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### Avangrid Renewables Commits \$500K to COVID-19 Relief Funding

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a global impact. While not every community has been equally affected by the virus itself, we have all seen strains on healthcare systems and the economic hardships as a result.

To help address these challenges, and as part of our long-term partnerships with the communities where we not only deliver clean energy for our customers, but live, work, and raise our families, Avangrid Renewables has committed \$500,000 to the communities that host our facilities as a part of the broader \$2.5 million in COVID-19 relief funding announced by AVANGRID and the Avangrid Foundation. Funds from Avangrid Renewables are being distributed to over 30 medical and nutrition assistance organizations nationwide.

"With our national footprint, Avangrid Renewables touches communities large and small, from coast to coast," said Alejandro de Hoz, President and CEO of Avangrid Renewables. "Given the global nature of this pandemic, we have both the opportunity and responsibility to help address the challenges faced by our communities."

One of the organizations supported by Avangrid Renewables' relief funding is the Kansas Children's Foundation, which supports the Wesley Children's Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, about 50 miles from our Elk Creek Wind Farm. The funds donated by Avangrid Renewables will support Wesley's front line workers and will enable them to continue providing for the health, safety, and happiness of Kansas children.

Another recipient is the Second Harvest Inland Northwest Food Bank which serves eastern Washington state near the Big Horn I and II and Juniper Canyon Wind Farms. The funding from Avangrid Renewables will help the organization meet increased community demand for food assistance stemming from the economic downturn associated with COVID-19.



"Never doubt how much your support means to people facing hunger in our service area, especially rural communities. As unemployment rates soar to historic highs during the COVID-19 pandemic, our partner food bank lines are getting longer. Your donation will do more than put food on the table for these families. It will bring hope to people facing so many uncertainties right now," said Chris Houglum, Vice President of Philanthropy for Second Harvest Inland Northwest.



These are just two of the many organizations that Avangrid Renewables is supporting as a part of this initiative. See complete list on page 2. For more information about AVANGRID's commitment to COVID-19 relief, visit **avangrid.com/wps/portal/avangrid/pressroom**.



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### Red and Blue Teams: Social Distancing at Wind Farms

The energy that Avangrid Renewables supplies is an essential service. To fulfill our mission safely, our employees have had to implement new procedures to ensure health and wellbeing during this unprecedented circumstance.

At our facilities, we have implemented safeguards to protect against community spread of the coronavirus. On site, employees are typically in closest proximity to one another when in operations and maintenance (O&M) buildings. Given that these are high traffic areas, O&M buildings are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized regularly but one of the best ways to reduce the risk of community spread and keep employees healthy is to reduce our time in these buildings.

We're achieving this goal in several ways: When possible, employees are encouraged to work remotely. Plant administrators are working from home full time whenever possible; for other plant employees, digital dashboard and diagnostic control tools have been configured to be available remotely.

In addition to reducing O&M building traffic, in some regions, plant staff are divided into "Red" and "Blue" teams who work on alternating schedules to maintain separation, resulting in smaller teams on site at any given time. Teams are also assigned dedicated sets of tools to avoid cross contamination.

These changes can pose challenges, particularly if multiple issues occur simultaneously, but they are necessary to ensure the safety of employees during this extraordinary situation. Avangrid Renewables' teams are demonstrating their agility and collaborative spirit as they adapt to these new procedures and keep our more than 60 generation facilities operating and delivering the clean energy on which our customers depend.

"My team has gone above and beyond to ensure that our turbines remain running and meet their availability goals. I am very proud of how hard they have been working and how well they have adjusted to the numerous changes over the last couple of weeks," said Dan Ruise, manager of Klondike I and II Wind Farms in Oregon.

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# Community

#### **COVID-19 Relief Fund Recipients**

#### ARIZONA

Banner Ironwood Medical Center, Queen Creek Summit Healthcare Snowflake Medical Center, Snowflake

#### CALIFORNIA

Desert Regional Medical Center, Palm Springs Eisenhower Health, Rancho Mirage Antelope Valley Hospital, Lancaster Mountain Health and Community Services, Campo North Bay Medical Center, Fairfield

#### COLORADO

SE Colorado Hospital, Springfield San Luis Valley Health, Alamosa

#### ILLINOIS

Eastern Illinois Foodbank, Urbana Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton

#### IOWA

MercyOne, Clive Avera Medical Group Spirit Lake Medical Center, Spirit Lake Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison

#### KANSAS

Wesley Medical Center/Kansas Childrens' Foundation, Wichita

#### MASSACHUSETTS

North Adams Regional Hospital/Berkshire Health, North Adams

#### MINNESOTA

Avera Tyler Hospital, Tyler Second Harvest Heartland, St. Paul

#### **MISSOURI**

Community Hospital Fairfax, Fairfax

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

New Hampshire Food Bank, Manchester ...



