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About

• Independent nonprofit
• Serving 1.5 million customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista
• Providing access to affordable energy
• Generating homegrown, renewable power
• Building a stronger Oregon and SW Washington
Clean Energy Acquisition

- Efficiency is the least expensive, most benign energy we can buy
- Renewables are the cleanest generation options available
- Diversifying future resource mix
- Reducing need for more expensive conventional, fossil fuel resources
14 Years of Affordable Energy

From Energy Trust’s investment of $1.3 billion in utility customer funds:

- **Nearly 600,000 sites** transformed into energy efficient, healthy, comfortable and productive homes and businesses

- **9,200 clean energy systems** generating renewable power from the sun, wind, water, geothermal heat and biopower

- **$5.6 billion** in savings over time on participant utility bills from their energy-efficiency and solar investments

- **17.4 million tons of carbon dioxide** emissions kept out of our air, equal to removing 3 million cars from our roads for a year
Return on $1.3 Billion Investment (2002-2015)

- $4.8 billion added to Oregon economy from utility bill savings:
  - Increased wages
  - Small business income
  - Jobs

- 17.4 million tons of CO2 prevented

For every $1 invested, utility customers will save $3
Energy efficiency as low-cost resource

“By investing in energy efficiency at the levels recommended in the plan, we’ll be able to grow our economy without initiating an aggressive program to build new generating resources, and we’ll keep Northwest electricity rates low and maintain our quality of life,” said Northwest Power and Conservation Council Chair Henry Lorenzen.
Energy Incentives and Programs

- Energy Trust of Oregon
- State and Federal
  - Departments of Energy
  - USDA – Rural Development
  - Others
- Utilities
  - Pacific Power and Portland General Electric
  - NW Natural Gas, Avista, Cascade Natural Gas
- DSIRE website – database of state incentives for renewable energy generation and energy efficiency
Programs for all customers
Workshops: Making Energy Work for Rural Oregon