

## Media release

# HARVEST WIND PROJECT

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## **Northwest Public Power Partners Dedicate Harvest Wind Project**

*Roosevelt, WA* — Over 200 people gathered to celebrate the dedication of the Harvest Wind Project under sunny skies May 12 in the Columbia River Gorge. The 98.9 megawatt project began commercial production in December 2009.

Four Pacific Northwest consumer-owned utilities developed and own Harvest Wind — Lakeview Light & Power (Lakewood, WA), Eugene (OR) Water & Electric Board, Cowlitz County PUD (Longview, WA) and Peninsula Light Company (Gig Harbor, WA).

Harvest Wind received a U.S. Treasury Department grant for 30 percent of the eligible construction costs through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The \$60.76 million grant reduced the project cost to about \$160 million.

Representatives of the four utilities were joined at the dedication by Klickitat County Commissioners and other local business leaders, landowners and local citizens, representatives from state and federal government, other utility representatives and construction and operations personnel.

Robin Rego, General Manager of Lakeview Light and Power, served as the master of ceremonies and keynote speaker. Other speakers were Washington State Legislator Dean Takko, Klickitat County Commissioner David Sauter, EWEB Board President John Brown, Cowlitz PUD Commissioner Buz Ketcham, Lakeview Light and Power Vice President Gary Jones, Peninsula Light President Spence Nordfors and Harvest Wind Construction Manager Bob Young.

Harvest Wind is located on 9,500 acres of ranchland in Klickitat County (WA) adjacent to the White Creek Wind Project, 21 miles east of Goldendale. It produces enough clean, renewable electricity to meet the needs of 14,000 Pacific Northwest residences.

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## **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE HARVEST WIND PROJECT**

### **Construction highlights**

- Construction began in spring 2009 and was completed by year end.
- The construction process provided 260 full-time jobs and 105,070 labor hours.
- 19.8% of the labor was provided by apprentices, exceeding the 15% standard set by the WA State Apprentice and Training Council. As a result the utilities will earn 1.2 times the base renewable energy credit (REC) value, as set in Initiative 937.
- Harvest Wind will utilize 10 employees to operate and maintain the project.

### **Equipment**

Siemens Power Generation supplied, installed and commissioned the 43, 2.3-MW wind turbines and associated towers and other equipment at the project.

### **Shipping and delivery**

Siemens shipped towers and other components to the Ports of Longview (WA) and Vancouver (WA). The cargo was trucked to the project site. Blades were shipped by rail from the Midwest.

### **Project ownership**

- 30 percent — Both Cowlitz PUD and Lakeview Light & Power
- 20 percent — Both Peninsula Light and Eugene Water & Electric Board

**COWLITZ PUD**, founded in 1936, is a public utility district located in Longview, WA. It serves 48,200 electric customers in Cowlitz County, WA and is the second largest PUD in the state in terms of annual power sales. Cowlitz owns the 70-megawatt Swift No. 2 Hydroelectric Project on the North Fork of the Lewis River (WA). Along with being a Harvest Wind partner, Cowlitz PUD is also a partner in the adjacent White Creek Wind Project.

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD**, founded in 1911, is Oregon's largest citizen-owned utility. EWEB provides electricity to more than 87,000 customers and drinking water to nearly 200,000 people in the Eugene area. Chartered as a municipal utility by the City of Eugene, EWEB is governed by its own five-member board of commissioners who are elected by the citizens of Eugene. EWEB was the first public utility in the Northwest to own a wind farm, starting with its Wyoming wind farm project in 1999. EWEB has since invested in or signed power purchase contracts with three other wind farms in the Pacific Northwest, including Harvest Wind.

**LAKEVIEW LIGHT & POWER** is a member-owned mutual cooperative formed in 1922. Today Lakeview has 2,238 members and serves in excess of 9,800 meters in the Lakewood, WA area. Lakeview continues today the commitment of its founders to serve its members at the lowest possible cost by means of a reliable electrical distribution system and as a renewable power resource developer. Besides its partnership in Harvest Wind, Lakeview also is a partner in the adjacent White Creek Wind Project.

**PENINSULA LIGHT COMPANY** is a local, member-owned mutual cooperative electrified in 1925 and providing electric and water services to over 27,000 members. Its service territory includes the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas, extending to roughly the Tacoma Narrows (on the south) to the Kitsap County line (to the north), covering 112 square miles in Western Pierce County, Washington. Peninsula Light is the second largest cooperative in the state of Washington.