



## What is Renewable or "Green Power?"

Renewable or "green" power is a term used for the electricity or power that is produced by a renewable or "green" generation facility. Facilities that minimize or eliminate contributions to green-house gasses and climate change. Facilities that do not add noxious or harmful emissions into the atmosphere. Examples of "green" or renewable systems are hydro, solar, photovoltaic, wind, methane production through landfill gassification and wave or tidal systems.

Lane Electric is one of a group of Oregon electric co-ops who have joined forces to offer "green" or renewable electricity to their members. Annual contributions to the Bonneville Environmental Fund (BEF) have been made by Lane Electric for the research and development of new renewable or "green" resources for many years. Lane Electric is involved with some of the new "green" projects that have been developed recently. In fact, as of January 2009, a dozen and half net-metering, photovoltaic projects have cropped up on our service area, including a 4,000 watt PV system at the Oakridge Elementary School and a 14,000 watt system in our west area.

Lane Electric is always interested in looking at and evaluating new and exciting "green" opportunities - among them, wave energy, geo-thermal generation, wind production and, solar generation.

Make no mistake, while renewable energy is a good idea, the cost of generating this "green" or renewable energy is higher than the energy generated by the dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. In fact, on a blended basis, green power can cost as much as three times more.

How can you purchase "green" power? It's simple. When you subscribe to our MemberChoice Program, you may purchase "blocks" of "green" kilowatt-hours. Each "block" equals 100 kWh and costs an additional \$2.00 per "block" on your electric bill. So, in addition to your regular monthly electric bill, you will see a separate line item charge for "MemberChoice" on your bill. Your monthly bill from Lane Electric will clearly reflect your support of renewable energy.



Lane Electric is pleased to offer our **MEMBER CHOICE** green power" program for subscription.

If you are interested, you may sign up to purchase as little as 1 block of "green power" or you may buy green power blocks (100 kWh each) equal to what your monthly average electrical usage is. That is to say that if on average, your monthly electrical usage is 1500 kWh, you are eligible to buy up to 15 blocks of green power. Remember, each block of green power costs \$2 so in this example, an additional \$30 would be added to your electric bill for green power. You may subscribe to as many blocks as you like by completing the accompanying **MEMBER CHOICE** request form.

Each block of **MEMBER CHOICE** energy you purchase includes 100 kWh of electricity that has been generated from a certified "renewable" or "green" generating facility.

To sign up for the **MEMBER CHOICE** program, you can return the completed form with your electric bill or call 484-1151 and speak to one of our Customer Service Representatives about signing up.

If you are interested in subscribing to our **MEMBER CHOICE** program, please print out, complete and return this form with your next payment.

I understand that I may purchase blocks as I like, up to my monthly average electrical usage, and the additional amount will appear on my electric bill until such time that I notify Lane Electric to change my pledge or cancel my participation in the **MEMBER CHOICE** program.

I am interested in buying renewable energy through Lane Electric's **MEMBER CHOICE** green power program and my information is listed below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**, I'd like to purchase (check one)

1  2  3  4  5  6

7  8  9  10  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\$2.00 blocks of green power **OR**,

**Calculate** my monthly average use (based on the calculation on the adjacent panel) and add \$2 for each block to my electric bill.

*Please check all appropriate boxes*