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PacifiCorp Acquires 300-MW Wind and Solar Project in Idaho

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PacifiCorp has acquired the development rights for a 300-MW combined wind and solar-plus-storage facility in southeastern Idaho.

Massachusetts renewable energy developer NorthRenew Energy on Feb. 19 announced the sale of the Arco Wind and Solar project planned for Bingham and Bonneville counties. The project is designed to add up to 800 MW of additional solar capacity, according to the sale announcement.

Further project details and specifications were not immediately available from either NorthRenew or PacifiCorp. NorthRenew did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

PacifiCorp spokesperson David Eskelsen said the project timeline is tentative at this point, subject to the company's resource planning and procurement programs.

The Arco project emerged from the company's 2022 request for proposals as a benchmark self-build project. Eskelsen said the utility "remains open to consider bilateral agreements for resources that can be included in PacifiCorp's off-year resource planning cycle," even though the 2022 RFP was suspended in September.

The suspension "simply means the company would not be proceeding with the selection of a short-list of projects and the process of review of the RFP by the independent evaluators retained by state utility commissions," Eskelsen said in an

email. "PacifiCorp reasoned that a purchase of the development assets was at this time a better choice for customers than allowing the project to return to the market."

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