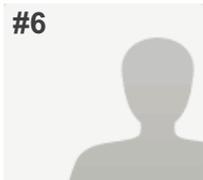


Renewable Energy in Montana - Survey for Generators

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Q1: What is the name of the project?

Turnbull

Q2: When did ...

... construction of the project begin? 06/01/2010,

... the project begin operating? 07/15/2011

Q3: Did Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard, enacted in 2005, contribute to your decision to build?

Yes,

Please provide details of why it did or did not.
We were able to sell the power to Northwestern Energy under the community resource program. It was a competitive bid to Northwestern. Our bid was successful. The community resource program would not be available absent the RPS requirement. We are grateful to the legislature for passing the program and are hopeful it will continue to allow rural communities to develop small hydro resources associated with irrigation systems.

Q4: What was the project investment (in \$ dollars)?

Direct \$ 13.8 million

Q5: How many Montana contractors or subcontractors were hired during construction?

8 to 10

Q6: Please list the contractors and subcontractors

Selway Fabrication , Stevensville
Ajay Concrete , Augusta
Ramaker Swanson concrete ,Choteau
Pimley Electric , Joplin
Greenfields Irrigation District Crews, Fairfield
Red Rock electric transmission, Havre
Numerous equipment rental houses in Great Falls and Helena

Q7: How many people were employed in Montana during construction?

about 20 to 20

Q8: What were the average earnings per job?

\$15 to \$ 50 per hour

Q9: How many full-time permanent jobs has the project created in Montana and what are the average earnings per job?

operation is equivalent to 1 full time job

Q10: How many Montana or local vendors are utilized in support of the project?

6 to 10

Q11: In general, can you describe how those vendors are utilized?

Electrical wiring, Steel , rebar , concrete , construction equipment, power poles etc , steel fabrication

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Q12: How much in Montana property taxes (15-6-157, MCA) have been paid for the project in:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q13: Is the project currently receiving a state (Montana) or federal tax abatement?	Yes
Q14: What is the abatement?	new business for property taxes
Q15: When will the tax abatement expire? Enter a date: 12/31/2021	
Q16: What are the estimated property taxes following expiration of the abatement?	\$250,000
Q17: How much in local property taxes (15-6-157, MCA) have been paid in Montana, and in what county, for the project in: Year 3 of construction or operation? Year 2 of construction or operation? Year 1 of construction or operation?	teton county about \$190,000 teton county about \$170,000 teton county about \$160,000
Q18: What was the amount of business equipment taxes (15-6-138, MCA) paid in Montana conjunction with the project in:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q19: Is the project subject to Montana's wholesale energy transaction tax (15-72-104, MCA)?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q20: If yes, what was the amount paid in: Year 3 of operation? Year 2 of operation? Year 1 of operation?	About \$8000 about \$8000 about \$6000
Q21: Is the project subject to Montana's electrical energy producers tax (15-51-101 MCA)?	No
Q22: If yes, what was the amount paid in:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q23: Has the project paid or will the project in the future pay facility impact fees for local governmental units and school districts in Montana (15-24-3004, MCA and 15-24-3005, MCA)?	No
Q24: If so -	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q25: In general terms how much is paid for land leases in Montana needed for the project? 10 % of revenue or about \$170,000 per year goes to Greenfield Irrigation district.. This reduces the water assessments to about 80,000 acres of farmland	
Q26: How much is paid for Montana state land leases? none	
Q27: Are there additional taxes paid in Montana in conjunction with the project that you feel the committee should include in its analysis?	Yes, Please list those taxes and the year and amount paid All the owners of the project pay substantial personal Montana state incomes taxes as the project is owned by Montana limited liability company(LLC).

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Q28: Have community donations or additional financial contributions been made in the Montana community where the project is located?

Yes,

If yes, please list.

We contribute to the local high school sports teams and buy 4H animals

Q29: Please provide any additional thoughts on how the project has contributed to Montana or your local economy?

We put a lot of people to work when the economy was down and continue to put money into Montana in terms of property tax and income taxes plus we have reduced the water assessments for numerous farmers in the Fairfield area.

Item 12 would not allow me to enter the annual property taxes. they are about \$190,000 per year

Q30: Has Montana's renewable energy standard assisted in leveraging Montana's competitive advantage in developing new electric transmission?

Please elaborate on why or why not?

We built only 4.5 miles of new transmission line

Q31: Please provide any additional thoughts on Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard

I urge the legislature to continue as it will allow small developers to develop new resources throughout the state

Q32: FINAL SUBMISSION: All questions are complete and this survey is ready for submission (select no if you wish to return and complete this survey later).

Yes