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Complainant,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY,

Respondent.

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**FIRST EXHIBIT TO THE
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OF IRENE PLENEFISCH
ON BEHALF
OF MICROSOFT CORPORATION**

DECEMBER 15, 2016



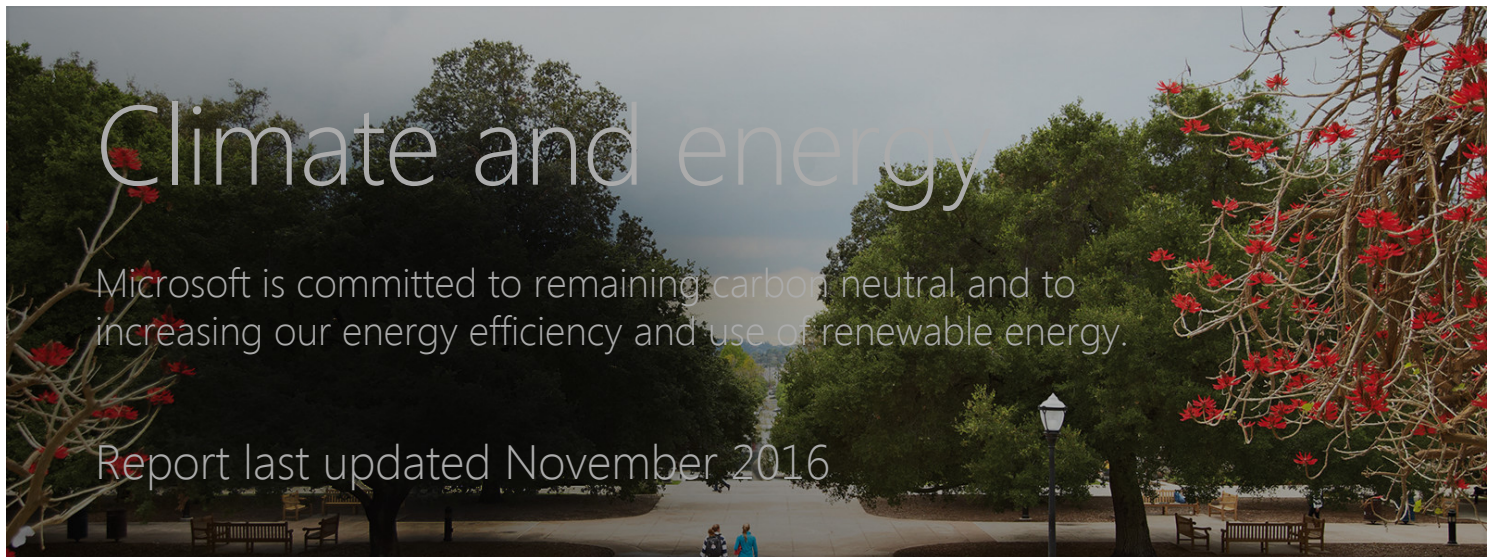
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Carbon neutrality

Since July 1, 2012, Microsoft's global operations have been carbon neutral.

Our commitment to carbon neutrality spans operations in more than 100 countries. To deliver on our commitment, we created a program to ensure company-wide accountability for carbon, charging an internal carbon fee to our business groups for the cost of reducing the carbon emissions associated with their energy use and air travel. Funds collected from the business groups help support:

- Internal energy efficiency investments.
- Purchases of renewable energy equal to 100 percent of our consumption.
- Externally certified carbon offset projects.
- Support for e-waste recycling and renewable energy innovation.

Learn more about Microsoft's environmental efforts beyond what this report provides.

[Explore our Environmental Sustainability site.](#) >

Since the inception of the carbon fee, Microsoft has:

- Purchased more than 14 million megawatt-hours (MWh) of green power.
- Reduced company-wide emissions by more than 9 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (mtCO₂e).
- Supported the lives of more than 7 million people in emerging nations through carbon offset community projects.

Our purchase of green energy through this program has earned us recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a 2016 Climate Leadership award winner, and our work has been recognized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a 2015 Lighthouse Activity winner in the Momentum for Change initiative.

