



SPPR Group Secures Short Term Purchased Power Agreements

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The Southwest Public Power Resources Group, LLC (SPPR Group) has achieved a milestone event and its first tangible result of cooperative action among its members. As a result of a SPPR Group solicitation, five members have executed short term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). Electric District #2, Central Arizona Water Conservation District and Mohave Electric Cooperative entered into PPAs with Barclays Capital, while Arizona Electric Power Cooperative and Aha Macav Power Services signed with the Powerex Corporation.

The SPPR Group was able to arrange purchases of products as varied as monthly to seasonal to annual capacity, and from peaking to base-load energy, depending on the need of the purchasing member. Some of the PPAs begin as early as May 2007 and extend as long as the end of 2010.

“This is an exciting first step for the SPPR Group to meet its members’ needs through cooperative action,” said Donald W. Kimball, Chairman of the SPPR Group Management Committee and CEO of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. “This first step proves the concept of reduced costs created by joint action and the benefits will flow to the end-use consumer.”

The SPPR Group will continue to purchase power, from time to time, to fill the short term supplemental energy needs of its members.

The SPPR Group members joined together in 2006 to expand power supplies to serve their future electric power needs through cooperative action. Last year the SPPR Group issued a request for proposal (RFP) for both short and long term supplemental energy for its members.

The SPPR Group is using PPAs to meet their short term or immediate supplemental power needs. The next step for the SPPR Group will be to evaluate the RFP responses offering long term purchase power and compare them against permitting, construction and operating costs of SPPR Group generation projects.

The SPPR Group represents 18 members comprised of 38 public power entities providing electric service in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

Entities participating in the SPPR Group include: Aha Macav Power Services, Mohave Valley, CA; Ak-Chin Energy Services, Tempe, AZ; Anza Electric Cooperative, Anza, CA; Aquila Irrigation District, Aquila, AZ; Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Benson, AZ; Avra Valley Irrigation & Drainage District, Marana, AZ; Buckeye Water Conservation & Drainage Dist., Buckeye, AZ; Central AZ Water Conservation District, Phoenix, AZ; Chandler Heights Conservation & Irrigation Dist., Chandler Heights, AZ; Duncan Valley Electric Cooperative, Duncan, AZ; Electrical District No. 2, Coolidge, AZ; Electrical District No. 3, Maricopa, AZ; Electrical District No. 4, Eloy, AZ; Electrical District No. 5 (Pinal County), Red Rock, AZ; Electrical District No. 5 (Maricopa County), Mesa, AZ; Electrical District No. 6, Queen Creek, AZ; Electrical District No. 7, Waddell, AZ; Electrical District No. 8, Gila Bend, AZ; Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority, Chandler, AZ; Graham County Electric Cooperative, Pima, AZ; Harquahala Valley Power District, Tonopah, AZ; Maricopa Water District, Waddell, AZ; McMullen Valley Power District, Salome, AZ; Mohave Electric Cooperative, Bullhead City, AZ; Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Fort Defiance, AZ; Ocotillo Water & Conservation District, Ocotillo, AZ; Page Electrical Utility, Page, AZ; Queen Creek Irrigation District, Queen Creek, AZ; Roosevelt Irrigation District, Buckeye, AZ; Safford Electrical Utility, Safford, AZ; San Tan Irrigation District, Chandler Heights, AZ; Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Willcox, AZ; Tohono O'odham Utility Authority, Sells, AZ; Tonopah Irrigation District, Tonopah, AZ; Town of Thatcher, Thatcher, AZ; Trico Electric Cooperative, Marana, AZ; Valley Electric Association, Pahrump, NV; Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, Wellton, AZ.