# Long-term Power Purchase Agreements for Wind Power: University Perspectives

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Green Power Partnership Webinar April 9, 2013 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern

## **Today's Agenda**

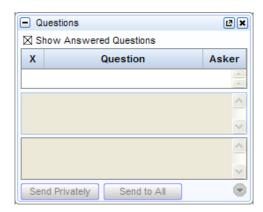
- Introduction and Webinar Logistics
  - Blaine Collison, Green Power Partnership Director
- Long-term Power Purchase Agreements for Wind Power: University Perspectives
  - Aparna Dial, University Director, Energy Services and Sustainability, The Ohio State University
  - Brian Ellis, Director of Facilities Management, University of Oklahoma
  - James Rosner, Utilities Director, Oklahoma State University
- Questions & Answers
- Post-webinar survey



### **Webinar Logistics**

- Attendees are muted to reduce background noise.
- Submit questions and comments in writing via the online control panel.
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- Post-webinar survey on this webinar and topics for future webinars.
- Today's presentations are available at:

http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/events/9apr13 webinar.htm





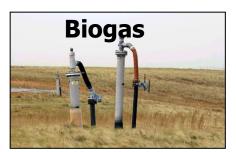
## **GPP Webinar Series**

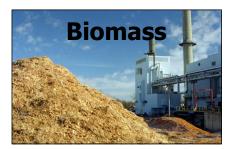
- More info and to register: <u>http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/events/index.htm</u>
- Weds., May 29<sup>th</sup>: On-site Renewables: Lessons Learned from Idea to Implementation
  - Presenters from SC Johnson and Coca-Cola Refreshments
- Past Webinars of Interest:
  - Market Outlook and Innovations in Wind and Solar Power (Feb. 12, 2013)
  - Green Revolving Funds (Jan. 17, 2013)
  - Third-party Financing of Solar on College and University Campuses (Dec. 13, 2012)
  - Addressing Barriers to Renewable Energy Procurement (Sept. 19, 2012)



### **What is Green Power?**

 <u>Electricity</u> generated from natural resources that replenish themselves over short periods of time, including the sun, wind, moving water, organic plant and waste material (biomass), and the Earth's heat (geothermal).















### **Green Power Value Proposition**

- Environmental
  - Address indirect GHG emissions (Scope 2 emissions)
- Financial
  - Capture potential electricity cost savings
  - Reduce exposure to fossil fuel price volatility
- Economic
  - Support job creation and local/regional economic growth
- Leadership
  - Respond to customers & stakeholders
  - Differentiate brand/products/services
  - Improve employee morale

"Purchasing green power helps our organization become more sustainable while also sending a message to others that supporting clean sources of electricity is a sound business decision and an important choice to help fight climate change." - Jodi Shapiro, Vice President, Environment, Health and Safety, Motorola.



### **EPA's Green Power Partnership**

#### • Credible Benchmarks & GHG Quantification

- Metrics for "How much green power is enough?"
- Definition of eligible renewables & products
- GHG reduction guidance and calculations

#### • Planning & Implementation Resources

- Green power locator
- Purchasing strategy guidance
- Marketing and communications support

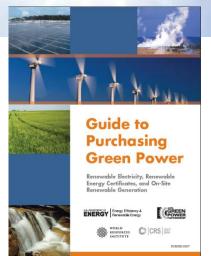
#### • Recognition

- Top Partner Lists
- Use of the Partner mark →
- Green Power Leadership Awards
- Promotional opportunities

#### • Best Practices & Innovation

- Collaborative procurement
- New contract mechanisms











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## **Long-term Green Power Contracts**

- Multi-year agreements between a renewable energy generator owner (seller) and a purchasing entity (buyer) for the sale and purchase of electricity and renewable energy certificates (RECs) or only RECs.
- What is the <u>value proposition</u> of long-term green power contracts?
  - End User
    - Hedge against price volatility
    - Potential for energy costs savings
    - Clear association with specific renewable energy project
    - Potential for naming rights to renewable energy project
  - Renewable Energy Project Developer
    - Provides access to long-term financing
    - Lowers the cost of financing
    - Predictable sale price over term of contract



## **GPP Updates**

- 2013 Green Power Leadership Awards nomination period is open; closes on April 15. Nomination forms: www.epa.gov/greenpower/awards/nomination.htm
- Renewable Energy Markets conference: Sept. 22-24 in Austin, TX: <u>www.renewableenergymarkets.com/</u>
- April 17: Top Partner Rankings update: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/index.htm</u>
- April 17: College & University Green Power Challenge winners announced: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/initiatives/cu\_challenge.htm</u>
- Sign up for our monthly program updates and other GPP news on our website: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/contactus.htm</u>
- <u>GPP LinkedIn group</u>: Continue the conversation with our 400+ members



## Want to Know More?

### Basic Information

- Overview of the Green Power Partnership: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower</u>
- Full details of program requirements: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/documents/gpp\_partnership\_reqs.pdf</u>
- EPA's Green Power Purchasing Guide: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/documents/purchasing\_guide\_for\_web.pdf</u>
- EPA's Green Power Locator: <u>www.epa.gov/greenpower/pubs/gplocator.htm</u>
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