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Wind Projects Moving Forward

Klickitat PUD congratulates PPM Energy, Inc. (PPM) for forging ahead to become the first wind power project in Klickitat County. We hope many more are to come.

PPM's Big Horn wind project is slated to begin producing and selling power by the end of the year. It will be making good use of Klickitat County's most abundant resource: wind. During this time of year it seems like we have enough wind to power the entire state of Washington.

The output from PPM's Big Horn project will head south to the city of Redding, California.

Three other wind projects are right on the heels of the Big Horn project. Windtricity has a permit for a project in Goodnoe Hills. The Windy Point wind project is seeking a permit for the Columbia Hills. The White Creek wind project, of which Klickitat PUD owns 26 percent, has a permit and is expected to break ground this year.

Wind projects bring clean, affordable energy to our county, together with a healthy tax base and a number of family wage jobs.

Cannon Power is the developer of the Windy Point project. Kurt Humphrey from Cannon recently spoke at a Goldendale Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon, where he said their project would employ 17 full-time technicians, and many workers during the construction phase. Multiply that by four for the number of projects, and wind power becomes a significant employer in Klickitat County.

Kurt also spoke about the tax base these projects represent. Combined, they will contribute more than \$500 million of tax base. This should produce a positive effect on tax revenues for our county.

I would like to welcome PPM Energy, Inc. into our community, and look forward to the kick-off of this newest industry to Klickitat County.

Tom Svendsen, General Manager

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