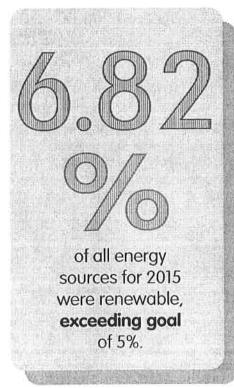
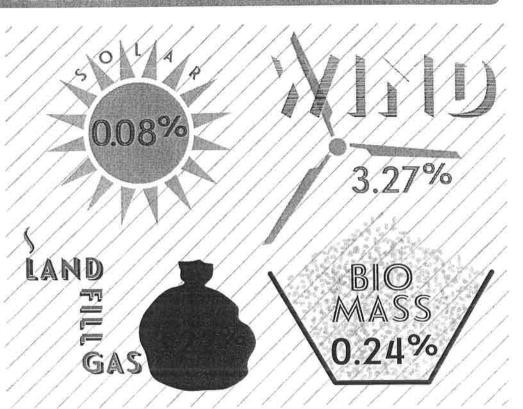
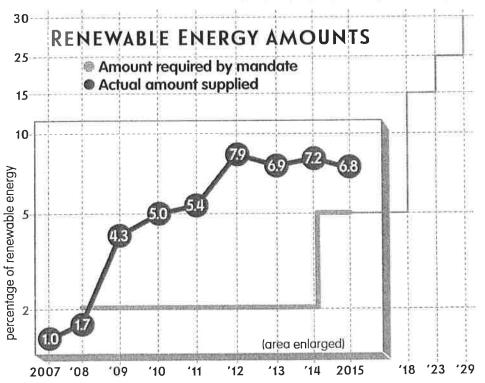


# Renewable Energy Report

COLUMBIA WATER & LIGHT







# \$3.38 million

(allowable cost limit)

#### **COST LIMIT:**

Renewable energy cannot cause electric rates to increase more than 3% above what rates would be with non-renewable energy.

# \$1.45 million

(amount spent = 42.8% of cost limit)

2015

Extra spent on renewable energy

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# 2016 Renewable Energy Report

## Columbia Water & Light

In November 2004, Columbians approved a renewable energy ordinance for the city's power supply portfolio. The ordinance mandates Columbia Water & Light purchase increasing levels of energy from renewable resources. Each year, the utility is required to submit a plan outlining compliance with the ordinance. The Water & Light Advisory Board and the Environment and Energy Commission review the report before it goes to the Columbia City Council for approval of the report after holding a public hearing.

## Renewable Energy Overview

In 2015, Columbia had  $6.8\overline{2\%}$  of the electric portfolio generated from renewable sources. The renewable portfolio comes from wind (3.27%), landfill gas (3.22%), biomass (0.24%) and solar (0.08%). The total amount exceeds the requirement for 2015 of 5% by 1.82%. The additional cost is 41.8% of what is allowed by the renewable energy ordinance.

#### 2015 Renewable Energy Sources

Columbia system load: 1,184,878 megawatt hours (MWH) Renewable energy total: 80,796 megawatt hours or 6.82%

- Bluegrass Ridge wind energy: 1.09% of electric system @ \$68.52/MWH
- Crystal Lake wind energy: 2.18% of electric system @ \$49.60/MWH
- Jefferson City landfill gas: 2.01% of electric system @ \$53.00/MWH
- Columbia landfill gas: 1.21% of electric system @ \$63.72/MWH
- Waste wood: 0.24% of electric system @ \$38.52/MWH (fuel cost only)
- Free Power Solar: 0.03% of the electric system @ \$54.95/MWH
- Net Metered Customer Production: 0.03% of the electric system. The average retail rate for net metered energy was \$90.17/MWH.
- Solar One: 0.00% of the electric system (42 MWH). Solar One program costs were covered by customers subscribing to the program.
- West Ash Solar Field: 0.01% of the electric system @ \$62.30/MWH

#### 2015 Renewable Energy Supply Activities

- The West Ash Solar Field rated at 267.8 kilowatts began production in August 2015.
- There was a 54% reduction in energy production from biomass during 2015 due to the discontinuation of solid-fuel firing at the Municipal Power Plant in September of 2015. The plant no longer uses coal due to new federal regulations and the age of the equipment.
- There was a 55% increase in the rated capacity of customer installed photovoltaic systems during 2015.
- Issues with the cooling systems for two units decreased the Columbia Landfill Gas Plant production of electricity.
- A Request for Proposals for wind energy resources with a minimum annual production of 60,000 megawatt hours was released in December 2015. Responses will be evaluated in early 2016.

### Renewable Energy Ordinance Requirements

According to the current standards, the city shall generate or purchase electricity generated from eligible renewable energy sources at the following levels: 2% of electric retail sales by December 31, 2007, 5% of electric retail sales by December 31, 2012, 15% of electric retail sales by December 31, 2017, 25% of electric retail sales by December 31, 2022 and 30% of electric retail sales by December 31, 2028

The renewable energy ordinance was revised by the Columbia City Council on January 6, 2014 to increase the required amounts of renewable energy in the future. The full text of the Renewable Energy Standard and the approved list of renewable resources are listed in the appendix of this report.

2015 Renewable Energy Production Amounts

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=	Annu	%	System	8.47%	8.03%	7.99%	7.87%	7.77%	7.15%	%89.9	6.50%	6.44%	6.58%	6.74%	6.82%		
otal	Renew	MWH's		8,942	7,649	7,180	6,058	6,633	4,799	5,445	6,160	6,408	6,961	7,281	7,280	80,796	6.82%
Solar	One	MWH's		2.92	2.52	3.83	3.97	4.16	3.77	4.29	4.39	4.13	3.44	2.52	1.99	42	%00'0
West	Ash	Solar	MWH's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.28	40.24	33.02	23.90	17.86	119	0.01%
Net	Meter	Solar	MWH's	21.39	16.82	34.00	37.68	40.59	37.73	43.38	44.61	40.74	34.32	24.38	18.24	394	0.03%
Free	Power	Solar	MWH's	28.06	25.83	36.35	38.90	40.28	40.25	43.87	43.11	42.30	33.50	23.54	17.45	413	0.03%
Waste	Mood	MWH's		982	127	0	0	0	0	595	812	338	0	0	0	2,854	0.24%
Jeff City	Landfill	MWH's		2,024	1,910	1,879	2,094	2,157	1,620	2,009	1,996	1,965	1,986	1,914	2,225	23,779	2.01%
Columbi	a Landfill	MWH's		1,605	1,744	1,650	1,475	1,040	1,020	1,003	927	958	1,122	818	266	14,359	1.21%
Crystal	Lake	Wind	MWH's	2,777	2,784	2,384	1,175	2,316	1,329	1,291	1,779	2,041	2,609	2,798	2,603	25,889	2.18%
Bluegras	s Wind	MWH's		1,501	1,039	1,193	1,233	1,035	748	455	549	826	1,140	1,676	1,400	12,947	1.09%
System	MWH's			105,552	101,106	90,810	81,568	90,340	107.377	122.348	114.671	106.316	86,400	84,283	94,107	1,184,878	
Month				1-15	2-15	3-15	4-15	5-15	6-15	7-15	8-15	9-15	10-15	11-15	12-15	Total	Percent of Total

