

# PSE's Lower Snake River Wind Project

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## Project Overview

PSE's 149-turbine, 343-megawatt Lower Snake River Wind Project-Phase I is currently under construction in Garfield County. In addition to providing renewable energy for more than 100,000 homes when operational, this project is an engine of job creation and economic development during a recession in rural Southeast Washington state.

## Project Brings Significant Economic Development for Southeast Washington

The Lower Snake River wind project is making significant contributions to the economy in Southeast Washington:

### Local Job Creation

- About 150 construction workers, on average, are at the site. That number exceeds 250 workers on a given day. Nearly one third of the workers come from an 80-mile radius – drawing heavily on the pool of available and qualified construction workers in the region.
- Approximately 25 permanent operations and maintenance positions will be housed at a 15,000-square-foot facility currently under construction outside of Pomeroy.

### Local Spending (Garfield and Columbia counties)

- From September 2010 through spring 2011, local spending related to the project averaged approximately \$100,000 per month.
- Since turbine construction began in early 2011, local project spending has averaged \$300,000 per month.
- Garfield County experienced a 71 percent increase in taxable retail sales between the 3rd quarter of 2009 (\$4.4 million) and the 3rd quarter of 2010 (\$7.5 million), which was greatly attributable to the Lower Snake River wind development.

### Numerous Additional Regional Economic Development Benefits

- More than 1,100 oversized truckloads of turbine components were brought to the project site after components arrived by ship at the Port of Vancouver, Wash., and by train at the Port of Pasco following rail transport from the Midwest (transportation-sector employment).
- Farmers and landowners lease property to PSE for the wind project, which supplements their incomes with royalty payments.
- Commerce for local businesses: lodging, restaurants, hardware, auto service, and more.



*The Lower Snake River wind project is injecting new jobs, greater business activity, and increased tax revenue into the Southeast Washington economy.*