGE's goal of including 200 megawatts of renewable power capacity in our portfolio,” said Peggy Fowler, PGE's CEO. “This Klondike wind power is an important addition to our diversified power portfolio.”

In support of PGE's commitment to renewable energy, the Energy Trust of Oregon announced a \$12.5 million agreement to aid the company's efforts to incorporate new renewable power in its portfolio over the next two years. “The development of sustainable power solutions requires long-term partnerships like this one,” said Margie Harris, executive director of the Energy Trust of Oregon. “Oregon families can look forward to a bright future, powered by wind farms like Klondike II.”

The federal Bonneville Power Administration also noted the growing importance of renewables. “BPA is providing services that harmonize projects like Klondike II with the grid and deliver the power to customers,” said Steve Wright, BPA administrator. “This year, BPA doubled the amount of wind connected to our system. Wind is becoming a significant contributing resource to the power system in the region.”

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The impressive white wind turbines, standing in neat rows on rolling farmland, are each more than 300 feet tall, about the size of a 30-story building. Despite their height and propeller blades that span 250 feet, the turbine footprints take up less than two percent of the total farmland leased for the project. “We can grow wheat and barley right up to the bases of the turbines,” said landowner Gordon Hilderbrand. “And we can get to our crops more easily because of the new roads.”

Klondike II is expected to bring an increase of 30 percent, or about \$700,000 annually, to the Sherman County general fund. Individual landowners receive royalty payments that range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 annually for each turbine.

The project will also significantly contribute to local taxes and provide income to landowners. With just 16 turbines, Klondike’s first phase accounted for a 10 percent increase, or \$321,200, in Sherman County property taxes during its first year of operation.

“This new infusion of funds will translate directly into real improvements for our schools and county services,” said Sherman County Judge Gary Thompson. “This will allow our schools to offer more extracurricular programs and provide an additional revenue stream for years to come.”

The Big Horn Wind Farm now under construction near Bickleton, Wash., is expected to be commercially operational in 2006. Located in Klickitat County, approximately 25 miles from Klondike II, the Big Horn project is expected to provide 200 megawatts of electricity using 133, 1.5 MW GE turbines. This site also has expansion potential.

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About the Klondike II Project Partners

PPM Energy

PPM Energy is part of the ScottishPower (NYSE: SPI) group of companies. PPM controls about 1,600 MW of wind energy currently in operation or under construction, well on target toward its goal of at least 2,300 MW by 2010. This would be enough energy to power more than half a million homes. PPM Energy balances its supply portfolio with sales to wholesale customers, placing almost all of its output in long-term contracts.

Major customers include the cities of Seattle, Sacramento, Pasadena and Anaheim as well as investor-owned utilities such as Alliant Energy and Xcel Energy, and the federal Bonneville Power Administration. PPM Energy also has about 800 MW of clean gas resources under its control to give customers a wide range of options for adding environmentally responsible energy to their portfolios. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Center for Resource Solutions honored PPM Energy recently for significantly advancing development of the green power market. For more information, visit www.ppmenergy.com.

PGE

PGE, headquartered in Portland, is a fully integrated electric utility that serves more than 765,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Oregon in a service area that spans 4,000 square miles. PGE grew from an idea — an idea to generate electricity at Willamette Falls and send it 14 miles to Portland in order to provide power for a growing city. In June 1889, this idea became reality with the first long-distance transmission of electricity in the United States.

Today, PGE is Oregon's largest electric utility, a recognized leader in the utility industry and a company with a reputation for consistently delivering safe and reliable electricity to its customers. PGE has a diverse mix of low-cost generating resources including hydropower, coal and gas combustion, as well as key transmission resources. In addition, our fully integrated power supply operations provide the flexibility and efficiency necessary to effectively balance PGE's power supply resources to achieve the lowest possible cost for customers. As PGE customers' needs for energy continue to grow, PGE is investing in wind power and other forms of energy in an effort to further diversify its power supply portfolio. For more information, visit www.portlandgeneralelectric.com.

Bonneville Power Administration

The Bonneville Power Administration is a not-for-profit federal agency that markets about 45 percent of the electricity consumed in the Pacific Northwest. The power is produced at 31 federal dams in the Northwest and one nuclear plant and is sold to more than 140 Northwest utilities. It operates a high voltage transmission grid comprising more than 15,000 miles of lines and associated substations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. For more information, visit www.bpa.gov.

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GE Energy

GE Energy is one of the world's leading wind power companies. The company designs and manufactures wind turbines with rated outputs ranging from 1,500 kW to 3,600 kW, and offers customer services ranging from project development support to operation and maintenance. Worldwide, the company has developed and/or sold more than 6,600 wind turbines with a rated capacity exceeding 4,700 megawatts. The "wind" division of GE employs approximately 1,700 people worldwide, with design/manufacturing/assembly facilities located in China, Germany, India, Spain and the United States. For more information, visit www.gepower.com.

Renewable Northwest Project

In 1994, a broad coalition of public-interest organizations and energy companies created the Renewable Northwest Project to actively promote development of the region's untapped renewable resources. RNP has proven to be a forceful advocate for expanding solar, wind and geothermal energy in the Northwest. The Renewable Northwest Project works for a clean energy future by:

- working with local organizations and energy companies to get workable renewable projects in the ground;
- actively promoting policies that support renewable energy development;
- encouraging utilities and customer groups to invest in new renewables; and
- nurturing the development of a market for renewables.

For more information, visit www.rnp.org.

Comments from wind energy and farming experts

"This is an excellent example of how wind energy development creates local jobs," said Rachel Shimshak of the Renewable Northwest Project. "Increasing the amount of clean energy in our electricity mix not only helps keep our air clean, it also provides plenty of economic development benefits."

"Wind energy works because it is one of the cleanest, most environmentally friendly energy sources in the world, helps reduce our country's dependence on foreign sources of energy, creates jobs and supports local economies," said Randall Swisher, Executive Director of the American Wind Energy Association.

"Wind energy is one of the cleanest energy sources available – protecting air quality and reducing global warming pollution, while also conserving our natural resources," said Alan Noguee, clean energy program director at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

"Wind energy is an invaluable economic asset to the overall agricultural industry and specifically to the farming sector by diversifying the income of farmers, ranchers and other landowners as well as generating tax revenue for local governments," said Dan McGuire, American Corn Growers Foundation CEO. "Rural communities across the country need to have their voices heard on the need for development of this critical power source."