

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Regional Office Selects Blue Sky for Renewable Energy Commitment

The Pacific Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, located in Portland, Oregon, is purchasing renewable energy through Pacific Power's award-winning Blue Sky program – taking one more step to avoid global greenhouse gas emissions.

The office will purchase 1,011 blocks of 100 kilowatts each month, about the same amount used by 100 average households. Over 12 months, the commitment avoids putting 739 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and provides the environmental equal of planting 63,000 trees or not driving 1.5 million miles.

Blue Sky renewable energy comes from new wind, biomass and solar projects. These facilities help offset emissions from traditional generation sources and stimulate more investment in new renewable generation facilities.

When customers enroll in Blue Sky, Pacific Power purchases renewable energy credits from regional renewable energy facilities. Electricity produced by renewable energy facilities helps offset electricity generated from nonrenewable sources. Blue Sky was named Green Power Program of the Year in 2007 by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. More than 37,000 customers in the Northwest are part of Blue Sky.