Note: Energy production amounts are listed in megawatt hours (MWH)

Costs of Renewable Energy

As outlined in Section 27-106(b) of the Renewable Energy Standard ordinance, renewable energy cannot cause electric rates to increase more than 3% above what rates would be with non-renewable energy. The 3% impact on rates limit is determined as 3% of total revenue from regulated rate sources. An outside utility consultant was hired in 2014 to review the cost impact of renewable energy. A copy of this report can be found in the appendix.

The City of Columbia has a fiscal year that does not match the calendar year outlined in the Renewable Energy Standard. Renewable energy costs for this report include information from January through September of the prior fiscal year and October through December of the current fiscal year. For calendar year 2015, the additional cost to address the renewable portfolio requirement was \$1,446,068.35 and the limit was \$3,375,234.01, as outlined in the following tables. The additional money spent on renewable energy was 42.8% of what was allowed according to the ordinance.

The latest change in costs for 2015 was due to:

The wholesale capacity cost of electricity dropped

The Columbia Landfill Gas Plant produced less energy due to issues with the cooling system for two of the
generators, scheduled outages for maintenance and the commissioning of the third generator. The fixed
cost for the plant therefore impacted the overall cost for this energy more than in previous years.

Cost of 2015 Renewable Energy Portfolio

Renewable Resource	Total 2015 MWH's	Additional Cost/(Savings) Per MWH	Total Impact on Rates
Bluegrass Ridge Wind (Associated Electric)	12,947	\$43.96	\$569,150.12
Crystal Lake Wind (NextEra)	25,889	\$39.09	\$1,012,001.01
Columbia Landfill	14,359	\$2.11	\$30,297.49
Jefferson City Landfill (Ameresco)	23,779	(\$8.61)	(\$204,737.19)
Wood at Columbia Power Plant	2,854	(\$25.42)	(\$72,548.68)
Free Power Photovoltaic Production	413	\$12.86	\$5,311.18
Net Metered Photovoltaic Production	394	\$48.99	\$19,302.06
West Ash Solar Field Photovoltaic Production	119	\$21.68	\$2,579.92
Solar One Photovoltaic Production	42	(\$41.18)	(\$1,729.56)
Total Renewable Resource Impact on Rates			\$1,359,626.35
2015 Photovoltaic Rebates to Customers			\$52,872
Total 2015 Renewable Standard Impact on Rates			\$1,446,068.35

Maximum Renewable Portfolio Cost Calculations

Revenue Source	January – September (FY15)	October – December (FY16)
Residential	\$36,694,127.17	\$9,744,428.01
Commercial/Industrial	\$42,475,108.11	\$12,868,462.39
Street Lights	\$44,404.56	\$23,335.38
Public Authority	\$7,024,761.43	\$2,353,662.55
Inter-Departmental	\$951,743.24	\$327,767.54
Total Revenue During Calendar Year	2015	\$112,507,800.38
3% Impact Limit on Rates		\$3,375,234.01

#### Calculating Renewable Energy Costs

Renewable and non-renewable energy prices are divided into the four resource categories below. The cost or savings associated with a renewable resource is determined through comparison with cost of the non-renewable resource(s) in the same category. Definitions of the types of electric supply resources are listed at the beginning of each category.

- Base Load Resources
  - A dispatchable resource that provides capacity and energy at a high capacity factor, on a year-round hasis
  - Current non-renewable base load resources
    - i. Sikeston
    - ii. latan II
    - iii. Prairie State units 1 and 2
  - c. Current renewable base load resources
    - i. Columbia landfill gas plant
    - ii. Ameresco landfill gas plant contract
  - d. All-in cost (capacity, energy and transmission) comparisons are calculated for a monthly average cost per megawatt hour. The cost per megawatt hour variance between each renewable resource and nonrenewable resources are applied to the total monthly megawatt hour output of each renewable resource to determine the annual renewable cost variation. The average non-renewable cost in 2015 was \$61.61/MWH
    - i. Columbia landfill gas plant
      - Produced 14,359 megawatt hours
      - The average cost was \$63.72/MWH
      - There was a renewable resource cost of \$2.11/MWH (\$63.72-\$61.61)
      - Columbia landfill gas impact on rates for 2015 was a cost of \$30,297.49 (14,359 MWH @ \$2.11/MWH)
    - ii. Jefferson City (Ameresco) landfill gas plant
      - Produced 23,779 megawatt hours
      - The cost was \$53,00/MWH
      - There was a renewable resource savings of \$8.61/MWH (\$53.00-\$61.61)
      - Jefferson City landfill gas impact on rates for 2015 was a savings of \$204,737.19 (23,779 MWH @ \$8.61/MWH)
- 2. Intermittent Resources
  - a. A limited or non-dispatchable resource that may provide capacity and energy.
  - b. Current renewable intermittent resources
    - i. Bluegrass Ridge wind
    - ii. Crystal Lake wind
    - iii. Free Power
    - iv. Net metered customer production
    - v. Solar One
    - vi. West Ash Solar Field
  - c. All-in cost (energy and transmission) for intermittent resources will be compared to the appropriate Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) Locational Marginal Price (LMP) for energy at the pricing node where Columbia Water & Light takes delivery of the energy. The renewable cost per megawatt hour will include any additional fees invoiced under the contract, such as transmission costs. The cost per megawatt hour variance between the renewable energy and the market energy will be applied to the total megawatt hour output of the renewable resources to determine the annual renewable cost variation. Qualified intermittent resources are credited with a capacity offset value to recognize the corresponding reduction in capacity requirements during peak periods. The capacity credit values are: \$3.10 per MWH for wind resources and \$15.80 per MWH for solar resources.
    - i. Bluegrass Ridge: This resource in not in MISO so a fixed charge for transmission to MISO is necessary in addition to the purchase price. For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Columbia LMP for the hours when this wind resource was producing energy was \$21.46 per megawatt hour. The total cost of energy, including transmission, was \$68.52 per megawatt hour. The difference in these two values is the renewable cost of \$47.06 per megawatt hour.

