BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-046

Authorizing Green Power Purchase

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a) Electricity from fossil fuels emits tons of pollutants and particulate matter into our air and water, aggravating respiratory diseases and destroying wildlife habitat. Furthermore, carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of fossil fuels make up the majority of greenhouse gasses driving global warming.
- b) Renewable energy from wind produces electricity without contributing to air, water or land pollution problems. Low-impact hydroelectric facilities also do not emit air pollutants and allow for adequate passage of fish.
- c) New electric power rates have been introduced that provide the County an opportunity to purchase electricity from environmentally preferred renewable resources.
- d) Earth Day advocates have challenged local governments to purchase 1% renewable energy. Multhomah County wishes to set an example for other governments, businesses and individuals.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. Multnomah County is authorized to purchase one percent of its electricity from renewable resources currently offered by PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric.
- 2. Multnomah County would begin its purchases at the first opportunity on or after Earth Day 2000.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2000.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Beverly Stein, Chair

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