

Greenpeace Energy – Energy Cooperative with a Mission

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Our Business: More than Clean Energy

Greenpeace Energy is an energy cooperative operating throughout Germany that values responsible and sustainable action more than financial profits. We supply more than 130,000 customers, of which about 9,400 are business customers, with clean electricity and *proWindgas*, an ecologically superior alternative to natural gas. The business is organised as a cooperative with 24,000 members whose contributions provide a solid equity capital base and, thus, stability. The fact that the members are not only the cooperative's owners but also its customers serves to prevent conflicts of interest: towards an ecologically oriented business policy, rather than profit maximisation.

Through our subsidiary Planet energy we build our own power plants. Thirteen wind farms and three photovoltaic plants totalling 78 MW are already in operation. Furthermore, we take a very active role in energy policy discussions and help to set the stage for the energy turnaround: We test new concepts, for example concerning electromobility, and we sponsor research projects to foster innovation and to smooth the way into a future of clean energy.

Our History: Greenpeace Campaign Evolves into Energy Supplier

The liberalisation of energy markets towards in the late 1990s opened up the possibility to supply customers with green electricity. The environmental protection organisation Greenpeace e.V. used the opportunity to develop criteria for high quality green electricity and, through the campaign "electricity switch", gathered supporters who demanded clean electricity. A public tender showed, however, that no supplier was able meet all criteria. Greenpeace e.V. in response took matters into their own hands and initiated in autumn 1999 the foundation of the cooperative Greenpeace Energy, an entity that is legally and financially independent of the environmental protection organisation. Greenpeace Energy started supplying customers with clean electricity according to the Greenpeace criteria on January 1st, 2000, and in 2001 founded the subsidiary Planet energy, which constructs green power plants.

Our Vision: Energy Turnaround now!

Our aim is the energy turnaround - energy supply from ecological sources, without coal and nuclear power. We fight for the environment and encourage as many people as possible to join us in shaping a future of clean energy. We combine political demands with solutions for the energy industry on behalf of our customers and cooperative owners.

Our Products: Join Us - Participate - Reshape the Energy Industry!

- **Green electricity:** The electricity we supply is exclusively sourced from renewable energy power plants. Since January 2015 we guarantee a share of 10% wind energy in our electricity mix. This minimum share will be increased in the coming years.
- **proWindgas:** As of 2011, consumers can switch to our new gas tariff *proWindgas*, the first of its kind in Germany. Its key technology is the conversion of green electricity - especially wind power - into hydrogen. Greenpeace Energy is thus pressing ahead with an innovative storage technology for renewable energy. In October 2011 we started supplying initially pure natural gas. In December 2014, we began to add renewable hydrogen. The gas tariff includes a

subsidy of 0.4 ct/kWh for the further development of windgas technologies. That's how we invite our customers to help us shape the energy turnaround.

- **Green investment:** Our customers can contribute to the construction of wind farms and PV plants by purchasing participation rights. Such investment provides Planet energy with the necessary capital to expand its portfolio of power plants. At the same time, the investors profit from the economic success of the plants.
- **Cooperative shares:** The organisational form of Greenpeace Energy as a cooperative ensures its independence and transparency. All it takes is a share of €55 to join the cooperative and thereby to own one's energy supplier.