

## Marstel-Day Named as an Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Partner



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International environmental consulting firm [Marstel-Day](http://www.marstel-day.com) is pleased to announce that it is officially a "partner" in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Green Power Partnership program, which encourages the use of green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use. The Partnership currently has more than 1300 partner organizations that are helping to support the development of renewable power generation capacity nationwide. Partners include businesses, local and state government entities, and colleges and universities.

Through an arrangement with Dominion Power, Marstel-Day has committed to purchasing renewable energy certificates (RECs) equivalent to 20 percent of its annual electricity usage. This purchase guarantees that electricity from wind, solar and biomass facilities in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region equivalent to 20 percent of the firm's annual usage will be delivered to the regional power pool. This power cannot be directed to a particular facility or user. Marstel-Day's purchase will have the same environmental impact as planting 1090 trees, or reducing 14.9 tons of waste going to the landfill.

According to company President and CEO Rebecca R. Rubin. "The driver for this particular initiative was not reducing our company's consumption of "dirty" power, since the Fredericksburg region is already serviced by nuclear power. Rather, this is about supporting the movement towards a larger component of renewable energy in our company's portfolio."

Key requirements of the EPA Green Power Partner program are that the purchases be:

- For green power sourced from U.S.-based generation facilities that have been installed within the last 15 years.
- For eligible green power, i.e. electricity generated from solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, and certain forms of biomass and hydropower.
- Voluntary and incremental to the renewable electricity included in the standard electricity service.

## **About Marstel-Day:**

Marstel-Day is an international natural resource and environmental services management consulting firm that provides innovative solutions to business, government, and non-profit clients. The services its multidisciplinary staff provides include: climate and water risk analysis and mitigation, land use/encroachment management, sustainability management, energy planning, and natural resource services. Marstel-Day has offices in the Washington, D.C. area, California, Texas, Mississippi, Colorado and the United Kingdom. It is also a certified woman-owned, HUBZone company. <http://www.marstel-day.com>, @marstelday

More information on EPA's Green Power Communities: <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/communities>

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