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NEXT Renewables hires local talent for community outreach

St. Helens, ORE – April 29, 2019 – NEXT Renewable Fuels, Inc. has made their first of many local hires, bringing on Natasha Parvey to lead their community outreach efforts.

“We’re thrilled to have Natasha join the NEXT team as our local community representative. It’s important to us to develop and maintain strong ties and open dialogue with the people of Columbia County, and Natasha will help us do that,” Lou Soumas, president of NEXT Renewable Fuels.

“I always look for win/win projects. NEXT is a win for Columbia County and for Oregon. I couldn’t be more excited to represent and connect the community to this project. I’ve worked across Columbia County helping small business for five years. Citizens want to work and live local. The fact that NEXT is going to generate living-wage jobs by producing a renewable product is a benefit to Columbia County,” replied Natasha Parvey, community coordinator for NEXT Renewable Fuels.

Parvey, a local businesswoman, is also the director for a shop local marketing campaign to promote all things Columbia County called Keep It Local Columbia County. Prior to this, she was the director for the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. She has a passion for economic development and lives in St. Helens.

NEXT is in the planning stages for a facility at the Port of Columbia County that would convert renewable feedstock into Advanced Green Diesel and other biofuels, to be transported via the Columbia River. The plant will engage hundreds of skilled, local tradespeople for the building phase – for a total of 2 million labor hours – and will hire more than 200 full-time local employees once operational. The facility will contribute an estimated \$12 million in local property taxes and \$5.5 million in port fees annually. The biofuels produced will also help Oregon and the nation meet their renewable fuels standards. NEXT is currently in the permitting phase for the facility.

What is Advanced Green Diesel?

Advanced Green Diesel is a second-generation biofuel, meaning it is a drop-in replacement for fossil fuel-based diesel. While you can blend Advanced Green Diesel with traditional diesel, you don't have to. Unlike other diesel products made from renewable sources, NEXT's Advanced Green Diesel can be used in diesel engines without modification and without negative long-term effects. It also burns cleaner than other fuel options.

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