

Wind Qualifying Facilities



Pacific Power
Rocky Mountain Power
PacifiCorp Energy



Butter Creek Power Wind Project

Efficient, cost-effective wind power technology is gaining momentum with utilities like PacifiCorp for large scale, commercial operations. It also is the foundation for smaller wind projects by entrepreneurs.

We buy 100 percent of the output of 14 “qualifying facility” wind projects.

A QF is a project that meets the criteria established by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. The act obligates electric utilities like PacifiCorp to purchase power from – and interconnect our lines with – generating projects that meet those qualifications. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has delegated to individual state regulatory commissions to determine the rate paid to the facilities.

This rate is paid based on “avoided cost,” what it would cost for us to generate the power or buy it on the open market. Those prices are established by tariffs unique to each state, and which affect projects within certain thresholds. In Oregon, for instance, one tariff regulates projects that generate as much as 10 megawatts and another governs QF projects of more than 10 MW.

We purchase power from a variety of QFs, including those that produce power with:

- Biogas
- Coal
- Geothermal
- Methane
- Natural Gas
- Waste Heat
- Hydro
- Wind

For details about QFs, avoided costs and interconnection requirements to deliver electricity to our power system, visit pacificorp.com/qf. Or you may write: Manager, QF Contracts, Suite 600, 825 N.E. Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232 or call 503-813-5218.

QF	LOCATION	CAPABILITY	TURBINES	IN SERVICE
Big Top*	Hermiston, Ore.	1.65 MW	1	2009
Butter Creek Power*	Hermiston, Ore.	4.95 MW	3	2009
Chevron Casper Wind Farm	Casper, Wy.	16.5 MW	11	2009
Fourmile Canyon*	Hermiston, Ore.	10 MW	5	2009
Four Corners*	Hermiston, Ore.	10 MW	5	2009
Mountain Wind Power I	Piedmont, Wy.	60.9 MW	29	2008
Mountain Wind Power II	Piedmont, Wy.	79.8 MW	38	2008
Oregon Trail*	Hermiston, Ore.	9.9 MW	6	2009
Pacific Canyon*	Hermiston, Ore.	8.25 MW	5	2009
Sand Ranch*	Hermiston, Ore.	9.9 MW	6	2009
Spanish Fork* Wind Park 2	Spanish Fork, Ut.	18.9 MW	9	2008
Threemile Canyon*	Boardman, Ore.	9.9 MW	6	2009
Wagon Trail*	Hermiston, Ore.	3.3 MW	2	2009
Ward Butte*	Hermiston, Ore.	6.6 MW	4	2009

*PacifiCorp does not hold the title to renewable energy credits from these facilities.

PacifiCorp is one of the lowest-cost electricity producers in the United States, providing approximately 1.7 million customers in the West with reliable, efficient energy. PacifiCorp operates as Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington and California, and as Rocky Mountain Power in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. PacifiCorp's electric generation, commercial and energy trading, and mining functions are operated as PacifiCorp Energy.

Some of the renewable attributes associated with PacifiCorp's owned wind projects and power purchased from contracted wind projects may be used to comply with state renewable portfolio standards or other regulatory requirements, or sold to third parties in the form of renewable energy credits or other environmental commodities.