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**DWR Announces Two Long-Term Power Deals to Bring  
Williams Turbines On-Line**

Sacramento - The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced today that it has entered into long-term power contracts with the City and County of San Francisco, and the Kings River Conservation District to bring on-line six turbines acquired through a recent contract settlement with Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company.

The cost-of-service contracts, which were completed on Dec. 31, 2002, are expected to bring a combined total of nearly 270 megawatts on-line in areas in greatest need of system reliability.

“These agreements are an example of state and local governments working together on regional problems that have statewide implications,” said DWR’s Deputy Director Pete Garris. “Not only have we addressed significant energy reliability concerns in two specific regions, but we also are getting the maximum benefit from the Williams settlement agreement.”

As part of the state’s recent settlement agreement with Williams Energy, the state received six gas-fired turbines. Of those, San Francisco will receive four, 45 megawatt “LM 6000” turbines for use during peak demand times. The 10-year agreement between DWR and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission calls for San Francisco officials to oversee the development and construction of power plants for the turbines while the Department has agreed to purchase the 180 megawatts of output following the project’s completion. The agreement will bring enough power to serve about 135,000 homes and will help improve the region’s energy system reliability.

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The Kings River Conservation District will receive two, 45 megawatt turbines for use in the Fresno region, also a region of California in need of increased system reliability. Similar to the deal with San Francisco, the 10-year agreement will allow the KRCD to develop and construct power plants that will produce 90 megawatts of electricity.

The total combined cost of the projects is \$265 million, nearly \$175 million less than the cost of similar projects funded by private developers. Both projects are expected to be on-line prior to the summer of 2005.

The contracts are available on the Department's California Energy Resources Scheduling web site at [www.cers.water.ca.gov](http://www.cers.water.ca.gov).

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