- Produced 12,947 megawatt hours at a renewable cost of \$47.06 per MWH
- A capacity credit of \$3.10 per MWH reduces the renewable cost to \$43.96 per MWH
   Total renewable expense and impact on rates for 2015 was \$569,150.12 (12,947
   MWH's @ \$43.96/MWH)
- ii. Crystal Lake: This resource is in MISO so no fixed transmission charge exists. This contract requires Columbia Water & Light to pay for "deemed" energy. This is energy that would have been produced had Columbia Water & Light not requested production curtailment due to a negative LMP. A negative LMP means that Columbia Water & Light would be paying the energy market to take the energy. Columbia Water & Light currently requests curtailment at negative twenty dollars (-\$20.00). For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Crystal Lake LMP for the hours when this wind resource was producing energy was \$10.51 per megawatt hour. The total cost of energy, including deemed energy, was \$49.60 per megawatt hour. The difference in these two values is the renewable cost of \$39.09 per megawatt hour.
  - Produced 25,889 megawatt hours at a renewable cost of \$39.09 per MWH
  - This resource does not qualify for a capacity credit because purchase occurs at Crystal Lake
  - Total renewable expense and impact on rates for 2015 was \$1,012,001.01 (25,889 MWH's @ \$39.09/MWH)
- Free Power: These photovoltaic systems are connected with the Columbia Water & Light electric distribution system, so they operate behind the meter in MISO. For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Columbia LMP for the hours when the Free Power solar resource was producing energy was \$26.27 per megawatt hour. The Free Power contract price is \$54.95 per megawatt hour. The difference in these two values is the renewable cost of \$28.66 per megawatt hour.
  - Produced 413 megawatt hours at a renewable cost of \$28.66 per MWH
  - A capacity credit of \$15.80 per MWH reduces the renewable cost to \$12.86 per MWH Total renewable expense and impact on rates for 2015 was \$5,311.18 (413 MWH's @ \$12.86/MWH)
  - Net metered customer production: These customer-owned photovoltaic developments are also connected with the Columbia Water & Light electric distribution system, so they operate behind the meter in MISO. For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Columbia LMP for the hours when the customer-owned solar resources were producing energy was \$25.38 per megawatt hour. The average retail energy price is \$90.17 per megawatt hour. The difference in these two values is the renewable cost of \$64.79 per megawatt hour.
    - Produced 394 megawatt hours at a renewable cost of \$64.79 per MWH
    - A capacity credit of \$15.80 per MWH reduces the renewable cost to \$48.99 per MWH
    - Total renewable expense and impact on rates for 2015 was \$19,302.06 (394 MWH @ \$48.99/MWH)
- v. Solar One: Production is connected with the Columbia Water & Light electric distribution system and operates behind the meter in MISO. For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Columbia LMP for the hours when the Solar One resources were producing energy was \$25.38 per MWH. Voluntary customer subscriptions pay for the cost of this energy so there is no cost to the utility. The savings to the utility is \$25.38 per MWH.
  - Produced 42 megawatt hours at a renewable savings of \$25.38 per MWH
  - A capacity credit of \$15.80 per MWH increases the renewable savings to \$41.18 per MWH
  - Total renewable savings and impact on rates was a savings of \$1,729.56 (42 MWH's @ \$41.18/MWH)
- vi. West Ash Solar Field: The West Ash Solar Field began production in August 2015.

  Production is connected with the Columbia Water & Light electric distribution system and operates behind the meter in MISO. For calendar year 2015, the average real-time Columbia LMP for the hours when the West Ash Solar Field was producing energy was \$24.82 per

MWH. Based on the installed cost of the system and estimated energy production over a 25 year period with a 0.5% degradation rate and no cost of money or operation and maintenance cost included, the average cost was \$62.30 per MWH. The difference in these two values is the renewable cost of \$37.48 per megawatt hour.

- Produced 119 megawatt hours at a renewable cost of \$37.48 per MWH
- A capacity credit of \$15.80 per MWH reduces the renewable cost to \$21.68 per MWH
- Total renewable expense and impact on rates for 2015 is \$2,579.92 (119 MWH @ \$21.68/MWH)
- 3. Load Following and/or Ancillary Service Resources
  - a. The Columbia Power Plant is a resource that serves multiple functions. This resource does not provide energy production on a year round basis and should not be considered as a base load resource. For comparison of non-renewable and renewable energy costs, only the variation in the cost of fuel will be utilized for this resource. Adjustment will be made for BTU content of each fuel source to determine a cost per megawatt hour. The variance between the cost per megawatt hour of non-renewable fuel and cost per megawatt hour of renewable fuel will be applied to the total megawatt hour output attributed to the renewable fuel to determine the annual renewable cost variation.
    - i. Energy cost of coal in 2015 was \$63.94/MWH
    - ii. Energy cost of wood
      - Produced 2,854 megawatt hours at \$38.52 per MWH
      - There was a renewable resource savings in 2015 of \$25.42/MWH (\$63.94 \$38.52)
      - Power plant waste wood impact on rates for 2015 is a savings of \$72,548.68 (2,854 MWH @ \$25.42/MWH)
- 4. Peaking Resources
  - a. All electric utilities are required to maintain resources to meet the megawatt system peak requirements plus a reserve requirement. This capacity requirement is typically met with the lowest cost resource available. The cost is calculated and/or paid on a per megawatt basis, not on a megawatt hour basis. These resources fulfill a specific requirement that typically does not include energy production. Nonrenewable capacity resources are the Columbia Energy Center and two natural gas generators at the Columbia Power Plant. No renewable resources are in place only for capacity purposes. For the purpose of evaluating non-renewable versus renewable energy costs, capacity resources are excluded from the calculations.
- 5. The total additional cost of renewable energy is the sum of the calculations described in section 1, 2 and 3 above which equals \$1,446,068.35.

# 2015 Renewable Energy Portfolio Details Bluegrass Ridge Wind Energy

Columbia started receiving wind power from turbines near King City, Missouri on September 5, 2007. The Columbia contract is for one ninth of the electric output from the Bluegrass Ridge Wind Farm from Associated Electric Cooperative. At the maximum output, Columbia Water & Light could receive up to 6.3 megawatts. In 2015, Columbia received 12,947 megawatt hours of power from this contract or 1.09% of the electric system total. The amount of wind energy Columbia receives is variable. There is a fixed transmission cost for this energy, so it is more expensive when less energy is received. The average cost for 2015 for wind power from the Bluegrass Ridge Wind Farm was \$68.52 per megawatt hour.