In April 2015, Microsoft released a white paper describing the progress made with our carbon program since its inception, with the hope that our work will inspire other organizations to take similar action.



Find out how other organizations can work toward a successful carbon fee program.

↓ [Download our whitepaper: Making an impact with Microsoft's carbon fee \(PDF\)](#)

Carbon footprint

Transparency is important to our customers, investors, and partners. Microsoft has a longstanding history of disclosing our carbon footprint, and we have reported voluntarily on our carbon emissions through CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) since 2005. Data on our carbon emissions are available on the [CDP website](#).

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Microsoft can have even more impact by influencing the sustainability of our supply chain. Toward that end, we encourage our contracted hardware suppliers to report their emissions to CDP and encourage all of our indirect suppliers to report as well. In recognition of our climate efforts, CDP has included Microsoft on its Climate A List for climate performance leadership for 2013 – 2016.



Renewable energy

We have more than 100 datacenters around the world that are delivering a secure, trusted, and responsible cloud. In May 2016, we announced a commitment to increase the percentage of wind, solar, and hydro energy we use to power these datacenters.

As of 2016, roughly 44 percent of the electricity used by our datacenters comes from wind, solar, and hydropower energy sources. Our goal is to pass the 50 percent milestone by the end of 2018, and to top 60 percent early in the next decade.

In addition to purchasing more clean energy, we are also committed to:

- **Maintain carbon neutrality.** Through investments in energy efficiency and procurement of renewable energy and carbon



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offsets, we will continue to be 100 percent carbon neutral in our operations and business air travel.

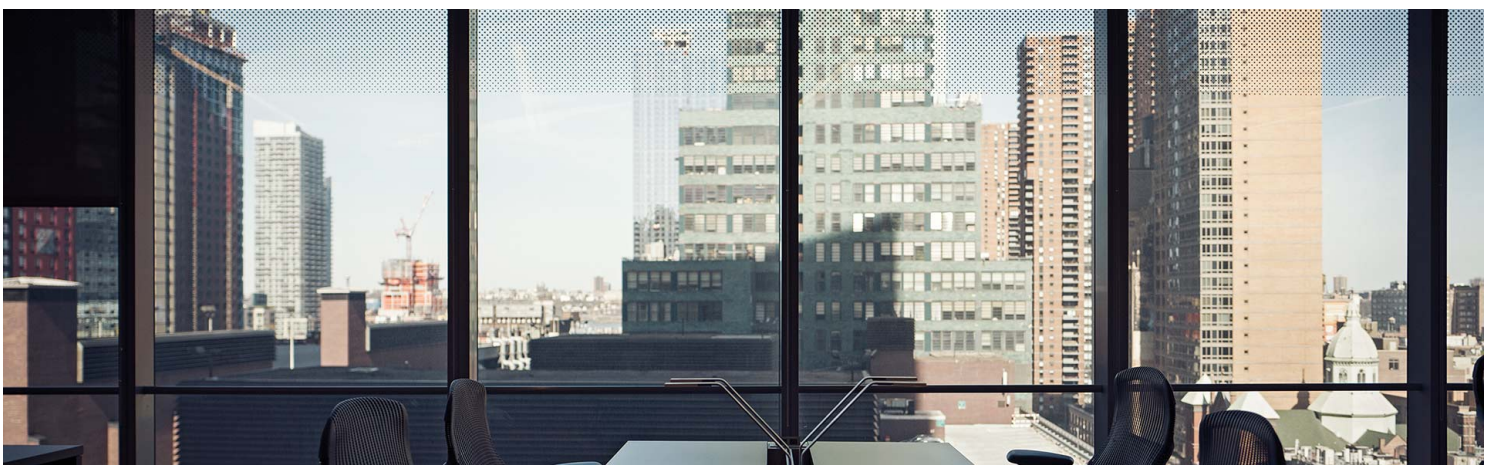
- **Invest in new energy technologies.** We will continue to invest in new energy technology, such as our [biogas](#) and **fuel cell** work, that has the potential to accelerate the availability of different types of energy and drive efficiency.
- **Support public policies that help enable new renewable energy sources.** We will continue to support public policies that accelerate the availability of renewable and clean energy in markets where we operate.
- **Site our facilities with access to renewable energy.** Availability of renewable energy is among the criteria that we consider in where to locate our datacenters.
- **Retire all green attributes from projects generated from our contracted assets:** Any time we purchase green energy, we will not sell the renewable energy certificates (RECs, or international equivalents) or any other green “attributes” for others to claim.

source for future data centers.

