



A green energy future for Oregon

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Oregon is on the leading edge of everything green. As the largest electric utility in the state, Portland General Electric works to ensure a reliable energy future for Oregon, and we seek to reflect our customers' environmental ethic. Renewable resources, including the region's largest solar power installation and one of its most extensive wind farms, are playing an increasing role in PGE's effort to deliver a reliable, sustainable energy future for Oregon. In addition, for the fourth year in a row, our residential customers were recognized for purchasing more renewable power from PGE than from any other utility in the United States.

But renewable power is only part of our efforts to reflect Oregonians' values. We are launching new campaigns to encourage energy efficiency. We are making existing power plants more sustainable and we are researching carbon capture technologies. Oregonians are committed to doing their part to be green and help protect the environment, and PGE is committed to meeting their needs.

Carbon legislation in Oregon

Not surprisingly, carbon-related legislation is getting a lot of attention this legislative session. PGE believes it is important to move Oregon toward a green economy and find the **right legislation to take aggressive action to reduce carbon emissions**. We also understand we need to balance power reliability, cost to our customers and the impact on the environment. The debate in Salem is not about whether to take action. What we are advocating is the best way to achieve our long-term carbon reduction goals without dramatically harming our economy and significantly costing our customers.

Taking the right steps toward successful carbon reduction policies

- Support prompt adoption of **federal-level carbon regulation** to address global climate change without disadvantaging Oregon. PGE is actively engaged with industry groups and our state's Congressional delegation to gain support for a strong regulatory system.
- Work together. PGE is committed to working with customers and other stakeholders to develop **new state legislation creating and implementing aggressive carbon reduction strategies**; including:
 - Increased funding, improved education, marketing and delivery of energy efficiency solutions;
 - Adoption of an emissions performance standard for new power plants;
 - State building and appliance codes that support energy efficiency goals;
 - Expanded transmission capacity and flexibility to bring renewable power to customers;
 - Additional research into new technologies;
 - **Scoping and planning** to help meet federal standards once adopted.
- Reinforce and support the **development of Oregon's green economy**:
 - PGE is aggressively developing new renewables, including building one of the region's largest wind farms, purchasing additional renewable power and producing our own solar power with projects like the Oregon Department of Transportation solar highway.
 - We are providing strong support for customer-side resources, such as residential and commercial solar net-metering projects.
 - We are promoting development of an electric vehicle infrastructure and recruitment of green industries, such as the solar manufacturing cluster.