



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 11/1/2023

Subject - Visitors - PacifiCorp (Pacific Power)- Alisa Dunlap - EPA Green Power / Blue Sky

Synopsis: In September, Council was presented with correspondence indicating the City's removal from an EPA Green Power partnership with PacifiCorp after our green power use fell under the required percentage of 50% in the program requirements. The EPA requires the local government partner to be in good standing in order for the larger Community to qualify, even if the overall Community is already hitting their benchmark. (The Community requirement is 5% and the Gearhart Community is meeting at 13%.) Nothing has drastically changed in City facility power use, but the benchmark changed from 25% to 50% and now City (local government) facilities are below measuring at 39%.

Additionally, the City participates in PacifiCorp's BlueSky Renewable Energy Program, which: *Guarantees renewable energy was produced and delivered to the grid, which helps reduce the need for non-renewable resources production in the region where the renewable energy facility is located.*

Pacific Power purchases renewable energy certificates equal to the partner level the City wishes to purchase as an additional charge to the power bill each month. A renewal quote for this year is attached, and Council should discuss which direction they'd like staff to take.

Alisa Dunlap, our local Regional Business Manager with Pacific Power, is here to answer any questions and elaborate on both of these two programs.

Recommendation: N/A

Financial Analysis: Per quote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad

Pacific Power's Blue Sky Renewable Energy Program

Gearhart City

Jul-23

Annual kWh Usage	296,883
Average Monthly Usage	24,740



Blue Sky Renewable Energy Purchase Details

	Blue Sky Luminary Partner	Blue Sky Visionary Partner	Blue Sky Champion Partner	EPA Green Power Partner (Minimum Purchase)
Percentage of Energy Use	100%	50%	25%	50%
Blue Sky Purchase				
Blue Sky purchase in kWh (annual)	296,400	148,800	74,400	148,800
Blue Sky purchase in kWh (monthly)	24,700	12,400	6,200	12,400
Blue Sky purchases in <i>yearly</i> blocks	2,964	1,488	744	1,488
Blue Sky purchases in <i>monthly</i> blocks	247	124	62	124
Blue Sky monthly cost	\$297.90	\$211.80	\$120.90	\$211.80
Blue Sky annual cost	\$3,574.80	\$2,541.60	\$1,450.80	\$2,541.60
<i>Cost per 100 kWh block</i>	<i>\$1.21</i>	<i>\$1.71</i>	<i>\$1.95</i>	<i>\$1.71</i>
<i>Cost per kilowatt-hour</i>	<i>\$0.0121</i>	<i>\$0.0171</i>	<i>\$0.0195</i>	<i>\$0.0171</i>

*All prices quoted in this proposal are based on current Public Utility Commission approved tariffs and are subject to change. The Blue Sky costs presented are in addition to Basic Service.

Blue Sky Quantity Savings Program discount: Pacific Power offers a discount on a sliding scale with minimum purchase of 101 blocks per month over a period of one year (1,212 blocks minimum purchase). The cost per 100 kilowatt-hour block ranges from \$0.71 to \$1.94, depending on the quantity of blocks purchased.

When you enroll in Blue Sky, Pacific Power purchases renewable energy certificates equal to your Blue Sky purchase; this guarantees that renewable energy was produced and delivered to the grid which helps reduce the need for non-renewable resources production in the region where the renewable energy facility is located. For every unit of renewable electricity generated, an equivalent amount of renewable energy certificates are produced. Your purchase also helps build a market for renewable energy and may have other local and global environmental benefits. For more information about RECs, please visit pacificpower.net/bluesky or green-e.org.

The renewable energy supported by Blue Sky customers is above and beyond that which Pacific Power generates or acquires to serve all its customers and meet state mandated renewable portfolio standards. RECs purchased on behalf of Blue Sky customers are tracked and retired in an independent renewable energy tracking system ensuring that each REC is counted only once. PacifiCorp serves as the purchasing entity and the RECs are tracked in PacifiCorp's WREGIS Blue Sky account for the overall program rather than in the name of individual customers. The RECs are exclusively owned- and retired- on behalf of all Blue Sky participating customers. The company does not use the RECs for any other purpose.

Your participation in the Blue Sky program helps to reduce the carbon footprint associated with your electricity use.



Fwd: Suspension from EPA's Green Power Partnership

1 message

Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>
To: Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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From: **Abby Roller** <abby.roller@erg.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 6:26 AM
Subject: Suspension from EPA's Green Power Partnership
To: chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>
Cc: krysti@cityofgearhart.com <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>



Dear Chad:

????We recently emailed you about the status of your participation in the EPA's Green Power Partnership.

The email explained that based on our review of the City of Gearhart, OR's electricity and green power use, reported on your behalf by Pacific Power, your organization's green power use is under the required percentage of 50% in the program requirements. We regret to have to inform you that, at this time, we are suspending you from the Partnership. This means that the City of Gearhart, OR will be removed from all official listings of Partners. In addition, we will remove your Partner page from the Partnership website.

In addition, because the City of Gearhart, OR is no longer a Green Power Partner, please remove any references to your organization's former status as a Green Power Partner, as well as any use of the Green Power Partner Mark, from your website and any other promotional materials. As stated in EPA's [Mark Use Guidelines](#) (PDF), only Green Power Partners may use the mark.

Please also remove any references to your organization's former status as a Green Power Community. EPA's [Green Power Community Road Signs Guidelines](#) (PDF) specify that Communities that terminate their Partnership must remove all GPC road signs.

If you have any questions about your suspension from the Partnership, the reasons for this action, or to discuss joining the Partnership again, please contact your account manager, Abby Roller at abby.roller@erg.com. We would welcome the opportunity to have the City of Gearhart, OR return to the Partnership.

Sincerely,
Abby Roller

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