

Busy time for Peace Energy

DAWSON CREEK – It has been a busy couple of weeks for the Peace Energy Cooperative (PEC).

They were the only local group to present on renewable energy at the Oil and Gas Conference held in Fort St. John, and they also finalized their working agreement with Aeolis Wind Power Corporation to move forward with the Bear Mountain Wind Park.

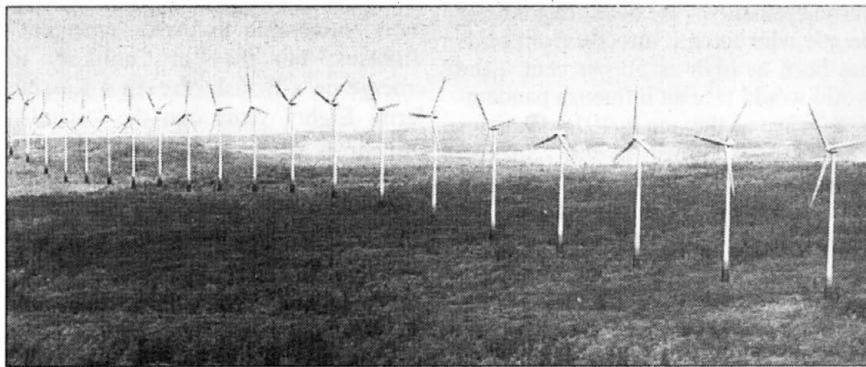
Don Pettit, who presented Peace Energy's vision and some of the basics about the Bear Mountain Wind Park just outside Dawson Creek, was enthusiastic about the response.

"It was the last session on the last day of the Conference and we had a full house," said Pettit. "We had lots of inquiries about our Cooperative and wind energy."

Of note in the front row, listening intently was Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources.

"It was good to see Minister Neufeld personally come and listen," said Pettit. "It shows he's interested in renewable energy projects and the opportunities they represent in the Peace Country."

On the heels of the Oil and Gas Conference, the PEC and Aeolis Wind



This artist's conception shows the proposed wind park on Bear Mountain, 12 kilometres west of Dawson Creek, now being evaluated by Peace Energy Cooperative and Aeolis Wind Power Corporation.

Power Corporation worked diligently into the night to finalize their working agreement for the Bear Mountain Wind Park. This agreement brings the Bear Mountain Wind Park one big step closer to reality.

"We're absolutely delighted with the signing of the agreement," said TJ Schur, Aeolis Director. "Aeolis will be placing additional testing equipment on Bear Mountain in October and now we can move forward with the Environmental Assessment for the project."

Dawson Creek and the region can expect lots of activity as the Bear Mountain wind energy project shifts into full gear.

"Aeolis has been doing analysis on the wind energy for the project for the last year, and we feel it's an excellent site full of opportunity locally." Schur notes. "We expect to continue testing, engage in the Environmental Assessment, and begin a transmission study with the BC Transmission Corporation in the next month or so."