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INLAND POWER NAMED A NEW ERA GRANT RECIPIENT





Spokane, WA – Jan. 16, 2025: Inland Power is pleased to announce they are one of the selected recipients of the \$9.7 billion grant program available to member-owned rural electric cooperatives from the US Department of Agriculture and the Rural Utility Services Empowering Rural America (New ERA) program to invest in new renewable electric generating resources in the rural communities throughout the country.

This over \$227 million New ERA investment will enable Inland Power to procure over 273 megawatts of capacity of solar and wind generation to serve members in rural areas of Washington and Idaho. This will power roughly 22,750 homes each year. These projects will create over 450 short and long-term jobs, stabilize costs to rural cooperative members, and reduce climate pollution by 477,000 tons each year. The energy Inland Power is procuring will reduce greenhouse gas pollution equivalent to over 111,000 gasoline-powered cars annually.

Additionally, Inland Power was announced as one of the 25 selected cooperatives to receive grant funding that was recently awarded to PNGC Power (Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative) from the US Department of Agriculture and the Rural Utility Services Empowering Rural America (New ERA) program.

Inland Power became a PNGC member in March 2024 to advance capabilities and tools to meet the ongoing load demand and growth of the region, and to help navigate the rapidly evolving power supply challenges the Pacific Northwest faces.

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“Inland Power & Light is honored and excited to receive these New ERA awards, which affords our not-for-profit electric cooperative with a remarkable opportunity to continue making fundamental investments in carbon-free energy resources for our members,” Inland Power CEO Jasen Bronec said. *“Inland Power has sustained rapid residential load growth every year since 2017, which is expected to continue. This power purchase agreement is a proactive step to ensuring reliable, sustainable and affordable power supply for years to come.”*

Inland Power plans to use these grant funds to purchase renewable energy while benefiting our service territory community and the communities surrounding the generation facilities. These community benefits include supporting student agriculture, STEAM and tribal programs in the region and launching a battery storage pilot program to create resiliency for medical necessity, low-income and residential members in high wildfire risk areas.”.

ABOUT INLAND POWER & LIGHT

Inland Power & Light is a not-for-profit electric cooperative providing affordable, safe and reliable electricity to over 46,000 member-owners in thirteen counties throughout eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Founded in 1937, Inland Power is the largest electric cooperative in Washington. More information can be found at www.inlandpower.com.

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