#### **Crystal Lake Wind Energy**

Columbia Water & Light has a 20 year contract for 21 megawatts of power produced at the Crystal Lake III Wind Energy Center located in Hancock County, Iowa. In 2015, the utility received 51,763 megawatt hours from NextEra Energy Resources. The University of Missouri purchased 25,874 megawatt hours of the contracted energy from the utility. This arrangement can be terminated by either party at any time. Columbia Water & Light's portion of the contract was 25,889 megawatt hours which represents 2.18% of the electric system total. The total cost of energy, including deemed energy, was \$49.60 per megawatt hour. Deemed energy is energy that would have been produced had Columbia Water & Light not requested production curtailment due to a negative Locational Marginal Price (LMP). A

negative LMP means that Columbia Water & Light would be paying the energy market to take the energy. Columbia Water & Light currently requests curtailment at negative twenty dollars (-\$20.00). The fixed cost of the wind energy delivered to Columbia started at \$42.50 per megawatt hour in 2012, increased to \$43.50 in 2013, \$44.50 in 2014, and \$45.00 in 2015. For the remaining years of the contract, the price per MWH will remain at \$45.00.

#### Columbia Landfill Gas

The Columbia Landfill Gas Energy Plant was constructed within the \$3 million budgeted amount through the 2006 bond issue. Electricity is generated by using the gas created from decomposing waste at the landfill. The amount of energy received from the Columbia Landfill Gas Energy Plant is fairly consistent aside from times when there is routine maintenance work. A third generator was added in October 2013 since the amount of gas generation had increased with the addition of a bioreactor. The plant can currently generate 3.1 megawatts of renewable power. Energy production at this facility was down in 2015 due to heat exchanger issues (cooling system), scheduled outages for maintenance and the addition of the third generator. Upgrades for the cooling system are planned for these units. In 2015, the landfill gas plant produced 14,359 megawatt hours of energy which was 1.21% of Columbia's energy system total at a cost of \$63.72 per megawatt hour. The reduced production means the fixed costs of the project had more of an impact on the cost per megawatt hour. There is room for a fourth generator to be installed when the gas production increases and is budgeted for future years with bond funds. With four generators, electric production could grow to over 2% of Columbia's energy system total over the next several years.

#### **Jefferson City Landfill Gas**

Columbia Water & Light has a 20-year power purchase agreement with Ameresco for 3.2 megawatts of energy from the landfill gas plant at the Jefferson City landfill. Columbia started receiving energy from the plant in April 2009. The total amount of energy received in 2015 was 23,779 megawatt hours which is 2.01% of the electric system total. The utility paid \$53.00 per megawatt hour for the electricity. Both Columbia and Jefferson City are located within the MISO territory so transmission fees do not substantially change the cost of the energy.

#### **Wood Fuel at the Columbia Power Plant**

Columbia Water & Light started burning waste wood along with coal at the local power plant in 2008. The wood chips are a residual waste produced from Missouri sawmills. The wood is a by-product so it is considered a carbon neutral energy source. Using this form of biomass has allowed the utility to address lower emission requirements and rate the effectiveness of a biomass fuel source.

In 2015, the Columbia Power Plant as a whole produced 2.4% of the city's electric portfolio from coal, natural gas and waste wood. Of the coal/wood electricity produced, the city used an 11.4% mixture of waste wood along with the coal. The energy produced by waste wood was 2,854 megawatt hours which is 0.24% of Columbia's electric portfolio. Columbia stopped burning coal in September 2015 due to new federal regulations and the age of some of the equipment.

The fuel cost per megawatt hour of power produced from waste wood was \$38.52 while coal during that same time period was \$63.94. Determining the other related costs of producing energy from waste wood is complicated. The Columbia Power Plant is used as a capacity resource and provides a number of different functions. The plant does not have one dedicated function like the Columbia landfill gas plant. The operations and maintenance costs are not accounted for by the generating unit and the fuel type at the Columbia Power Plant. The operations and maintenance costs for wood and coal are similar. The fuel cost for waste wood is lower than coal so using a wood mixture is a cost effective option for the utility at this time.

To evaluate the effectiveness of burning more biomass at the plant without changing any of the equipment, biomass products have been investigated. In October 2012 a test burn of 176 tons of a Miscanthus based product was conducted. Columbia Water & Light continues to search for a biomass solution for the Municipal Power Plant and will present any new options to the Water & Light Advisory Board, the City Council and customers in the future

#### Free Power

The Columbia City Council approved a lease agreement with the Free Power Company, Inc. in December 2010 for the electricity generated from photovoltaic modules at \$54.95 per megawatt hour. In 2015, the Free Power solar projects produced 413 megawatt hours which are 0.03% of Columbia's electric portfolio. The systems are located at the COLT

Railroad's Transload Facility and are rated at 0.33 megawatts. Free Power has not made any new installations in since 2012. Columbia Water & Light is only paying for the electricity generated from the panels.

#### **Net Metered Customer Production**

The Columbia City Council passed an ordinance in 2007 to allow customers to enter into a net metering agreement with Columbia Water & Light. During 2015, there was a substantial increase in customers installing their own photovoltaic systems. The number of net metering customers grew from 36 to 51 and the rated capacity grew from 0.287 megawatts to 0.446 megawatts. In 2015, the estimated output of the net metered sites was 394 megawatt hours and the estimated renewable cost impact on rates was \$19,302.06.

A net metering arrangement keeps track of the amount of electricity being consumed or being produced for the Columbia system by the customer. At the end of the month, the customer is billed for the difference or the 'net' amount of electricity used over the month. Columbia Water & Light credits the net metering customer's account for the electricity provided to the Columbia system at the following rates:

- Solar: Columbia Water & Light will pay the customer's current electric rate for the delivered solar generated
  electricity when the utility retains the Renewable Energy Credits (REC). If the customer wants to keep the
  solar RECs, the customer will receive a credit based on the avoided average energy market price at the
  Columbia pricing node. There is a 100 kilowatt capacity cap on the net metering arrangement.
- Other: For non-solar renewable generated energy, the customer shall receive a credit based on the avoided average energy market price at the Columbia pricing node.

An Interconnection and Net Metering Agreement must be in place for the customer to receive a credit for the energy they deliver to Columbia Water & Light. For billing periods in which the net energy is less than zero, credits for the amount of net energy will be applied to the account. Credits can be carried over and applied to the next billing cycle except for the March billing in which any credits remaining after the March billing will be removed without compensation to the customer.

