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### **MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA, CITY COUNCIL OK WIND POWER DEALS, BRINGING LOS ANGELES OVER HALF-WAY TO MAYOR'S 20% RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL**

*Representing enough energy to power 70,000 homes, wind agreements will raise  
Los Angeles' renewables portfolio to over 11 percent*

LOS ANGELES — Making progress on Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's goal to raise the City's renewable energy portfolio to 20 percent by 2010, Los Angeles breezed closer to becoming the greenest big city in America today with the approval of two long-term power purchase agreements that will provide about 250 megawatts of clean wind power — enough to serve more than 70,000 homes in Los Angeles.

"These wind power agreements are critical to making Los Angeles the greenest, cleanest big city in America," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Cutting our carbon footprint is not just a lofty goal — it's the greatest legacy we as a City can leave our children."

Approved today by the City Council, the two wind power agreements will raise the percentage of renewable energy that the Department of Water and Power (LADWP) provides customers from 8 percent to 11 percent — more than three times the rate of clean energy it provided when the Mayor set the green target in 2005.

"These agreements represent important steps forward in our efforts to meet the Mayor's and LADWP's policy of obtaining 20% renewable energy by 2010 and complying with the provisions of AB 32 to reduce our carbon footprint," LADWP General Manager H. David Nahai said. "Every megawatt of wind or other renewable resource we can provide is one more megawatt that works in harmony with the environment, rather than devastates it."

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“This is a great step toward a cleaner and greener Los Angeles,” said City Council President Eric Garcetti. “We need to expand our use of clean energy if we are going to stop global warming and ensure that we can leave a livable planet to our children and grandchildren.”

“As a City, we have made a commitment to invest in green, sustainable energy sources. And, I believe that these contracts represent a step in an important direction, allowing us to do our part to reduce our carbon footprint through creative and thoughtful policies and programs,” said Councilwoman Jan Perry, who chairs the City Council's Energy and the Environment Committee. “Today, we are making a strong statement that the City of Los Angeles is committed to a green agenda.”

One agreement – approved by the LADWP Board of Commissioners on Nov. 20, 2007 – was developed between the Southern California Public Power Agency (SCPPA), of which LADWP is the largest member, and Pebble Springs Wind, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of PPM Energy.

Under the deal, Los Angeles will receive 69 megawatts of a new 99-megawatt wind power generating facility in Gilliam County, Oregon, that is expected to be operational by December 2008. At the end of the 18-year contract, SCPPA will have the opportunity to purchase the facility.

LADWP is expected to receive 193,000 megawatt-hours from the Pebble Springs project, enough wind energy to serve more than 32,100 households. Another bonus is that LADWP will be able to utilize existing transmission, making this a very economical and attractive project, LADWP officials said. The wind energy will be delivered to the Northern Oregon border hub of the Pacific HVDC Transmission Line that feeds directly into LADWP's Sylmar Converter Station. At Sylmar, it will be converted from DC to AC power to distribute to our customers.

The second agreement will provide 185 megawatts of wind energy from a new 200-megawatt capacity wind generation facility being developed in Millard County, Utah, by UPC Wind.

The 20-year purchase agreement between UPC Wind and SCPPA – acting on behalf of LADWP and the cities of Burbank and Pasadena – was approved the LADWP Board of Commissioners on Sept. 18, 2007. LADWP's 185-megawatt share of the Milford Wind Corridor Phase 1 project represents enough power to serve about 39,000 homes and meets 1.9 percent of the City's renewable energy goal of 20 percent by 2010.

One unique aspect of the agreement is that SCPPA, acting on behalf of LADWP, Burbank and Pasadena, will prepay for the energy to be delivered during the 20-year term with proceeds from an upcoming bond sale. By prepaying up to \$270 million for a guaranteed amount of energy, due when the plant begins commercial operation, LADWP, Burbank and Pasadena will save at least \$42 million compared to the cost of constructing and financing the plant themselves.

The Milford Wind plant is expected to be under construction in 2008 and begin operating in early 2009.

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