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### **Energy Trust of Oregon announces new incentives for small wind systems**

*Financial incentive will be based on annual estimated output*

PORTLAND, Ore. — May 22, 2012 — Small wind generation systems are getting a lot of attention from rural land and business owners who want to generate their own clean, renewable energy. Energy Trust of Oregon has recently updated its small wind incentives to help system owners get the most from their investment.

Energy Trust's new small wind incentive is based on estimated annual energy output. The incentive is in effect for all systems approved by Energy Trust after May 1, 2012. Energy Trust's incentive is up to \$5 per estimated annual kilowatt hour (kWh) of the annual estimated output, up to 9,500 kWh per year. When a system has an annual estimated output of more than 9,500 kWh per year, the incentive will be a base of \$47,500 plus \$1.75 for each kWh over 9,500 kWh. The incentive is capped at 60 percent of total project cost. Energy Trust has provided incentives for more than 30 small wind turbines in Oregon in the past four years.

"The right turbine in the wrong location won't perform as well as the right turbine in the optimal location," said Chris Dearth, senior project manager, Energy Trust. "By calculating the incentive on estimated output we'll encourage system owners to identify the best site for their turbine. With more advanced resource assessment tools, we can also provide a more accurate estimate for what level of generation owners can expect."

Energy Trust can offer customers enhanced wind resource information through a resource assessment tool from Wind Analytics, Inc., to estimate average annual output for the incentive calculation. Energy Trust can also provide incentives for monitoring equipment—50 percent of cost, up to \$500 for manual reporting and \$2,000 for web-based.

For more information about Energy Trust's small wind incentives and technical assistance available to Oregon customers of Portland General Electric and Pacific Power, visit [www.energytrust.org/smallwind](http://www.energytrust.org/smallwind) or call Chris Dearth at 503-459-4071.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and tapping renewable resources. Our services, cash incentives and energy solutions have helped participating customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas save more than \$1 billion on energy bills. Our work helps keep energy costs as low as possible, creates jobs and builds a sustainable energy future. Learn more at [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org) or call 1-866-368-7878.

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