

# renewable energy update forecast



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## Cedar Hills becomes first EPA Green Power Partner in Utah County

As our Blue Sky customers, you continue to lead the pack. Entire cities and communities are also stepping up and making a significant difference for renewable energy. We would like to recognize the following communities participating in the Blue Sky program:

**Alta, Castle Valley, Cedar Hills, Daybreak, Moab, Ogden, Park City, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Springdale and Sundance.**

In total more than 60,000 customers are enrolled in Blue Sky. Here are some communities that are supporting Blue Sky at a higher rate.

Cottonwood Heights, Utah	4.79%
Holladay, Utah	4.72%
Idaho Falls, Idaho	2.04%
Lander, Wyoming	4.40%
Laramie, Wyoming	4.80%
Lava Hot Springs, Idaho	2.70%
Moab, Utah	13.36%
Murray, Utah	4.58%
Ogden, Utah	3.17%
Park City, Utah	9.36%
Rigley, Idaho	1.70%
Salt Lake City, Utah	6.80%
Sandy, Utah	3.33%

## Looking for more eco-tips or news this Earth Day?

Check out these green resources:

- [www.lowimpactliving.com](http://www.lowimpactliving.com)
- [www.fixingtheplanet.com](http://www.fixingtheplanet.com)
- [www.begleysbest.com](http://www.begleysbest.com)
- [www.redirectguide.com](http://www.redirectguide.com)
- [www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org)

## Blue Sky<sup>SM</sup> earns Green-e Energy certification

We are proud to announce that the Blue Sky program has been Green-e Energy certified by The Center for Resource Solutions, a national nonprofit organization that works to increase consumer confidence in renewable energy products. The Green-e Renewable Energy Certification Program is the leading independent national quality standard for renewable energy products. Green-e provides

independent, third-party certification to ensure that Blue Sky customers are buying renewable energy that meets the strictest environmental standards. While the Blue Sky program has always followed Green-e Energy standards, the program received official certification in February 2008. For more information visit [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).



## Blue Sky project updates

### Blue Sky funding for NOLS



Since 1965, the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) has taught leadership and wilderness skills on backcountry expeditions around the world.

Funding from Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program recently

enabled NOLS Rocky Mountain to install a solar array, consisting of 36 photovoltaic panels, on the roof of the school's main building in Lander. Over a year's time, the system is expected to produce about 10,640 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy to help power the school.

By producing renewable energy on-site, NOLS is contributing to improved air quality and habitat protection.

### Westminster College harnesses the sun

Thanks to a Blue Sky funding award made possible by customers like you, Westminster College is now harnessing Utah's abundant solar resource to produce renewable energy on campus.

The college recently installed an 8-kilowatt photovoltaic (PV) system on its Dolores Doré Eccles Health, Wellness, and Athletic Center. The system will provide enough renewable energy to avoid 14.7 tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

The solar PV system is part of Westminster's larger effort to



The installation team at Westminster College.

become a leader in environmental sustainability, while educating students about the growing renewable energy field.

## Blue Sky community challenge

### Love a challenge? So does Ogden



Ogden, Utah recently completed an eight-month Blue Sky community challenge with impressive results. Not only did

Ogden residents and businesses increase their enrollments by 79 percent, they also surpassed a goal of creating environmental benefits equal to planting nearly 1.9 million trees.

**Thanks** to the following business partners for covering 100 percent of their energy purchases with Blue Sky:

- AC Label, LLC – American Fork
- City of Cedar Hills
- Ironwood Resorts – Park City
- Legion Paper – Moab
- Millcreek Coffee Roasters – Salt Lake City
- Nidecker Snowboards – Ogden
- Park City Board of Realtors – Park City
- Peregrine Smith – Layton
- Sundance Resort Partners – Provo
- The Front Climbing Club – Salt Lake City
- Uinta Brewing (first to go to 100 percent) – Salt Lake City
- Utah DEQ – Salt Lake City
- XMission – Salt Lake City

#### **Visionary level business partners**

- Alta Lodge – Alta
- Amer Sports Winter & Outdoor Americas Co. – Ogden
- Basin Recreation – Park City
- Fairchild Semiconductor – West Jordan
- Gibbs Smith, Publisher – Layton
- Harmons Grocery – Salt Lake City, Draper, Taylorsville, South Jordan, Ogden, Roy
- Morgan Stanley – South Jordan
- Salt Lake County Draper Library – Draper
- Whitaker Studios Inc – Ivins

#### **Champion & Supporter level business partners**

- Dive Addicts – Draper
- Dr. Ayre's Dentistry for Children – West Jordan
- Holladay United Church of Christ – Holladay
- Herbs For Health Water Outlet – Ogden
- Kaffe Mercantile – Ogden
- Legion Paper – Moab
- Million Air – Salt Lake City
- Model Citizen Clothing – Salt Lake City
- Newcastle Mortgage – Ogden
- Town of Springdale
- Wadman Corporation – Ogden

## Supporting renewable energy

### Reaching new heights



By matching 100 percent of its electricity use to renewable energy, the Front Climbing Club in Salt Lake City became the first climbing/fitness gym in the United States to earn the EPA's Green Power Partner designation. The gym's Blue Sky purchase will have the equivalent pollution-reduction benefits of not driving more than 195,396 miles annually or planting over 17,800 trees a year.

The gym's Blue Sky renewable energy purchase supports renewable energy projects in Utah and the West, including commercial-scale wind projects and small-scale community

solar and wind projects.

"We're serious about doing our part to preserve the environment for future generations of climbers, so choosing Blue Sky renewable energy is an easy call for us," says the gym's manager Sandy White.



### Utah's first commercial-scale wind project

In 2008, Spanish Fork Canyon will be home to Utah's first commercial-scale wind farm, featuring nine 2.1 megawatt Suzlon turbines (18.9 megawatt of installed wind capacity).

After several years of resource assessment and project negotiations, construction is finally underway and expected to be complete by summer 2008. Rocky Mountain

Power will purchase the energy output of the project.

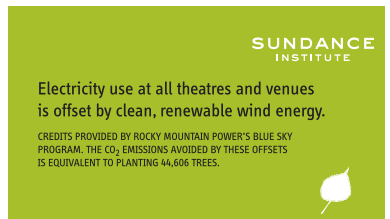
Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky customers will be supporting most of the renewable energy certificates. Participating in the Blue Sky program provides customers with an opportunity to help encourage and support the development of renewable energy resources in the region and close to home.

## Greening events

### Blue Sky at Sundance Film Festival

The Sundance Film Festival's energy use was pollution-free for a second consecutive year, thanks to 227 megawatt-hours of renewable wind energy provided through Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program. Renewable energy certificates obtained from the Judith Gap wind-energy facility in Montana – made possible by Blue Sky customers – offset the environmental impacts of electricity used to power

all 32 of the theaters and venues where film festival events were held.



Signs displayed at Sundance Film Festival theaters and venues.

## Blue Sky call for applications

### Apply for Blue Sky project funds

For the third year, Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program will award funds to initiatives that facilitate the construction of community-based projects or support research and development projects that help accelerate renewable energy technologies. Funding guidelines, eligibility,

selection criteria and an application form can be found on our Web site at [www.rockymountainpower.net/blueskyfunds](http://www.rockymountainpower.net/blueskyfunds). For a project to be considered for a funding award in 2008, an application form must be completed and submitted by May 5, 2008, 5 p.m., MDT.