



West Linn Paper Company Increases Corporate Commitment to Renewable Energy
Company Joins EPA's Green Power Partnership

West Linn, OR – November 18, 2009– West Linn Paper today announced it has increased its commitment to renewable energy by purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) for 2009 and 2010. Additionally, West Linn Paper has just been accepted into the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Green Power Partnership* program. The purchase offsets about 3% of the company's annual electricity use for its corporate offices and manufacturing facilities.

The *Green Power Partnership* is a voluntary program supporting the increased use of green power to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use. Program participants have voluntarily purchased billions of kilowatt-hours of green power annually. These participants represent a wide variety of organizations such as Fortune 500 companies, small and medium sized businesses, colleges and universities and local, state and federal governments.

"We are thrilled to be participating in the EPA's Green Power Partnership," said Penny Machinski, Environmental Manager at West Linn Paper Company. "We've made good progress with energy conservation projects recently, reducing our fuel demand by 13% since 2005, and the Green Power Partnership provides a new tool to help us demonstrate to our employees, customers and community, that environmental sustainability is core to our business practices."

The purchase of RECs is just one of the many elements of West Linn Paper's overall corporate sustainability initiative. Other environmental best-practices include: working closely with all pulp suppliers to ensure responsible forest management; consistently exceeding regulatory requirements in water quality, quantity and temperature; taking a progressive approach to reduce energy use and improve air quality; improving waste material recycling; and encouraging active participation among all employees. This is the seventh year West Linn Paper has purchased RECs from BEF, making them one of the early adopters of corporate environmental stewardship practices.

Each REC purchased by West Linn Paper Company represents one megawatt-hour (MWh) of renewable electricity generated and delivered to the power grid. This energy will displace the generation of conventional electricity throughout the power system and reduce emissions into the atmosphere. West Linn Paper Company's purchase supports enough clean energy to power almost 374 homes for one year and help keep at least 2,600 metric tons of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere.

"BEF is proud to continue this partnership with a company that demonstrates such a strong commitment to the environment," said Margie Gardner, CEO at BEF.

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About West Linn Paper Company

West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated free-sheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the only coated free-sheet manufacturer in the western United States. The high-quality Sonoma[®] and Capistrano[®] brands are well-known and well-respected in the printing industry for their print quality and runnability. West Linn Paper Company offers both FSC- and SFI-certified products and the Nature Web[®] and Nature Plus[®] lines deliver environmentally sustainable, FSC-certified recycled papers with 10% to 30% PCW content. West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, direct mail, magazines, catalogs and book publishing. For more information visit: www.westlinnpaper.com

About the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF)

Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) is an entrepreneurial nonprofit that is creating a more sustainable future by investing now in clean energy and fresh water. When customers purchase BEF's independently certified carbon offsets and renewable energy certificates, they support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the development of new renewable energy facilities. Additionally, their purchase supports long-term watershed restoration and renewable energy education for students and communities nationwide because BEF reinvests its net revenue to fund its Model Watershed and Solar 4R Schools programs. Since its inception in Portland, Ore. in 1998, BEF has been a pioneer in helping people and companies become better stewards of the environment. For more information, see: www.b-e-f.org/

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