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Eva Creek Wind Project nabs final approval from GVEA board

Fairbanks, Alaska: This evening, GVEA's Board of Directors gave the Eva Creek Wind Project a final nod of approval. The cooperative's seven directors voted unanimously in favor of what will be the largest wind project in Alaska and the first by any Railbelt utility.

At 24-megawatts, Eva Creek will meet the board's goal of having 20 percent of the system's peak load generated by renewable resources by 2014. GVEA's 2010 peak load was 208.1 MW.

"This is really exciting news for Golden Valley and the Interior as a whole," said Board Chairman Bill Nordmark. "We have been researching wind in the Eva Creek area since 2003 -- we've done our due diligence. This project integrates well into GVEA's system, helps reduce our dependence on oil and meets the cooperative's renewable energy pledge."

The board announced REpower as the turbine manufacturer. A balance of plant contractor is expected to be selected within the next two weeks. For more information about the Eva Creek Wind Project, visit www.gvea.com.

Golden Valley Electric Association is a member-owned cooperative owning and operating five power plants that provide power to nearly 100,000 Interior residents. In 2005, GVEA became the first utility in the state to adopt a Renewable Energy Pledge and to offer SNAP – GVEA's renewable energy program.

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