

KPUD Active in Local Wind Project

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Klickitat PUD (KPUD) is always on the hunt for ways to better serve its customers.

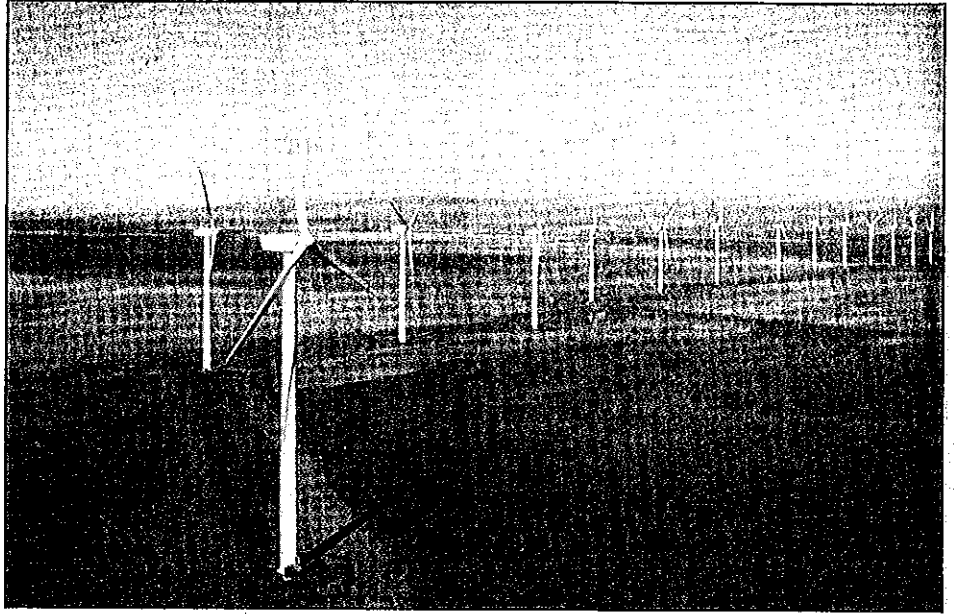
One of the areas of greatest impact to customers is the cost of power. Historically, we have been served almost entirely by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The BPA has been the overall lowest-cost source of power for our customer requirements. Although not officially recognized as such, most people view hydropower as renewable energy.

KPUD expanded its interest in renewable energy by developing the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Generating station in June 1999.

Recently, KPUD has been involved with a group of public utilities and nonprofit organizations to investigate another renewable energy source—wind power. This group formed an organization called Last Mile Electric Cooperative, to investigate potential renewable energy projects.

One of the projects springing from this effort is the White Creek Wind Project. In addition to KPUD, participants in the project are Cowlitz County PUD, Lakeview Light and Power, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Plumas-Sierra REC, Tanner Electric Cooperative, Kittitas PUD, Mason County PUD No. 3, Northwest Cooperative Development Center and MSR (Modesto, Santa Clara and Redding).

White Creek will be a 200-megawatt wind energy project located



White Creek wind turbines are similar to these at the Klondike Wind Farm in Sherman County.

in eastern Klickitat County, just north of Roosevelt. Five landowners are providing leases to allow the project to be built, and KPUD will have a 20-percent equity share. KPUD will also serve as the transmission provider to allow connection to the BPA transmission system from the project area.

Power from the project will be transmitted to a new, yet to be built, BPA substation in the Goodnoe Hills area. It will be shared with other wind projects, such as the Windtricity wind project.

The project has completed the conditional-use permit process with Klickitat County, which allows the project to be located in an exclusive agricultural area. Plans call for financing arrangements to be addressed in the next few months.

We intend to begin construction

in the first quarter of 2006, provided Congress agrees to extend the production tax credit. Starting construction in the first quarter of 2006 will allow the project to be on line by the end of 2006. With the benefit of the production tax credit, we anticipate the cost of the power will be comparable to the power purchased from the BPA.

If completed as planned, the project will be the largest public power wind project in the United States.

KPUD is excited to be a part of the White Creek wind project located in our county. It will benefit local farmers and ranchers.

We are also pleased to continue to offer the most competitively priced power in the region, and that we can stay with our plan to use renewable energy to satisfy our customers' energy needs. ■