Read the whitepaper

↓ [SizeCap: Efficiently Handling Power Surges in Fuel Cell Powered Data Centers](#)

These commitments build on our work to advance renewable energy in our own operations and beyond: ✓



Energy efficiency

Our investment in new energy technologies drives new efficiencies in datacenters.

Compared to conventional chiller solutions, the air cooling techniques we employ at our datacenters result in 20-30 percent lower energy consumption and 90 percent lower water consumption. Our broader energy efficiency strategy is focused on changes that we can make in the future that will have even greater gains:

- We are experimenting with ways to integrate fuel cells into our datacenters to improve efficiencies and reduce transmission losses.
- We are working with industry partners and the U.S. Department of Energy to pilot and commercialize new energy technologies that we hope will be foundational to the next generation of efficient datacenter designs. This includes our multi-year partnership with the University of Texas at San Antonio and the school's Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute to identify economically viable technologies that reduce the environmental footprint of datacenters.
- We contributed new, innovative hardware specifications to the Open Compute Project, which is focused on engineering the most efficient hardware for cloud and high-scale computing via open collaboration.

Energy efficiency in buildings: We invest to reduce carbon and save energy.

Through our carbon program, we have invested over \$3.1 million in our real estate facility projects that reduced our associated carbon emissions by over 18,000 metric tons and saved over \$3.6 million in annual energy costs – paying for themselves in under a year.

With one of our partners, Iconics, Microsoft leveraged our corporate campus to help create an analytical software solution that prioritizes maintenance and repairs our 125 Puget Sound buildings based on energy and cost savings potential. Generating energy savings of 10–11 percent, the Puget Sound system paid for itself in less than two years, and we've now also implemented the solution on our Silicon Valley and Las Colinas campuses, with additional deployments on other campuses underway.

We are sharing our results with government and industry leaders from around the globe and making similar solutions available through partners to our customers (such as through [Microsoft CityNext](#) offerings).

FY15 data factsheet

Microsoft is committed to publish information on our greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and carbon offset purchases.

[Download the Microsoft FY15 Environmental Data Factsheet >](#)

News and updates



Video: Microsoft global carbon fee program

See how we put an incremental fee on carbon emissions associated with our global operations. (UNFCCC)



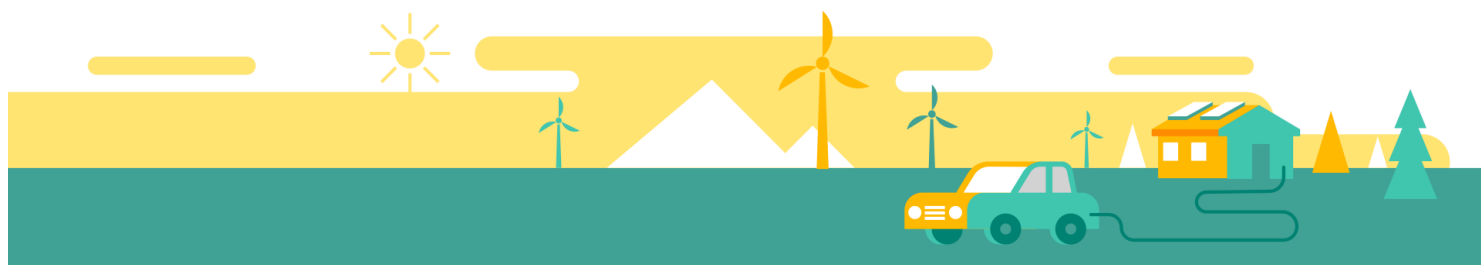
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