Columbia Water & Light offers a one-time rebate for qualifying photovoltaic systems of \$500 per kilowatt up to ten kilowatts. If a customer wants to install a larger system, requests must be approved by the Columbia Water & Light Director. Customers installing a solar water heating system can qualify for up to \$800 in rebates.

In calendar year 2015, \$52,872 in solar electric system rebates were provided. In 2014, Solar Energy Loans were made available to customers with the same terms as the existing Home Performance with Energy Star Loan program. To be eligible for a Solar Energy Loan, customers' property must meet specific energy efficiency improvement requirements. In calendar year 2015, there was two solar loan issued.

#### West Ash Solar Field

The solar electric field on Bernadette was expanded by Columbia Water & Light staff members in 2015. In order to keep the cost down for this 267.8 kilowatt project, Columbia Water & Light employees were used to install the panels. The project was energized in August and the energy production will be closely monitored. The field produced 119 megawatt hours or 0.01% of the electric portfolio at a cost of \$62.30 per megawatt hour. A community solar project is being considered by the utility at this site which will enable Columbia Water & Light customers to receive part of the solar energy output to power their homes and businesses. The City of Columbia Legal Department is reviewing the parameters of the program and customer agreements. More details about community solar will be announced in the spring of 2016.

#### Solar One

Columbia Water & Light started the Solar One program in November 2008 as a way for customers to have an affordable way to invest in local solar energy projects. At the time the program was started the price of solar panels did not fall below the cost threshold in the renewable energy ordinance. This prohibited the utility from starting projects with rate payer funds so the voluntary program was established. Solar One helped the community start developing local projects which led to Columbia receiving national attention for being a supporter of solar energy.

Energy for the Solar One program is generated through solar systems located on city-owned property or at Columbia businesses. Columbia Water & Light partners with local businesses since commercial buildings have large roof tops with good solar exposure. Businesses can also take advantage of incentives for installing solar panels that are not available to the utility. After the business installs a system, Columbia Water & Light purchases the solar energy through a power purchase agreement. The cost of these power purchase agreements is paid for by customers who voluntarily pay an extra \$3.35 a month.

In fiscal year 2015 the installations at the West Ash Water Pumping Station, Quaker Oats and Bright City Lights were rated at 0.0328 megawatts and produced 42 megawatt hours of electricity. Subscriptions to the Solar One program raised \$8,522 and the purchased power costs were \$8,628. The money raised by Solar One donations is kept within the Solar One account and is not used for other utility or city projects. Columbia Water & Light's staff is reviewing the Solar One program and researching different options for customer based solar energy programs. The Solar One program could be combined with a community solar program in 2016.

# Renewable Energy Education Advancing Renewables in the Midwest

On April 6 and 7, 2015, the 10th annual Advancing Renewables in the Midwest conference hosted around 200 attendees. The Missouri Energy Plan was reviewed, and the financial aspects of renewable power, biomass initiatives and energy efficiency were topics of discussion at the conference. The conference was hosted by Columbia Water & Light, the University of Missouri's Department of Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences and the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The 2016 conference will be held at the University of Missouri on April 11 and 12.

#### **Columbia Public Schools Solar Installations**

Energy from the sun is helping to power the Columbia Area Career Center and Benton Elementary School, providing a unique learning opportunity for students. In 2007, Columbia Water & Light purchased a 2-kilowatt photovoltaic system for the Career Center which generates around 2,700 kilowatt-hours of electricity for the building annually. In January 2014, Benton Elementary School utilized a \$5,000 grant from the UPS Foundation to purchase and install a 1.5-kilowatt system, expected to produce approximately 1,600 kilowatt-hours per year. Information about the amount of solar radiation, weather conditions and electricity output are available to students at both sites.

# **Civic and Environmental Group Outreach**

In 2015, Columbia Water & Light staff visited a number of groups to present information about Columbia's renewable energy portfolio and the availability of net metering to customers. At Earth Day, the Sustainable Living Fair and other events, over 900 attendees were able to receive information about installing solar systems from utility representatives. Paid advertising was also placed to inform customers about the availability of solar rebates, low-interest loans and net metering agreements.

#### K-12 Educational Programs

Renewable energy is often a focus of outreach efforts in the local public and private schools along with public events and approximately 1,300 young people were reached. In April, 900 students and their families, and in May, 175 Boy Scouts learned the basics of solar electricity by making their own solar cells from copper sheets and sports drinks. Students at Battle High School learned about solar water heating and electricity as part of the Bottle Battle engineering project. In September, Columbia Water & Light staff participated in the Benton Elementary School STEM event and demonstrated how solar panels work. Water & Light staff presented information about renewable energy to students at West and Jefferson Middle Schools. Students at Jefferson Middle School, participating in the Regional Future Cities competition with assistance and mentorship from Columbia Water & Light representatives, have incorporated power generation from landfill gas in their submission.

# **Future Renewable Energy Production**

It is estimated that over 6.5% of Columbia's electric portfolio will come from renewable resources in 2016. This will surpass the renewable energy ordinance mandate of 5%. In order to increase the amount of renewable energy to meet future mandates, Columbia Water & Light issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for wind energy in late 2015. That RFP will be evaluated in 2016 with the possibility of an additional wind resource being added to the renewable energy supplies. Additional RFP options will be investigated in 2016.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), the Boiler Act and the Coal Combustion Rule, eliminated energy produced by coal at the Municipal Power Plant in 2015. The coal was mixed with wood waste (biomass), so there will be no biomass production in 2016 at the plant.

#### 2016 Estimated Renewable Portfolio

Project	Location	Amount of Energy	%of Portfolio	Cost
Bluegrass Ridge	King City, MO	13,000 MWH	1.09%	\$67/MWH
Crystal Lake wind energy	Hancock County, IA	26,000 MWH	2.18%	\$45/MWH
Jefferson City landfill gas	Jefferson City, MO	22,000 MWH	1.93%	\$53/MWH
Columbia landfill gas	Columbia, MO	16,000 MWH	1.34%	\$55/MWH
Free Power Solar	Columbia, MO	400 MWH	0.03%	\$55/MWH
Net Metered Customer Production	Columbia, MO	400 MWH	0.03%	\$72/MWH
West Ash Solar Field	Columbia, MO	400 MWH	0.03%	\$62/MWH
Solar One	Columbia, MO	40 MWH	0.00%	Paid by customer subscriptions



# Historical Renewable Energy Data 2005 Renewable Energy

The first renewable energy was delivered to Columbia through a short-term contract for landfill gas energy from Illinois.

