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That's How I Got to Memphis: St. Jude Rides

In 2007, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts from Peoria, Illinois, took to the road to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, traveling the 465 miles to raise \$90,000. Since that beginning, the motorcyclists' efforts to raise money to understand and treat childhood cancer have spawned rides originating in numerous other Midwestern cities and raised more than \$5 million.

The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of their founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay.



Kevin and Debby Onella on their Harley Davidson, ready to ride.

This year, for the second year in a row, Lempster Wind Farm landowners Kevin and Debby Onella joined the ride, starting at their home in New Hampshire, driving four days through the rain to our Providence Heights Wind Farm in Illinois to say hi to the crew, and then moving on to Peoria before joining the group ride to Memphis. The Onellas alone raised more than \$21,000, as part of a team that met up in Peoria and ultimately delivered \$920,300 to St. Jude this year!


Learn more about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org. 



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Girls Inc. Visits the Klondike Wind Farm



This fall, the Klondike I, II and III Wind Plants in Oregon generously hosted a Girls Inc. Eureka! STEM-based program event. The Klondike team is always a great host. This field trip included 21 high school girls from the Portland metro area as well as several Avangrid Renewables staff who served as mentors to the girls.

Girls Inc. was founded in 1864 to serve girls and young women who were experiencing upheaval in the aftermath of the Civil War. Across the decades, the program adapted to meet the specific environmental challenges facing girls and young women, always working in partnership with schools and communities, and guided by the founders' fundamental belief in the inherent potential of each girl. Woven into those early girls' clubs are the same core values of Girls Inc. today: the importance of creating a safe gathering place for girls to learn and to share in a sisterhood and a strong premise that each girl can develop her own capacities and self-confidence and grow up healthy, educated and independent. Their out-of-school programming, in partnership with schools and at centers through 82 local organizations, focuses on the development of the whole girl, which allows girls to succeed, break the cycle of poverty, and become role models for their communities. The Eureka! science, technology, engineering and math program is just one of several groups Girls Inc. offers.



The day started with a climb through the training nacelle led by Interim Plant Manager Andrew Kerns, Pebble Springs/Leaning Juniper II Wind Tech Jana Lehn and Klondike III Wind Tech Mike Davis. Each girl then built a wind turbine of her own and using a multi-meter, and generated some measurable energy.



Diana Scholtes, VP of Renewable Strategy and Origination, kicked off the afternoon session when the girls sat down with mentors representing various teams from construction to operations to field services. Our guests spent time asking questions and getting feedback that could help them make decisions in their school and/or career choices, and we hope we may have inspired a few of them to focus on renewable energy. Thanks to the entire Klondike team for having all of us! 🌱

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Five Questions With Kirk Bromiley from Wenatchee



Photo: Kirk Bromiley's land in Washington is actively farmed for wheat.

We caught up with a new landowner in Douglas County, Washington. Kirk Bromiley recently entered into a lease with Avangrid Renewables for a solar project we're developing on his property.

Q: Where is your land located and how long have you lived there?

Our property is located in central Washington state, just east of the city of Wenatchee where I have lived all my life. I am 69 years old and the property has been in my family since the early 1900s.

Q: What activities do you have on your land?

It is currently farmed for dryland wheat crops.

Q: What are your thoughts about renewable energy?

In our view, renewable energy such as solar energy is critical to our future. It seems pretty clear we have to take better care of the planet in the future than we have in the past, and renewable energy is definitely something that helps.

System Migration Underway

Avangrid Renewables is improving our landowner services by upgrading our land payment system. We are working hard to ensure a smooth transition, but please notify us if you detect any unusual account activity or if you need to update your contact information. Accordingly, 1099 forms will be mailed out by January 31, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach us toll-free at (866) 441-4557 or via email at landmanagement@avangrid.com.



Q: What made you decide to consider a solar project on your land?

Given our views on renewables energy, the decision to make the property available for a solar project was an easy one, even though it has been farmed by the family for a number of generations.

Q: How would you describe working with Avangrid Renewables?

The people we have worked with at Avangrid Renewables have been very good to deal with. Particularly, Mike Vincent has been helpful and informative regarding any issues that needed attention during the leasing process. I am confident the construction process and the use of the property for the solar project will go smoothly and be well done, should the project move forward as planned. 🚩

If you'd like to be considered for an upcoming Five Questions series in Landowner News, send us an email at rensosial@avangrid.com.

Hosting Champions of Wind and Solar

Wind energy's success is a tribute to the efforts of a growing number of farmers, ranchers and their families and communities who benefit from capital investments across the country. But without strong leadership from our elected officials, many of the projects may never see the light of day. Thanks to the vision of several U.S. renewable energy champions, wind and solar are booming across the country.



This fall, communities across the country held events recognizing America's wind power leadership during the annual American Wind Week presented by the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). Members of the 115th Congress who took action in support of wind energy were presented with U.S. Wind Champion Awards — a highlight during the week's festivities.

Avangrid Renewables was proud to host Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) and his staff at our corporate headquarters in Portland, Oregon, as he received his award as a proponent of wind energy. During his visit, he spoke about the importance of "expanding access to clean energy sources that are affordable, efficient and aid in our efforts to combat climate disruption." He added, "We have more work to do in Congress."

In November, we opened the doors of our National Control Center (NCC) to a special guest: U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), the Chairwoman of the Senate's Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. In town for a number of site visits around Oregon, the senator requested a meeting with Avangrid Renewables' executives and a tour of our state-of-the-art NCC, so we were happy to accommodate.



Though time was limited, our team took the opportunity to share the exciting work that our employees perform on a daily basis. We discussed being at the forefront of renewable energy development and offering a wide range of unique solutions to our customers. We particularly focused on the foresight around our newly launched balancing authority and our leadership in the U.S. offshore wind industry, as well as other policy issues specific to her committee focus. However, Sen. Murkowski was most impressed by her tour of the NCC and the work of Kit Blair and his team.

These team members diligently explained the inner workings of the 24-7-365, high tech nerve center of our generation portfolio. Through their thoughtful descriptions and explanations, the senator heard and saw first-hand how our dedication and vision make us a leader in the renewable energy industry. 🚩



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Supporting Our Communities

At Avangrid Renewables, we believe in developing and maintaining strong relationships with landowners and local communities. To that end, we make donations of money, goods or company-sanctioned employee volunteer hours in support of the local communities where we operate and beyond.

Volunteer Day at Big Horn

Bickleton, Washington, is known as the bluebird capital of Klickitat County. Volunteer Day 2018 was a busy day at our Big Horn Wind Farm. The technicians spent time repairing, replacing and cleaning out 187 bluebird houses that the community has placed all over the area.



The birdhouses take a beating here in the wind and snow. To avoid abandonment, they must be cleaned out every year, as the birds will not reuse an old nest, nor will they build a new nest on top of a used one.

Now all the houses are ready to withstand the winter and will be ready for next spring's return of our beloved bluebirds. 🏠



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