



the Wind Farmer

White Creek Project, LLC

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"We believe that 'farming' the wind holds great promise for rural economic development. These environmentally friendly projects are the world's fastest growing form of power generation. There are great benefits for the local tax base, local employment, local subcontracting, local purchasing, and particularly for landowners where the wind turbines will be located. Our neighborhood has the best wind resource in the Northwest, and the timing for developing this clean power source couldn't be more fortuitous."

In 2001, the Last Mile Electric Co-op (LMEC) was formed with a vision to use renewable distributed generation to serve that "last mile" where power lines were never built. The LMEC set out to acquire land options and leases from SeaWest Wind Power and Northwestern Wind Power. The acquisition provided 28,000 acres in south central Washington for future wind development. The eleven members of LMEC were on the way to achieving their goal to provide affordable, reliable, renewable cost-based electricity to rural and urban consumers. The White Creek Project, LLC was formed to proceed with the development of the 200 MW White Creek Project.



View of where 200 MW White Creek Wind Project will be built

The White Creek Project: Four of the LMEC members, Klickitat Public Utility District, Cowlitz County Public Utility, Lakeview Light and Power, and Tanner Electric Cooperative are participating in the White Creek Project LLC. All of the members of the LLC are publicly owned utilities, making the White Creek Project LLC the largest consumer owned wind project in the United States. During January 2005, the Conditional Use Permit application was filed with the Klickitat County Planning office to construct this 200 MW White Creek Wind Project. The permit was approved in April 2005.



Another view of land for the White Creek Wind Project

The White Creek Wind Project is expected to have 100 megawatts on line generating power in late 2007 and the remaining 100 megawatts operational during the first half 2008. The project will be built on land owned by five ranchers in south central Washington. Even though there are some 28,000 acres under lease. The remaining land can continue to be used by the ranchers to graze livestock and produce crops.

Eighty-seven Siemens 2.3 megawatt Mark II wind turbines will be constructed in two phases at the White Creek Project site. Due to wind turbine production constraints, forty-three of the Siemens turbines will be delivered and installed by late 2007 with the remainder scheduled for 2008.



Project is six miles north of Roosevelt, Washington

