



Media Advisory

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Renewable fire station celebration scheduled for Feb. 18

LAVA HOT SPRINGS, Idaho — Community leaders, emergency volunteers, citizens and Rocky Mountain Power will gather at the Lava Hot Springs Fire Station on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the installation of a new solar energy system. The system is a first for the Lava Hot Springs community and it will provide renewable energy to help power the town's fire station.

For years, the approximately 1,000 residents of the Lava Hot Springs area have enjoyed the peace of mind that comes from the quick response of the town's 16 volunteer firefighters and 13 volunteer emergency medical technicians. Now the community will enjoy bottom-line benefits by harnessing the sun's energy using two high-efficiency solar modules installed at the fire station.

"We wanted a system that could not only provide cost benefits to the city, but one that could be monitored and serve as an educational tool for Lava Hot Springs residents, other communities and Idaho State University," explained Mayor Marshall Burgin.

The solar project is estimated to generate about 2,920 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year. The installation of the solar panels is the culmination of a project funded jointly by the City of Lava Hot Springs and Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky renewable energy program.

Blue Sky provides an easy way for Rocky Mountain Power's residential and business customers to support renewable energy in the region and in local communities. Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky renewable energy is sold in 100 kilowatt-hour block increments for as little as \$1.95 per month. About 31,700 Rocky Mountain Power customers in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming currently buy Blue Sky renewable energy.

"It's so gratifying when a community like Lava Hot Springs and our Blue Sky customers can come together to help make a local renewable energy project like this possible and benefit the environment," said Glen Pond, customer and community manager for Rocky Mountain Power. "This solar-powered fire station is the type of tangible, renewable power project that our customers who participate in the Blue Sky program want to support. More than three percent of our customers in Lava Hot Springs currently buy Blue Sky renewable energy, well above the average participation rate in Idaho."

The firehouse's 2.58-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system was designed by Keller Associates of Pocatello, Idaho. The solar modules and a bidirectional meter were installed by Creative Energies, LLC of Lander, Wyo. The system is connected to the power grid through a net metering agreement with Rocky Mountain Power, allowing the fire station to lower its annual electric bill and receive credit for any excess power produced.

Lava Fire Station Solar Project Ribbon Cutting

- Who:** Community leaders, volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, Rocky Mountain Power; residents and news media are invited to attend.
- What:** Ribbon cutting celebration for a new solar energy system installed at Lava Hot Springs fire station
- When:** Thursday, Feb. 18 at 10:00 a.m.
- Where:** Lava Hot Springs Fire Station, 10125 E. Maughan Road, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

About Rocky Mountain Power

Rocky Mountain Power is headquartered in Salt Lake City and provides electric service to more than 982,000 customers in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. As part of PacifiCorp, one of the lowest-cost electricity producers in the United States, Rocky Mountain Power and Pacific Power provide approximately 1.7 million customers in six Western states with reliable, efficient energy. The company works to meet growing energy demand while protecting and enhancing the environment. Visit www.rockymountainpower.net.

About Blue Sky

Blue Sky was named 2007 Green Power Program of the Year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. The U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory ranks the company's Blue Sky program third in the nation in the number of customers buying renewable power, and third in the nation for renewable power sales volume. To learn more about Blue Sky or to sign up, visit www.rockymountainpower.net/bluesky or call 1-800-769-3717.