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SaskPower International and ATCO Power partner on wind power

SaskPower International has selected ATCO Power as its joint venture partner, as it proceeds with plans to develop up to 150 megawatts of wind generation in Saskatchewan. This is the biggest initiative in the Green Power Portfolio, which was announced in the spring 2003 Throne Speech.

“Our leadership in wind power development reflects the Government’s commitment to a Green Power Portfolio of initiatives to meet the province’s electrical needs in the future. Establishing a joint venture with ATCO Power is important to achieving made-in-Saskatchewan solutions that address climate change and grow our economy,” said Premier Lorne Calvert.

“We are extremely pleased to be selected for this exciting venture. Wind power is becoming an important source of electricity and we look forward to working with SaskPower International in bringing additional green power to Saskatchewan,” said Nancy Southern, President and CEO, ATCO Group.

The SaskPower International/ATCO Power wind power development(s) could commence operations as early as 2004/2005 with all 150 MW – about the same amount of electricity used by 64,000 homes annually - operational by March 2007. Wind monitoring equipment has already been installed at several locations across the province to determine the best sites for wind power production. Approximately 50-150 turbines would be required to produce this amount of energy.

Saskatchewan is currently the third largest wind power generator in Canada, with a combined capacity of 17.1 MW generated by two facilities, including SaskPower’s wholly owned Cypress Wind Power Facility in southwestern Saskatchewan. Thanks to growing demand for GreenPower, the Cypress Facility will be expanded by approximately 5 MW by the end of 2003.

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“Today’s announcement is a major part of the Green Power Portfolio, which also includes the recent expansion of the Cypress Wind Power Facility, solicitation of small-scale Environmentally Preferred Power generation projects from the private sector, and community energy efficiency pilot projects which have already begun in Watrous and Lanigan,” Premier Calvert added.

SaskPower International Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of SaskPower and is the corporation’s development arm. SaskPower operates three coal-fired power stations, seven hydroelectric stations, four natural gas stations, and nine wind turbines (Cypress Wind Power Facility) with aggregate generating capacity of 3,051 MW, and has 449 MW of contracted capacity (Meridian Cogeneration Station, Cory Cogeneration Station and Sunbridge Wind Power Project). SaskPower maintains more than 152,000 kilometers of power lines.

ATCO Power is part of the ATCO Group, an Alberta-based corporation belonging to a global organization of companies with over 6,000 employees involved with power generation, utilities, logistics and energy services, industrials and technologies. ATCO Power is a pre-eminent leader in the global development of environmentally friendly generation facilities, and owns or operates 5000 MW of electrical generation in Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada.

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