

Clear Creek Communications to receive Portland General Electric Renewable Development Fund Award

Clear Creek's Current Solar Power Project to be Completed by Mid-Spring

REDLAND, Ore. – February 26, 2020 -- As part of the Portland General Electric (PGE) renewable energy program, Clear Creek Communications has been named as one of the recipients of the 2018 Renewable Development Fund Project Award. This grant was made possible by PGE Renewable Development fund and from the Energy Trust of Oregon. Clear Creek was also awarded a grant from the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) to aid in this project.

These organizations have come together to fund an exciting solar project at the Clear Creek main office in Redland, Oregon. This combined award will fund about 85% of the cost to install two solar arrays on the company property that will generate nearly 110 kilowatts of solar energy that will offset 25% of Clear Creeks overall power requirement.

The project kicked off in late January with construction lasting through the end of February and the system is estimated to be fully functional by mid-spring of 2020. The end result has the benefit of not only offsetting power expenses for Clear Creek, but it also has enormous potential for growth within the community, putting Redland on the map for forward energy thinking.

“We are thrilled to be a part of this power source evolution toward greener and renewable sources,” remarked Clear Creek Communications CEO, Jay Henke. “This is a long-term plan and the solar project is just the start to make that bigger plan a reality. Stay tuned for more exciting information on this project and presentations of its benefits to not only Clear Creek but the future potential for the Redland Community.”

Clear Creek keeps a keen eye on energy use from their products and services too. The company has been systematically migrating away from power hungry set top television boxes and WiFi routers to more eco-friendly, further reaching options that benefit both our members and the environment.

Funding Source

Since 1999, PGE customers have supported clean energy by choosing one of PGE's Green FutureSM options. The money that Clear Creek received from the fund would not be possible without the support of more than 200,000 PGE customers who purchase Green FutureSM renewable energy. Their contributions have helped fund more than 8 Megawatts of new renewable energy generation currently installed in Oregon, with another 3 Megawatts under construction.

Today, PGE's Green FutureSM is the most successful renewable power program of its kind in the country. The Renewable Development Fund offers competitive funding awards to applicants deploying their own clean energy projects.

Funding Process

PGE makes funds available through an open and competitive application process. Applications are reviewed and evaluated by third-party vendors in accordance with eligibility guidelines, preferred project standards, and established evaluation criteria.

This process is overseen by the Portfolio Options Committee, a group of stakeholders representing groups including Citizens Utility Board, Renewable Northwest Project, Oregon Public Utility Commission and Oregon Department of Energy. The Committee submitted an annual report to the Oregon Public Utility Commission that details how the awarded funds have been allocated.

About Clear Creek Communications

Clear Creek Communications is located within the community of Redland, a suburb of Portland. The company was incorporated as an Oregon cooperative telephone company in 1906 and now provides state-of-the-art internet, television, telephone, and security services to its members. Learn more at www.ccmtc.com.

About Portland General Electric Company

Portland General Electric (NYSE: POR) is a fully integrated energy company based in Portland, Oregon, with operations across the state. The company serves approximately 892,000 customers in 51 cities, has 16 generation plants in five Oregon counties, and maintains and operates 13 public parks and recreation areas. For 130 years, PGE has delivered safe, affordable and reliable energy to Oregonians. Together with its customers, PGE has the No. 1 voluntary renewable energy program in the U.S. PGE and its 3,000 employees are working with customers to build a clean energy future. PGE, employees, retirees and the PGE Foundation donate more than \$4 million annually to support nonprofits and schools. In addition, employees and retirees log more than 45,000 volunteer hours annually. For more information visit portlandgeneral.com/cleanvision.

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