### **2007 Renewable Energy Production Amounts**

Columbia started receiving wind energy from Bluegrass Ridge.

Month	Total System MWH	Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Total Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
9-07	104,618	592				592	0.6%	
10-07	91,357	1,030				1,030	1.1%	
11-07	84,135	1,153				1,153	1.4%	
12-07	97,985	969				969	1.0%	
TOTAL	378,095	3,744				3,744		

### 2008 Renewable Energy Production Amounts

The initial phase of the landfill gas to energy project was completed in Columbia. The Columbia Power Plant started burning waste wood along with coal. The Solar One program was launched.

Month	System Total MWH	Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Solar MWH	Total Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-08*	102,167	1,080		200			1,080	1.1%	1.1%
2-08*	95,852	671		Series .	W. Tarancana		671	0.7%	0.9%
3-08*	89,178	798					798	0.9%	0.9%
4-08*	83,215	782	100	158	100	TEHN.	940	1.1%	0.9%
5-08*	85,467	485		185		104	670	0.8%	0.9%
6-08*	104,001	321	672	802		YELL !	1,795	1.7%	1.1%
7-08*	116,895	250	874	594			1,718	1.5%	1.1%
8-08*	111,956	229	1,279	821			2,329	2.1%	1.3%
9-08*	92,891	539	1,204	765			2,508	2.7%	1.4%
10-08	83,693	1,169	998	243		0.265	2,410	2.9%	1.5%
11-08	82,509	646	1,216	0		0.362	1,862	2.3%	1.6%
12-08	98,719	1,205	1,039	334		0.294	2,578	2.6%	1.7%
TOTAL	1,146,543	8,128	7,282	3,902	0	1	19,313		

<sup>\*</sup> Cracked blades on the wind turbines lowered production amounts for 9 months for a total of approximately 5,557 megawatt hours.

Note: Solar energy amounts were not included in the totals due to the small amount.

### 2009 Renewable Energy Production Amounts

Columbia started receiving landfill gas energy from Jefferson City.

Month	System Total MWH	Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill	Solar MWH	Total Renew	Monthly % of	Annual % of System
					MWH		MWH	System	
1-09	101,445	979	1,167	853		0.369	2,999	3.0%	3.0%
2-09	83,491	933	1,043	670		0.459	2,646	3.2%	3.1%
3-09	84,038	2,807	1,236	146		0.643	4,189	5.0%	3.7%
4-09	80,857	3,208	1,216	0	1,220	0.610	5,644	7.0%	4.4%
5-09	84,508	2,696	1,083	379	1,427	0.807	5,585	6.6%	4.8%
6-09	104,689	761	1,181	75	1,711	0.831	3,728	3.6%	4.6%
7-09	106,500	480	1,145	175	1,583	0.812	3,383	3.2%	4.4%
8-09	107,081	691	1,113	102	1,729	0.746	3,635	3.4%	4.2%
9-09	89,941	533	402	576	1,590	0.606	3,101	3.4%	4.1%
10-09	83,335	1,279	44	854	1,769	0.373	3,946	4.7%	4.2%
11-09	79,725	1,439	695	76	1,849	0.356	4,059	5.1%	4.3%
12-09	99,645	992	551	1,265	1,352	0.221	4,160	4.2%	4.3%
TOTAL	1,105,255	16,798	10,876	5,171	14,227	7	47,079		

In 2008, the amount of wind energy Columbia received was low due to some of the turbine blades cracking. Due to this shortfall of energy, Associated Electric Cooperative provided the first 6.3 MW of energy produced from the wind farm for March, April and May of 2009 and again in January, February and March of 2010.

# 2010 Renewable Energy Production Amounts

Three additional solar projects were added to the Solar One program.

Month	System Total MWH	Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Solar MWH	Total Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-10	106,770	2,088	1,090	1,119	982	0.233	5,279	4.9%	4.9%
2-10	92,910	2,132	1,112	734	1,656	0.352	5,634	6.1%	5.5%
3-10	86,980	3,327	1,219	623	2,002	0.539	7,172	8.2%	6.3%
4-10	80,544	1,798	1,151	368	1,914	0.694	5,232	6.5%	6.3%
5-10	90,412	1,018	1,135	0	2,212	0.735	4,366	4.8%	6.0%
6-10	114,129	746	1,253	367	1,846	0.781	4,213	3.7%	5.6%
7-10	123,263	523	1,127	495	1,556	0.741	3,702	3.0%	5.1%
8-10	128,815	688	911	773	1,890	0.819	4,263	3.3%	4.8%
9-10	95,840	1,154	832	804	1,744	1.372	4,535	4.7%	4.8%
10-10	83,554	1,107	966	690	2,037	1.335	4,801	5.7%	4.9%
11-10	81,674	1,691	1,196	866	2,058	1.262	5,812	7.1%	5.1%
12-10	100,461	1,068	1,060	593	1,811	0.541	4,533	4.5%	5.0%
TOTAL	1,185,352	17,340	13,052	7,432	21,708	9	59,541		

In 2008, the amount of wind energy Columbia received was low due to some of the turbine blades cracking. Due to this shortfall of energy, Associated Electric Cooperative provided the first 6.3 MW of energy produced from the wind farm for March, April and May of 2009 and again in January, February and March of 2010.

# **2011 Renewable Energy Production Amounts**

Columbia started receiving solar energy through a contract with the Free Power Company.

Month	System Total MWH	Bluegrass Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Solar MWH	Total Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-11	104,370	1,050	1,255	950	2,018	0.7	5,274	5.1%	5.1%
2-11	89,644	1,369	1,043	1,305	1,931	1.2	5,649	6.3%	5.6%
3-11	88,683	1,358	1,269	1,380	2,220	1.9	6,229	7.0%	6.1%
4-11	79,860	1,646	1,187	985	1,685	2.4	5,505	6.9%	6.2%
5-11	88,794	1,363	1,301	0	2,099	2.8	4,766	5.4%	6.1%
6-11	111,595	1,312	771	814	1,510	3.2	4,410	4.0%	5.7%
7-11	137,604	631	1,133	1,389	1,632	3.3	4,788	3.5%	5.2%
8-11	124,170	531	1,116	1,929	1,956	3.0	5,535	4.5%	5.1%
9-11	90,389	874	604	1,350	1,679	2.7	4,510	5.0%	5.1%
10-11	84,257	1,260	1,344	497	1,870	2.4	4,973	5.9%	5.2%
11-11	81,591	1,968	1,299	37	2,033	1.1	5,338	6.5%	5.3%
12-11	92,894	1,407	1,362	1,182	2,215	3.0	6,170	6.6%	5.4%
TOTAL	1,173,851	14,769	13,684	11,818	22,848	28	63,148		

