

Green Power Community Partnership Agreement



EPA's Green Power Community initiative recognizes communities that collectively purchase green power in amounts that meet EPA's purchase requirements. Communities benefit from the use of green power, while supporting the development of new, renewable energy generation in the United States.

With this agreement,

(Name of municipality)

joins EPA's Green Power Partnership

as a Green Power Community (GPC) and commits to:

- Have the community's local government purchase green power and join the EPA Green Power Partnership as an organization-wide partner. The local government meets all requirements outlined in the standard Partnership Agreement, available at http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/documents/gpc_agreement.pdf
- Have the community's local government initiate and support a GPC campaign to increase the use of green power among residents, businesses and non-profit organizations.
- Designate a local campaign leader to work with EPA. This person is responsible for coordinating and supporting the Green Power Campaign. A campaign leader can be a municipal employee, NGO representative, utility employee, and/or local resident.
- Provide EPA necessary community-wide electricity use and green power use data.
- Certify that the community's collective green power purchase meets GPC program requirements within one year of signing this Partnership Agreement.
- Report community-wide green power purchase activities annually to EPA.
- Use the GPC road sign in a manner that is consistent with road sign use guidelines.

In return, EPA commits to:

- Provide framework and goals for a GPC campaign.
- Provide public recognition.
- Provide procurement and communications assistance.
- Provide a listing of the community's participation on the EPA Green Power Partnership Web site.
- Provide two GPC road signs to the community as well as annual stickers signifying compliance with program requirements.

General Terms:

- Either party can terminate this agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties and with no further obligation. EPA will not proactively comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of a GPC.
- Should either party terminate this agreement, the GPC Partner agrees to remove any public display of GPC signage.
- Community agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with this voluntary agreement are not intended to provide services to the federal government and that the Community will not seek compensation from a federal agency.
- Community agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Green Power Partnership constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than its participation in the program and will not make statements or imply that EPA endorses the purchase or sale of the Community's products and services or the views of the Community's organization.
- EPA may post information about the Community's purchase publicly, but will honor all requests by a Community to keep purchase data and/or electricity use confidential.
- EPA may use the Community's seal or logo in selected marketing materials.
- EPA reserves the right to periodically revise purchase or other eligibility requirements.

PLEASE FAX THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO 202/343-2208

Mayor or Authorizing Official:

On behalf of _____, the undersigned understands and agrees to the terms of the
(Name of municipality)

Green Power Community (GPC) Program.

Mayor or Authorizing Officials Signature: _____ Title:

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Primary Municipal Contact:

**Primary Utility or NGO Contact
(optional):**

**Public Relations Contact
(optional):**

Name:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

Title:

Address:

Address:

Address:

City: State:

City: State:

City: State:

Zip:

Zip:

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Phone: Fax:

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Community Information

- 1. Aggregate Community electricity use: MWh / year Note: 1 MWh = 1,000 kWh
- 2. Community's collective green power commitment: MWh / year
- 3. Collective green power commitment accomplished? Yes No
- 4. Community green power participation rate (optional) %
- 5. Partner Web page on green power use:
- 6. Has the Community's municipal government met EPA's minimum purchase requirements organization-wide? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

- Green power products renewable electricity product RECs on-site generation
- Green power resource mix % solar % wind % geothermal % biomass
% biogas % hydro (small or low-impact)
- Product certification/verification Yes No If yes, by whom?
- Green power retailer(s) or provider(s)
- If we have additional questions, may we contact your provider(s) for additional information? Yes No

Key Green Power Community Requirements

Green Power Community Collective Purchasing Benchmarks

Green Power Purchase Requirements		
Your Community's Baseload If community-wide annual electricity use is...	Green Power Community Requirements You must, at a minimum, purchase this much green power within six months of joining the Partnership	Green Power Leadership Club Requirements You must, at a minimum, purchase this much green power
≥ 100,000,001 kWh	2% of your use	20% of your use
10,000,001 - 100,000,000 kWh	3% of your use	30% of your use
1,000,001 - 10,000,000 kWh	6% of your use	60% of your use
≤ 1,000,000 kWh	10% of your use	Not Applicable

Note: 1 MWh = 1,000 kWh

- Purchases must be generated from eligible renewable resources, which include solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass, and eligible hydro electric power.
- Purchases must be voluntary and incremental to the renewable electricity in the standard electricity service.
- The minimum commitment must come from “new” renewable energy resources (i.e., installed after 1/1/1997).
- Commitment can be met with any combination of green power products (i.e., green power, RECs, or on-site generation).

More details are available in the Program Requirements document at http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/documents/gpp_partnership_reqs.pdf

The government estimates the average time needed to fill out this form is 4.9 hours and welcomes suggestions for reducing this level of effort. Send comments (referencing OMB control number) to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. EPA (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

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