

Columbia and Garfield counties

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Columbia County farmers harvest wheat around the turbines of PSE's Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility, where more than 98 percent of the project's land remains available for agriculture.

PSE profile in Columbia and Garfield counties (2011)

Employees:

- Puget Sound Energy: 9
- Vestas (PSE's Hopkins Ridge contractor): 15
- Construction (Phase 1 of the Lower Snake River Wind Project): 150

PSE's Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility created 23 permanent, family-wage jobs in Southeast Washington's Columbia County. During the 2005 construction of Hopkins Ridge, up to 175 temporary jobs were created, with approximately a quarter of them filled by local residents.

Phase I of PSE's Lower Snake River Wind Project is expected to create as many as 25 permanent jobs in neighboring Garfield County. During the 2010-2012 construction of Phase I, the project is employing up to 250 construction workers, with approximately one-fourth of them local residents (about half are residents of the broader Southeast Washington region).

Power-generating facilities:

- Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility
 - » Located 15 miles northeast of Dayton, Columbia County; 285 miles southeast of Seattle
 - » Puget Sound Energy's first wind facility
 - » Construction began in March 2005; electricity generation began in November 2005
 - » With four turbines added in 2008, contains 87 turbines, capable of generating more than 156 megawatts of electricity
 - » Produces enough electricity, on average, to meet the power needs of approximately 40,000 households
- Lower Snake River Wind Project
 - » PSE's newest renewable-energy development, located in Garfield County
 - » Construction for Phase I began spring 2010 near Pomeroy
 - » Phase I involves the construction of 149 wind turbines, capable of producing 343 MW of electricity – enough to serve 100,000 homes
 - » Phase I is scheduled to be operational in 2012



PSE contractors use cranes that extend 390 feet into the air to erect the 149 tall wind-power turbines constructed for Phase I of the Lower Snake River Wind Project in Garfield County.

Community facilities:

- PSE Dayton Office
- PSE Pomeroy Office
- Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility Operations & Maintenance Building, Columbia County
- Lower Snake River Phase I Operations & Maintenance Building, Pomeroy (scheduled to be operational October 2011)



Community involvement:

PSE, our employees and the Puget Sound Energy Foundation provide funding support to a variety of local nonprofit organizations, including the following in:

- Columbia County
 - » The Dayton Historical Depot Society for a life-size bronze sculpture of a stationmaster, the Columbia County Senior Citizens Center for its meal program, and the Blue Mountain Heritage Veterans War Memorial for creation of a memorial for Columbia County veterans
 - » Numerous other Columbia County organizations and events also receive our financial support, including All Wheels Weekend, the Boy Scouts, Christmas Kick-off, Columbia County Fair, Community Food Bank of Dayton, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Chamber of Commerce Brix and Brew Annual Auction, Dayton Days Memorial Weekend, Dayton Development Task Force, Dayton High School Future Business Leaders, Dayton Public Schools, Dayton School District Board, Festival of the Arts, Southeast Washington Economic Development Association, and Touchet Valley Arts Council
 - » PSE participates in Dayton on Tour and sponsors the Blue Sky Fun kite contest
 - » Active in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce
- Garfield County
 - » The Pomeroy School District for a K-12 after-school program, and the Garfield County Food Bank as part of a challenge grant for the facility's new heat pump and to help feed low-income households
 - » Numerous other Garfield County organizations receive our financial support, including Blue Mountain Artisan Guild, Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum, Garfield County Behavioral Health, Garfield County Courthouse, Garfield County Fair, Garfield County Fire District, Garfield County Senior Center, Pomeroy Community Center for Seeley Theatre Restoration, Pomeroy FFA Alumni, Pomeroy Shriners for the Shriners Hospital for Children, and Southeast Washington Economic Development Association
 - » PSE participates in Wine, Stein & Shine, Festival of Trees, National Night Out, Garfield County Fair, Tumbleweed Festival and Fun Run
 - » Active in the Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce



The new Operations & Maintenance Building for Phase I of the Lower Snake River Wind Project includes offices, warehouse space and a workshop for the 25 permanent employees of PSE and Siemens Energy who are based there.