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#### ·· NEW MEXICO

Roadrunner Food Bank, Albuquerque

#### **NEW YORK**

Lewis County General Hospital, Lowville Bassett Healthcare Network Little Falls Hospital, Little Falls

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Food Bank of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City

#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

Heart of America Medical Center, Rugby

**OHIO** Van Wert Health, Van Wert

#### OREGON

Sky Lakes Medical Center-Patient Assistance Fund, Klamath Falls

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton, Hazleton Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center, Meyersdale

Uniontown Hospital, Uniontown

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, Sioux Falls

#### TEXAS

Coastal Bend Food Bank, Corpus Christi Graham Medical Center, Graham

#### VERMONT

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Bennington

#### WASHINGTON

Second Harvest Inland Northwest, Tri-Cities

### **Construction Projects Continue to** Make Progress Through COVID-19

Progress continues at Avangrid Renewables' construction projects nationwide, despite the pandemic. Construction crews have adapted to the "new normal" by implementing safety procedures including routine temperature checks, social distancing, and restrictions on travel. In addition, most construction site meetings have been restructured to minimize necessary attendance. And, construction equipment and work areas are cleaned regularly.

With these safety precautions in mind, construction is underway at the La Joya Wind Farm in Torrance County, New Mexico. The 306.2 MW project, about 90 minutes east of Albuquerque, will deliver clean energy to the Public Service Company of New Mexico (d.b.a. Power New Mexico or PNM) and a large technology company. The facility will consist of 111 GE turbines on approximately 50,000 acres of leased land, though less than 2% of that land is part of the project's final footprint. Approximately half of the land is owned by private landowners, and half by the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO).



The NMSLO funds public education and other state institutions through the leasing of state trust land. La Joya is expected to deliver more than \$40 million to the state's public schools over the project's lifetime.

La Joya is expected to be in operation by the end of 2020 and is the second Avangrid Renewables project in New Mexico. The adjacent El Cabo Wind Farm, which has 142 turbines, became operational in December of 2017.

Several thousand miles away, in New York, the 79.72 MW Roaring Brook Wind Farm is currently under construction near the town of Lowville. It is also expected to achieve commercial operation by the end of the year. But here, the COVID-related impacts on construction progress have been felt more acutely. On March 31, the state issued guidance for renewable energy projects under construction that deemed these projects nonessential and ordered a construction pause in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.



The stop order came at a particularly difficult time for Roaring Brook: critical components of the wind farm including the turbines themselves and other heavy mechanical equipment were en route to the site. Stopping work would have meant creating alternate plans for storing this critical equipment elsewhere, which could have caused a delay in project completion of up to a year.

Fortunately, the site was only idled for five days. Thanks to the rapid efforts of members of the Avangrid Renewables team and a comprehensive COVID-19 safety plan, we were able to earn an exemption from the stop work order and continue to make progress on site.

Thanks to the agility of the Avangrid Renewables team, we are still making progress and currently expect to complete our construction projects on schedule.

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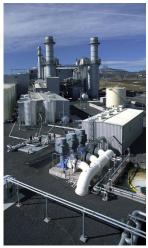
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### Avangrid Renewables' Safety Culture on Display at Klamath Energy, LLC

Avangrid Renewables' Klamath Energy, LLC, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, celebrated 20 years of safe operation without a Lost Time Injury or Illness on April 1st, 2020, and that's no April Fool's joke. Klamath Energy consists of the 536 MW Klamath Cogeneration Plant (KCP) and the adjacent 100 MW Klamath Generation Peaker Plant (KGP). These facilities supply power as part of Avangrid Renewables' integrated generation portfolio and help to ensure reliable delivery of electricity to the company's customers across the western United States while also providing process steam to a nearby wood products facility.

"Twenty years without a lost time injury or illness speaks to the success of the safety culture we have built at Klamath Energy and our commitment to the safe, reliable generation of clean electricity and steam," said managing director Dennis Winn. He added, "This kind of safety performance does not happen by accident, it happens because the entire team is engaged in doing the right thing."

The first employee was hired at Klamath Energy on April 1, 2000, and the facility was commissioned in 2001. When commissioned, it was one of the cleanest fossil-fueled power plants in the United States. It has since earned many awards and recognitions including the Governor's Sustainability Award in 2000, Power Magazine's Power Plant of the Year in 2001, and a number of industry best practice, safety, and innovation awards. Klamath Energy remains a leading example of high efficiency natural gas-fired generation.







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