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NB Power and TransAlta Corporation Sign 25-Year Power Purchase Agreement for 75 MW of Wind Energy

NB Power and TransAlta Corporation signed a 25-year power purchase agreement for 75 MW of wind power in 2008. TransAlta Corporation will construct, own and operate the Kent Hills wind farm, located in Albert County. The agreement is the first to be signed since NB Power announced it would increase its wind power generating capacity by 200 MW by 2009.

“At NB Power, we are committed to providing New Brunswickers with renewable energy,” said David Hay, NB Power President and CEO. “We are pleased to be partnering with TransAlta Corporation to deliver wind energy to the people of New Brunswick.”

The development of wind energy also supports the Government’s *Charter for Change*.

“This project aligns well with our policy to become the best in energy generation and conservation,” said Energy Minister Jack Keir. “With today’s announcement, we are on the road to acquiring 10 per cent of the electricity used by New Brunswickers from renewable sources by 2016.”

The agreement comes following TransAlta Corporation’s submission to the Request for Proposal issued by NB Power. Under the agreement, TransAlta Corporation will construct, own and operate a wind power facility in Kent Hills, Albert County. The wind farm will consist of 25 wind turbines that will provide approximately 220,000 MWh of wind electricity per year, enough to supply approximately 13,600 homes per year.

The development of wind energy projects will increase renewable energy in the province, resulting in local economic development, increased diversity of power supply and a greater reliance on domestic resources for electricity generated and sold in New Brunswick.

In addition to its wind initiatives and its participation in the Electric Power Research Institute tidal power study, NB Power is exploring other options to obtain incremental renewable energy to meet provincial targets. Other potential sources include biomass, small hydro and electricity generated from landfill gas.

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