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The Climate Trust Fights Global Warming: Truckers Get a Cleaner, Healthier, and Quiet Night's Rest

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Climate Trust has awarded funding to Shurepower, LLC to support the launch of a truck stop electrification network at truck stops in Oregon and Washington. The project will clean the air, reduce unnecessary fuel consumption, save truckers money, and help stop global warming.

Each night, thousands of truckers idle their diesel engines during government mandated rest periods to power heating, air conditioning, and appliances for their sleeper cabs. Unfortunately, engines running at idling speed also cause undue wear on machinery, emit harmful local and global air pollutants, and increase noise levels for drivers and neighboring communities.

“Shurepower is a cheaper, cleaner, quieter and healthier alternative to engine idling at truck stops,” said Jeff Kim, Vice President of Shurepower, LLC. “It made good economic sense for drivers to plug in even before the recent escalation in diesel fuel prices. Drivers can save over two dollars per hour by using our services.”

The Shurepower technology provides on-site electrical outlets for truckers at locations where they stop for required rest periods, typically over-night. By “shutting-down-and-plugging-in”, truck drivers use cheaper and cleaner power from the electric grid to run their accessories and cab appliances. This project is estimated to displace nearly 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂), 1,400 tons of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), 40 tons of particulate matter (PM), and 10 million gallons of diesel fuel.

“The Climate Trust continues its national leadership in mitigating the impacts of global warming,” said Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, who expressed appreciation to The Climate Trust for helping to fund a key element of the West Coast Governor’s Global Warming Initiative. “In this project, the private and public sectors in Oregon and elsewhere are coming together to counteract climate change, improve the quality of the air that we breathe, and reduce the impacts of rising fuel costs on business.”

“Transportation is one of the largest sources of global warming pollution. By providing truck drivers with a more efficient energy source, we are not only fighting global warming, but also helping the trucking community save money on high diesel prices, reducing air pollution at truck stops, and reducing noise to help the truckers’ sleep.” said Mike Burnett, executive director of The Climate Trust.

The Climate Trust's purchase of carbon dioxide offsets provides the cornerstone funding required to implement this project. Additional funding and/or participation are provided by Shurepower, LLC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Oregon Governor's Oregon Solutions team, Oregon State University, Washington Department of Ecology, the Oregon Department of Energy, and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

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The Climate Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting climate change solutions by providing high quality greenhouse gas offset projects and advancing sound offset policy. Funding for offset projects comes from power plant owners Avista, Calpine, City of Klamath Falls, NW Natural, Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp Power Marketing, as well as independent offset buyers at the corporate and individual level. The Climate Trust has offset more than 1.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from \$4.5 million invested into offset projects – making it one of the largest and most experienced offset buyers in the U.S. and world markets. It provides offsets to power plants, regulators, businesses and entities of all sizes and individuals. www.climatetrust.org

Shurepower is a New York based limited liability company with the corporate goal of improving air quality, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and improving public safety. Shurepower's shore-power truck electrified parking (STEP) system is a low cost alternative to idling that provides drivers with grid-based electricity, cable television and Internet connections to enable drivers of long-haul heavy-duty trucks to shut down their engines and save fuel during mandated rest periods. Shurepower is currently deploying a national network of STEP facilities at truck stops, rest areas, and fleet terminal facilities along major U.S. Interstate highways. www.shurepower.com

Read more about this project at: http://www.climatetrust.org/offset_truckstop.php