



News Release

Wild Horse Out of Starting Gate

Puget Sound Energy's Second Wind-Power Project Completed on Schedule

BELLEVUE, Wash., Jan 04, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Puget Sound Energy (PSE), the wholly owned utility subsidiary of Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD), rang in the new year with a surge of new power -- bringing on line Washington state's largest utility-owned wind-power facility.

The utility's 229-megawatt Wild Horse Wind Project in Kittitas County began commercial operation for PSE customers in late December. Together with the Hopkins Ridge Wind Project that PSE built in 2005 near Dayton in southeast Washington, Wild Horse makes PSE the largest producer of renewable energy in the Pacific Northwest.

Wild Horse's 127 turbines spinning atop Whisky Dick Mountain, east of Ellensburg, are generating enough wind-fueled electricity, on average, to serve 76,000 of the utility's million-plus electric customers in Western Washington and Kittitas County. Wild Horse and the 83-turbine Hopkins Ridge wind farm, combined, can meet the power needs of roughly 125,000 households.

"What a great way to start the new year," said Stephen P. Reynolds, PSE's chairman, president, and CEO. "With Wild Horse, we've taken another positive step toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for our customers and the state of Washington.

"Wild Horse showed us what it could do throughout the fall as the project produced increasing amounts of test energy as more and more wind turbines were erected," added Reynolds. "We're thrilled to have been able to declare Wild Horse fully operational in late December."

Reynolds applauded state and local officials and the broader Kittitas County community for working collaboratively with PSE in the development of the Wild Horse project.

"Throughout the design and construction of Wild Horse, our project team was inspired by Washington state's rich legacy of implementing innovation and new technologies to find better, cleaner ways to provide electricity," he noted. "Thanks to the support and cooperation of Kittitas County, we now have another renewable source of energy, which we intend to enhance."

PSE's near-term plans call for building the Pacific Northwest's largest solar-powered generating facility at the Wild Horse site. At 500 kilowatts, the pilot solar project would nearly double Washington state's entire solar-powered electricity generation and be four times larger than the biggest individual solar facility now operating in the Northwest.

In November PSE issued a request for proposals for the design and development of the solar project, which will sit on about eight acres of PSE-owned land on the 9,000-acre Wild Horse site. If the solar project meets its goal, it will be generating electricity by late 2007, sending its power output along with Wild Horse's wind-generated power through the PSE transmission system to serve customers.

At the same time PSE was building Wild Horse as a significant provider of renewable energy, the utility worked to keep the project's development impacts on the environment to a minimum. Wildlife-migration patterns were considered in the planning, as was local livestock grazing. Today, the facility coexists with ranging cattle as well as with elk, deer, and other wildlife. Native plants also were protected and in some cases were relocated during construction.

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Puget Energy (NYSE:PSD) is the parent company of Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a regulated utility providing electric and natural gas service to the growing Puget Sound region of Western Washington. Visit www.pugetenergy.com for more information.

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