



Working with Rural Electric Cooperatives to Promote Community Wind Power

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Welcome!

Introductions and Objectives

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Webinar objectives:

- **Feature case studies of community wind development by two rural electric cooperatives**
- **Discuss how their projects have succeeded despite the challenges**
- **Offer suggestions for working with an REC or utility in your area.**
- **Provide an update on 25x'25's Community Wind Project**



Session Leaders

- **Ron Rebenitsch**, Basic Electric Power Cooperative, Manager of Alternative Technologies
- **Rick Olesen**, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, V.P. Operations & Engineering
- **Peggy Beltrone**, 25x'25 Steering Committee Member and Montana Cascade County Commissioner
- **Ernie Shea**, 25x'25 project coordinator



Webinar Procedures

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25x'25 Community Wind Initiative

Peggy Beltrone

25x'25 Steering Committee Member and
Cascade County Commissioner, Montana



25x'25 Community Wind Project

Education and Outreach

- Hill briefings
- Partner engagement
- Reports and blogs

State Outreach

- helping state alliances explore the vast opportunity community wind development represents.

Policy Facilitation

DOE Community Wind Initiative (CWI)

- 1) technical assistance to community wind groups; and
- 2) competitive grants to organizations for wind pre-development work.





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