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## *Bonneville Environmental Foundation receives \$1 million*

Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. – In its first year, the Bonneville Environmental Foundation has surpassed the \$1 million mark as a result of two commitments received this week.

Snohomish County Public Utility District #1 in Washington announced it would purchase 10 megawatts of certified green power from the Bonneville Power Administration. As a result of the purchase, the foundation will receive 60 percent of the above-market green power premium paid to BPA, or about \$550,000 annually.

The Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park, Calif., donated \$350,000 to cover all of the foundation's administrative and marketing costs over the next two years. The grant allows 100 percent of the green power revenues and other contributions to go to new renewable energy and watershed restoration projects.

"I am thrilled with the success of the foundation. We are finding more and more organizations that are making substantial commitments that will help us enhance fish runs in the Northwest and invest in clean, renewable energy for all," said Executive Director Angus Duncan. "The funding decisions by Snohomish PUD and Hewlett validate the foundation's importance as a new regional force for the environment. The Snohomish green power purchase is particularly gratifying because it demonstrates the growing market for certifiable green power regionally and nationally."

Sara Patton, director of the Northwest Energy Coalition, applauded the Washington utility. "Snohomish PUD's strong support of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation is encouraging news to anyone who cares about the health of our air, our water and our wildlife," she said. "The Northwest is one step closer to a clean and affordable energy future."

The foundation had already booked approximately \$350,000 in late 1998 from contributions and an initial green power sale to the Emerald People's Utility District in Eugene, Ore.

The Bonneville Environmental Foundation was organized in June 1998 as an independent, nonprofit foundation supporting renewable energy and watershed health in the Pacific Northwest. Former Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield is the chairman of the foundation.

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