# **2012 Renewable Energy Production Amounts**Columbia started purchasing wind energy from Crystal Lake.

Month	System Total MWH	Bluegrass Wind MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Crystal Lake Wind MWH	Solar MWH	TOTAL Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-12	97,016	1,764	1,260	1,201	2,219	0	5.7	6,450	6.6%	6.6%
2-12	87,788	1,352	1,261	1,129	2,057	1,496	8.7	7,303	8.3%	7.4%
3-12	86,349	1,730	1,442	693	1,661	8,646	19.6	14,192	16.4%	10.3%
4-12	81,262	1,331	1,334	0*	1,887	9,014	21.2	13,584	16.7%	11.8%
5-12	99,813	1,323	1,218	0*	1,749	7,483	28.5	11,791	11.8%	11.8%
6-12	111,843	1,218	1,227	0*	1,658	2,177	29.3	6,310	5.6%	10.6%
7-12	137,598	734	1,328	542	1,551	935	27.8	5,118	3.7%	9.2%
8-12	120,822	661	1,326	1,234	1,719	873	28.4	5,841	4.8%	8.6%
9-12	93,415	756	1,140	722	1,476	885	31.1	5,010	5.4%	8.3%
10-12	86,334	1,418	1,156	443	1,890	1,576	23.0	6,506	7.5%	8.2%
11-12	83,778	1,324	1,300	0*	1,702	1,467	27.9	5,821	6.9%	8.1%
12-12	94,136	1,246	1,248	0*	1,860	1,447	19.8	5,821	6.2%	7.9%
Total MWH	1,180,154	14,844	15,240	5,964	21,429	35,998	271	93,746		
% of Total		1.26%	1.29%	0.51%	1.82%	3.05%	0.02%	7.94%		1

<sup>\*</sup>Waste wood was not used at the Columbia Power Plant while it was down for maintenance and a condition assessment in the spring and during the fall, natural gas was used to generate electricity.

**2013 Renewable Energy Production Amounts**Installed a third generator at the Columbia Landfill Gas Energy Plant

Month	System Total MWH	Bluegrass Wind MWH	Crystal Lake Wind MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Free Power Solar MWH	Net Metered & Solar One MWH	TOTAL Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-13	101,588	1,492	3,038	1,723	1,196	71	23.99	5.55	7,549	7.43%	7.43%
2-13	90,544	1,392	1,418	1,817	964	1,194	27.26	6.31	6,819	7.53%	7.48%
3-13	95,182	1,334	1,740	1,650	803	280	31.37	7.54	5,846	6.14%	7.04%
4-13	84,918	1,360	2,771	2,050	743	688	36.24	10.82	7,659	9.02%	7.49%
5-13	92,147	13,006	2,454	1,803	923	986	41.09	11.95	7,525	8.17%	7.62%
6-13	103,711	1,093	1,898	1,561	1,201	694	46.59	13.30	6,506	6.27%	7.38%
7-13	115,604	667	1,846	1,498	1,194	1,086	49.21	14.29	6,355	5.50%	7.06%
8-13	118,489	534	1,189	2,035	984	1,161	48.02	13.18	5,964	5.03%	6.76%
9-13	103,749	775	2,023	2,010	1,017	1,115	43.12	11.74	6,994	6.74%	6.76%
10-13	88,624	1,309	1,756	1,938	1,576	652	36.74	10.72	7,278	8.21%	6.89%
11-13	88,152	1,561	1,845	1,942	1,557	0*	25.33	7.59	6,938	7.87%	6.97%
12-13	105,775	1,162	2,213	1,813	1,168	1,044	15.33	6.79	7,422	7.02%	6.97%
Total MWH	1,188,483	13,985	24,189	21,840	13,326	8,971	424.29	119.77	82,855	04)	
% of Total		1.18%	2.04%	1.84%	1.12%	0.75%	0.04%	0.01%	6.97%		

<sup>\*</sup>Waste wood was not used at the Columbia Power Plant in November while it was down for regular maintenance.

# 2014 Renewable Energy Production Amounts

Month	System Total MWH	Bluegra ss Wind MWH	Crystal Lake Wind MWH	Jeff City Landfill MWH	Columbia Landfill MWH	Waste Wood MWH	Free Power Solar MWH	Net Metered MWH	Solar One MWH	TOTAL Renew MWH	Monthly % of System	Annual % of System
1-14	113,677	1,882	2,794	1,917	1,418	428	25.2	7.79	2.77	8,475	7.45%	7.45%
2-14	101,423	1,006	2,295	1,825	1,597	1,078	26.55	7.18	2.42	7,837	7.73%	7.58%
3-14	93,794	1,640	2,640	1,461	1,638	566	43.29	13.66	4.24	8,006	8.54%	7.87%
4-14	82,590	1,594	1.989	1,905	1,004	0	38.84	13.25	3.84	6,548	7.93%	7.88%
5-14	96,277	1,042	2,151	1,490	957	0	48.49	18.57	4.43	5,712	5.93%	7.50%
6-14	108,638	875	1,653	1,864	811	1,380	43.25	17.1	4.22	6,648	6.12%	7.25%
7-14	109,772	694	1,703	2,001	1,633	1,316	51.86	20.11	4.82	7,424	6.76%	7.17%
8-14	120,073	518	917	1,808	1,871	1,085	44.17	18.46	4.35	6,266	5.22%	6.89%
9-14	95,125	675	1,253	1,813	1,953	159	39.48	17.59	3.64	5,914	6.22%	6.82%
10-14	84,624	1,266	1,882	1,954	1,903	129	32.75	15.22	3.29	7,185	8.49%	6.96%
11-14	91,886	1,866	3,344	2,049	1,662	0	24.30	16.66	2.62	8,964	9.76%	7.19%
12-14	98,873	841	2,675	1,956	1,819	110	14.66	10.68	1.40	7,428	7.51%	7.22%
Total MWH	1,196,752	13,899	25,295	22,043	18,266	6,251	433	176	42	86,405		
% of Total		1.16%	2.11%	1.84%	1.53%	0.52%	0.04%	0.01%	0.00%	7.22%		

**Approved Sources of Renewable Energy** 

The following sources of renewable energy were approved by the Columbia City Council in March 2006 as sources of compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard ordinance.

