

Low-Income Households Receive Financial Help for Solar Hot Water Installs throughout Kentucky

In 2008 – 2009, SunWind Power has participated in an on-going project begun by the Kentucky Solar Partnership (KSP) to install solar hot water heaters for low income families in need. KSP is a division of Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest (ASPI) whose focus is to promote sustainability in local communities. The project is not only funded by KSP but by other supporters and organizations as well, including the Institute for Environmental and Sustainable Development at the University of Louisville and Habitat for Humanity to name a few. Families in need may receive grants or low-interest loans to help cover the cost of the solar hot water systems. SunWind Power representative, Jeremy Coxon, directed installs near Prestonburg and Berea, KY. The family near Prestonburg had been without hot water for over a year prior to receiving their solar hot water system. Coxon also provided training to low-income housing organization personnel from Habitat and Low Income Housing Coalition (LINKS). The goal is to make solar energy more accessible for the poor. Participating households will not only reduce utility bills but also reduce their impact their impact on the environment.