

## **What is NC GreenPower?**

Formed in 2003, NC GreenPower is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to expand public knowledge and acceptance of cleaner energy technologies to all North Carolinians through local, community-based initiatives. The program is designed to improve the environment by supporting renewable energy, carbon offset projects and by providing grants for educational solar installations at North Carolina K-12 schools.

## **How was it formed?**

NC GreenPower was designed to provide North Carolinians with greater and “greener” options for their energy sources. The program was formed with input and representation from utility companies, environmental groups, renewable energy providers, and others across the state. NC GreenPower was created by the NC Utilities Commission and is administered by the nonprofit corporation, Advanced Energy.

## **Why is NC GreenPower a landmark program?**

NC GreenPower is the nation's first statewide-regulated initiative to encourage development of more renewable energy resources. Unlike other programs that are primarily run by individual utility companies, North Carolina's program involves utility companies across the state and is run by a separate, nonprofit entity.

## **How does NC GreenPower work to protect the environment?**

Voluntary consumer contributions to NC GreenPower will add more renewable energy to North Carolina's power supply. NC GreenPower is designed to boost the production of "green power" — electric power generated from renewable sources of electricity, such as wind, solar energy, water, methane and organic material — by creating a market and an incentive for companies to develop and sell it.

## **How Do I Contribute to NC GreenPower?**

For as little as \$4 a month, you can help NC GreenPower build up the supply of green energy produced for the N.C. electric grid. Every \$4 contribution offsets the higher costs of producing one (1) block or 125 kWh of power from renewable energy sources and provides grants to North Carolina K-12 schools for educational solar installations.

For your convenience, your voluntary contribution will be added to your monthly electric bill. To help NC GreenPower keep administrative costs low, electric utilities across the state have volunteered to collect contributions and send the entire amount directly to NC GreenPower.

Large-volume power users can also support NC GreenPower. They may contribute toward 40 or more blocks (\$100 per month) of green power at only \$2.50 per block of 250 kWh. A different mix of renewable energy will be used. For more information on becoming a sponsor, call Vicky McCann at 919-857-9010 or email [corpsales@ncgreenpower.org](mailto:corpsales@ncgreenpower.org)

**Exactly How is My Contribution Used?**

All of the money contributed is forwarded to NC GreenPower for payment to approved green power generators, to provide educational solar packages to select schools, and to cover NC GreenPower's cost for administering the program.