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## RePower Energy joins sustainable energy luminaries in Environmental Hall of Fame

HONDO, Texas – RePower Energy South Texas, a company supplying residential wind and solar electricity generation across the state and into Mexico, has been inducted into the National Environmental Hall of Fame.

The Chicago-based non-profit recognizes companies, organizations and individuals that are committed to taking a stand for a sustainable planet through clean, secure electricity production.

Past honorees include actors Harrison Ford and Pierce Brosnan; such groups as the American Wind Energy Association; companies including organic food retailer Whole Foods Market; and James Dehlsen, known as the father of American wind energy.

“I’m honored and humbled to be included in such a distinguished group of individuals, companies and organizations who all have a common goal – doing our part to leave the world a better place for our children and grandchildren,” said Kevin Christiansen, president of Hondo-based RePower Energy.

One of RePower Energy’s latest wind turbine installations was on the campus of Palo Alto College in San Antonio.

“It’s great to know that colleges and universities are putting renewable energy studies into their curriculum,” Christiansen said.

A rancher for three decades, Christiansen applied hands-on conservation principles to improve rangeland and wildlife habitat. While studying how to make his home more energy efficient, he became convinced that wind energy was the best way to go, with solar a close second.



Texas: RePower Energy South Texas, Ltd. President Kevin Christiansen is Congratulated by Jim Brannen (L) of Southwest Wind Turbines for Receiving the Hondo Environmental Hall of Fame Award in the Renewable Energy Systems Category on September 3, 2010

“I did a lot of research and came up with the fact that wind turbines generate electricity 24/7, don’t use batteries that can be an environmental hazard, and are simple and cost effective,” Christiansen said.

He then formed RePower Energy and was greeted with an overwhelming response, mainly from rural customers, for installations of Skystream 2.7 wind turbines, which generate 2.4 kWh and can supply from 40 percent to 90 percent of a home’s needs.

While cutting down on fossil fuels, the turbines also offer a hedge against future energy costs.

“Ten years ago we were paying 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour. Now it costs 14-16 cents for that same kilowatt hour,” Christiansen said. “This is a great time to hedge against future energy price hikes by installing renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. There are also sizeable federal and state tax incentives and grant money available.”

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