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PacifiCorp ranks #2 in nation for green power customers – #3 in renewable energy sold

PORTLAND, Ore. — PacifiCorp again received high national rankings today for its voluntary Blue Sky green power program, surpassing utilities throughout the country. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, PacifiCorp is second in the nation for the number of customers buying renewable power, and third for green power sales volume, both for the second consecutive year.

The 2005 Top 10 utility “green pricing programs” was released today by the U.S Department of Energy’s (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). PacifiCorp operates as Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and California; and as Utah Power in Utah and Idaho.

“Renewable power receives an incredible amount of grassroots support from individuals, businesses and local governments,” said Judi Johansen, PacifiCorp president and CEO. “People are joining us to increase the amount of clean energy we put into our system, and it’s having a significant impact in growing the green power market.”

Blue Sky is available to customers in all six states served by the utility. As of Feb. 28, 2006, the company had a total of 43,454 enrolled in Blue Sky. PacifiCorp serves more than 1.6 million customers.

Also, PacifiCorp was ranked eighth in the nation as offering one of the least expensive green power choices for its Blue Sky Usage option in Oregon.

PacifiCorp Rankings

No. 2 ranking for customer participation– PacifiCorp’s customer participation ranking held at No. 2 for the second consecutive year. It was No. 5 in 2003. At the end of 2005, a total of 42,269 residential and business PacifiCorp customers were enrolled in the company’s Blue Sky renewable power program compared to 36,125 customers in 2004.

Holds No. 3 ranking for sales volume– PacifiCorp’s ranking for renewable sales volume for 2005 was 234,163,591 kilowatt hours compared to 191,838,079 kilowatt-hours last year—a 21 percent increase over the prior year.

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No. 8 least expensive price premium charged— PacifiCorp also ranked eighth for offering a 100% usage-based option for less than a penny more per kilowatt-hour over Basic Service (\$.0078/per kWh) for to its Oregon Blue Sky Usage option.

Customers can participate in Blue Sky at very little cost. Buying a 100-kilowatt-hour increment of Blue Sky Block costs \$1.95 per month. Oregon customers can also choose Blue Sky Usage (in which customers receive their equivalent energy usage from renewable resources) or Blue Sky Habitat (in which customers buy renewable energy, plus make a \$2.50 monthly donation to The Nature Conservancy of Oregon to preserve native fish habitat). Large customers can buy renewable power in bulk at a discount through Blue Sky QS.

While Pacific Power already buys renewable energy for its customers, Blue Sky brings even more renewable resources onto the system and encourages wind farm development in particular. Pacific Power's Blue Sky customers added two new wind farms to the voluntary program's renewable portfolio, buying energy from Nine Canyon Wind Project near Kennewick, Wash., and from the Pleasant Valley Wind Energy facility near Evanston, Wyo. In 2005, Blue Sky Usage and Habitat option customers began supporting generation at the Colville Biomass facility in Central Washington, and several small community wind projects - one in Newberg, Ore., and another in Goldendale, Wash.

About NREL

NREL is advancing the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) effort to secure an energy future for the nation that is environmentally and economically sustainable. Under green pricing programs, consumers can choose electricity from renewable, environmentally friendly resources such as solar, wind, biomass and geothermal. Nearly 600 utilities in 34 states now offer these programs.

About PacifiCorp

PacifiCorp is one of the lowest-cost electricity producers in the United States, providing more than 1.6 million customers with reliable, efficient energy. The company works to meet growing energy demand while protecting and enhancing the environment. PacifiCorp operates as Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and California; and as Utah Power in Utah and Idaho.