



How BEF Green Tags Stimulate New Wind & Solar

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About BEF

- Non-profit organization - est. in 1998
- 118 aMW of Green Power sales
- Green Tag sales exceeding 17 aMW
- First Green Tag sale to EPA in Seattle
- Invests green power premiums in:
 - New sources of renewable energy
 - Watershed restoration projects

BEF Accomplishments

- Funding 16 watershed restoration projects
- Grants to 3 community solar projects
- Partner in White Bluffs/Hanford Solar
- Solar Stock Watering
- Solar in Schools



Solar & Wind Goals

- Stimulate new generation
- Speed up new installations
 - Support distributive generation of solar
 - Encourage small wind on farms & ranches



Solar Program - The Deal

- Incentives based on production rather than installation
- Buying Green Tags at 10 cents per kWh
- Only systems installed after 6/1/02 and located in Washington & Oregon
- 5 year program
- Requires kWh meter to track

Solar Program - Outcomes

- Install 80 to 100 kW of new solar
- Estimate 50 sites (1 to 5 kW per site)
- Green Tags sold to BEF customers through wind/solar blend
- Sales to two corporate customers stipulated 5% solar in their mix

Wind Program - The Deal

- Natural alliance with NW SEED for NREL project
- BEF buys Green Tags up front at 3.5 cents per kWh for 10 years
- Allows Our Wind Co-op to buy hardware
- For systems in WA, OR, ID, and MT installed after 8/1/02

Wind Program - Outcomes

- Install ten 10 kW wind turbines
- Create model for small wind in NW
- Site solicitation had 150 applications
- First three turbines complete in next six months
- Creating Buyer's Co-op to sell special Green Tags as separate product

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