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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service chooses Blue Sky for renewable energy commitment

As a Visionary partner, office supports wind power equal to all of its electricity use

PORTLAND, Ore. — Every day, the regional U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office is working on ways to protect species. Now, by supporting renewable energy sources through Pacific Power's award-winning Blue Sky program, the federal agency is helping with the climate as well.

“We have a goal of being a carbon neutral organization by 2020 and this is a major step toward achieving that,” said Robyn Thorson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Region. “Purchasing renewable energy through Blue Sky is just one more proactive measure we are taking to avoid global greenhouse gas emissions, minimize unavoidable emissions and offset remaining emissions.”

For the office located in Portland, the purchase amounts to 1,011 blocks of 100 kilowatts each month, about the same amount used by 100 average households. Over the course of a year, the commitment avoids putting 739 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and has the same environmental benefit as planting 63,000 trees or not driving 1.5 million miles.

“The Fish and Wildlife Service is calculating our carbon footprint (regionally and nationally) to establish a baseline of our current emissions, which will help us analyze our primary sources and strategize ways to minimize what we can and offset what we can't avoid,” Thorson said. “We have established a Regional Office Green Team, which is looking at ways to help us reduce our impacts on the environment through such activities as hosting an electronics recycling event, providing staff with information on increased recycling opportunities at the office, and encouraging the use of more sustainable products.”

Blue Sky renewable energy comes from new wind, biomass and solar projects, the majority of which are in the Pacific Northwest. These facilities help offset emissions from traditional generation sources and stimulate even more investment in new renewable generation facilities.

“Leading by example is the best possible way to encourage support for renewable energy,” said Pat Egan, Pacific Power vice president of customer and community affairs. “Blue Sky provides an easy, accessible way for customers, whether they are federal agencies or individuals or businesses, to make a difference. We applaud the Fish and Wildlife regional office's decision to act and choose Blue Sky.”

The Blue Sky program provides Pacific Power customers with an easy way to support renewable energy development in the region and offset the impact of their electricity usage. When customers enroll in Blue Sky, Pacific Power purchases renewable energy credits from regional renewable energy facilities. This guarantees that electricity from these renewable resources is delivered into the regional power pool and helps drive more new renewable energy development in the region. Electricity produced by renewable energy facilities helps offset electricity generated from other, nonrenewable sources, creating measurable environmental benefits.

Customers have a range of options when it comes to buying Blue Sky renewable energy: Blue Sky Block, Usage or Habitat. Whichever option they choose, Blue Sky allows customers to offset emissions from energy usage by supporting renewable resources for as little as \$1.95 per month. Participation in any of these plans is optional, and customers can change their level of participation or withdraw at any time. Pacific Power customers who want to learn more about which option is best for them may call Pacific Power at 800-769-3717 or visit www.pacificpower.net/bluesky.

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About Blue Sky

Strong customer support has enabled the Blue Sky program to be instrumental in the creation of more federally recognized Green Power Communities than any other program in the nation. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory has ranked Blue Sky fifth or better in the nation for the sixth consecutive year in the number of customers buying renewable power and for renewable power sales volume. Blue Sky was named national 2007 Green Power Program of the Year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. The program is Green-e Energy Certified, which means the renewable energy supported meets the rigorous national environmental and consumer-protection standards established by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy, visit www.green-e.org/energy. More than 37,000 customers in the Northwest are part of Blue Sky.

About Pacific Power

Pacific Power strives to promote innovation and works with customers and communities to increase the visibility of renewable energy generation technologies through education and community outreach. Pacific Power is headquartered in Portland and provides electric service to more than 724,000 customers in Oregon, Washington and California. As part of PacifiCorp, one of the lowest-cost electricity producers in the United States, Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power provide more than 1.7 million customers in six Western states with reliable, efficient energy. PacifiCorp works to meet growing energy demand while protecting and enhancing the environment and was recently recognized as the second largest utility owner of wind power capacity in the nation.