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WIND ENERGY CARGO RETURNS TO PORT OF OLYMPIA

The *Industrial Dawn* arrived at the Port of Olympia May 29, 2007, to discharge a cargo of windmill blades. The operation will begin May 30, and the vessel is expected to depart on June 1. This is the third wind energy vessel to call at the Port in the last 12 months.

The vessel contains 120 windmill blades manufactured in Brazil for GE Wind Energy, which is supplying them to Phase 3 of the Klondike Wind Farm in Sherman County, Oregon. The blades are about 125 feet long and weigh on average about 35,000 pounds each. They will be stored in the Port's cargo yard for 30-45 days while they are loaded onto trucks for the trip to Eastern Oregon.

"We are very pleased to see this type of cargo being handled by our Port once again," said Port Commissioner Bob Van Schoorl. "It demonstrates the capacity of our Port for handling difficult cargoes and the high caliber of our longshore labor force. It is also very satisfying to see the Port participate in supplying equipment to generate clean alternative energy."

Wind energy is a large emerging market, serving a nationwide need for environmentally friendly, affordable energy. The Klondike Wind Farm is owned by PPM Energy, an energy company based in Portland, OR. The first phase of the project came on line in 2001. The two phases completed to date generate 99 megawatts of electricity, or enough to power about 25,000 homes in the Pacific Northwest. Phase 3, under construction in 2007, will consist of 122 turbines and generate 221 megawatts of electricity.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia is Thurston County's partner in economic opportunity. The Port owns and operates a diversified international shipping terminal, an established niche facility that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates a strategically located regional airport, a vibrant 656-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a thriving real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County and indirectly over 5,000 jobs in Washington State.