Wind Energy: All electricity generated through wind power would qualify as a renewable resource, including wind energy that is stored in any form for later use as electrical power.

Solar Energy: All active solar energy systems would qualify as a renewable resource, including solar photovoltaics, solar water heating, solar space heating, and any other method of using the sun that requires 'active' collection techniques. In this regard 'passive' solar heating, or systems which do not employ the use of mechanical equipment to move or distribute the heat, would not be considered as eligible items.

Biomass Energy: Biomass energy is typically considered to be derived from plants which have accumulated solar energy through photosynthesis. This definition, however, is somewhat open-ended as virtually all our current fossil fuels are derived from plants, even though their life span may have occurred in the geologic past. To create a definition of biomass that would correspond with its commonly understood meaning, biomass energy is considered to be energy derived from plant origin, considering only those plants that have been harvested within the recent past, certainly within the last 100 years.

Columbia Water & Light suggests that eligible biomass energy specifically include (but not be limited to) the following materials:

- Landfill Gas
- Paper based products, such as cardboard and newsprint
- Wood and wood wastes
- Cellulose based products that originate from trees or shrubbery
- Other materials that come directly from trees or plants.

In the event that an energy source would be derived from a mixture of biomass and other non-renewable materials Columbia Water & Light would make a rigorous assessment to determine what energy content of the fuel is biomass derived, and only claim that portion for compliance with the renewable energy ordinance.

Hydropower: By all definitions, hydropower fits the definition of renewable power in that it is renewed by the earth's water cycle.

Geothermal Power: Columbia Water & Light considers that geothermal power, or any energy that may be extracted from the earth, is eligible as a renewable resource. This would only be in reference to active mechanical systems that extract the heat energy from the earth. Passive systems would not be eligible under this definition. It would be the utility's responsibility to provide details on what constitutes energy provided through geothermal power on a case-by-case basis.

Green Tags: The Green Tag system that has originated throughout the country allows a utility to make purchases of Green Tags and thus participate in the development of green, or renewable, energy without actually receiving that energy in the utility's system. In such situations the developer of the renewable resource is paid an agreed-to amount for the Green Tag for each Megawatt-hour sold; however, the electricity is not delivered to the utility. Thus Green Tags simply represent the value of the renewable portion of the project or the premium that is above the cost of conventional electricity project. Green Tags are commonly sold and traded across the US.

Although this works for other utilities, Columbia Water & Light has every intention of complying with the renewable energy ordinance by finding sources located close enough to Columbia that the power can be transmitted into our system. In the future, however, the higher compliance requirements may force the utility to look at Green Tags as an option. Columbia Water & Light would pursue this avenue only as a last resort and would seek approval before purchasing renewable energy in this manner.

Future Projects: The above list is not intended to be final because there may be new sources of power that could be a renewable resource in the future. Columbia Water & Light could come back to the city's governing bodies in the future should a new renewable resource come available.

# City of Columbia Ordinance Section 27-106: Renewable energy standard

(a) The city shall generate or purchase electricity generated from eligible renewable energy sources at the following levels:

- (1) Two (2) percent of electric retail sales (kWhs) by December 31, 2007;
- (2) Five (5) percent of electric retail sales (kWhs) by December 31, 2012;
- (3) Fifteen (15) percent of electric retail sales (kWhs) by December 31, 2017; and
- (4) Twenty-five (25) percent of electric retail sales (kWhs) by December 31, 2022.
- (5) Thirty (30) percent of electric retail sales (kWhs) by December 31, 2028.
- (b) This renewable energy shall be added up to these kilowatt hour levels only to the extent that it is possible without increasing electric rates more than three (3) percent higher than the electric rates that would otherwise be attributable to the cost of continuing to generate or purchase electricity generated from one hundred (100) percent non-renewable sources (including coal, natural gas, nuclear energy and other nonrenewable sources).
- (c) Eligible renewable energy generation may be provided by wind power, solar energy, bio-energy sources or other renewable sources which meet the environmental criteria approved by the city council after review by the environment and energy commission and the water and light advisory board. Electricity purchased from on-site renewable energy systems owned by Columbia Water & Light customers ("net metering") may be included within the calculation of the levels required in subsection (a).
- (d) Renewable energy generation sources located within Missouri may receive referential consideration in the selection process.
- (e) Each year prior to February 1, the water and light department shall publicly release a renewable energy plan detailing a proposal for how the city would comply with this section during the following year. The plan will explain the city's due diligence in pursuing renewable energy opportunities and detail all cost assumptions and related utility rate calculations, except with regard to confidential information that may be withheld pursuant to state law. The plan will then be reviewed by the environment and energy commission and water and light advisory board and submitted to the city council for approval following a public hearing. (Ord. No. 18196, § 1, 8-16-04; Ord. No. 21935, § 1, 1-6-14)

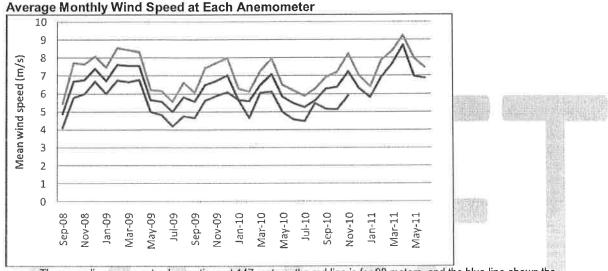
Editors Note: Ord. No. 18196, passed by city council on Aug. 16, 2004, called for election; said ordinance was passed by the voters on Nov. 2, 2004.

Secs. 27-107--27-110. Reserved.

## **Columbia Wind Speed Study**

The University of Missouri's Atmospheric Sciences Department collected wind speed data for the City of Columbia at the KOMU tower on Columbia's south side from 2008 through 2011. The anemometers are no longer collecting accurate data so the study was ended.

The data was collected to evaluate the wind speeds for utility scale wind generation in Columbia. The site for the anemometers was placed in an open area of land with minimal obstructions at two different heights. In each case it can be seen that the average annual wind speed observed at the tower sites is significantly lower than that estimated in the AWS Truewind map of Missouri. The difference is of the order of 0.7 meters per second at the 70 meter level and 0.4 meters per second at the 100 meter level. These differences are similar to those found at other sites around the state.



The green line represents observations at 147 meters, the red line is for 98 meters, and the blue line shows the measurements at 68 meters.

68 Meter Tower: As time goes on the instruments suffer declining performance and those operating at the 68 m height became too inconsistent to determine accurate observations in December 2010.

Note: One meter equals 3.28 feet, one meter per second equals 2.237 miles per hour