



Our Wind Co-op: Turbine #3

East Glacier, Montana

Installed October 2003

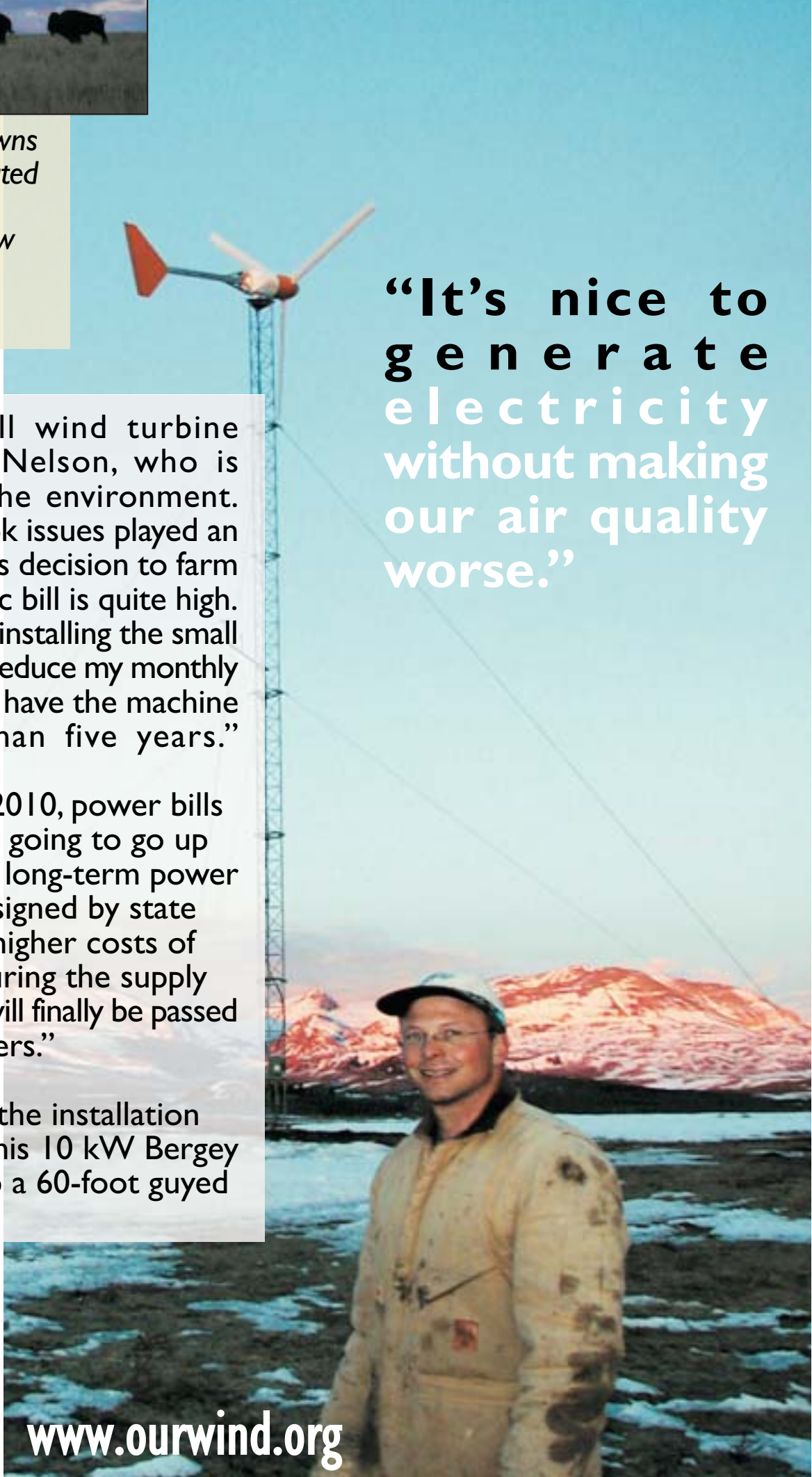
Doug Nelson, who owns a 700-acre ranch located on the Blackfeet Reservation just a few miles east of Glacier National Park.

“I really like small wind turbine technology,” says Nelson, who is concerned about the environment. However, pocketbook issues played an even larger role in his decision to farm the wind. “My electric bill is quite high. The main reason for installing the small wind turbine was to reduce my monthly electric costs and to have the machine paid off in less than five years.”

“I know that come 2010, power bills here in Montana are going to go up because most of the long-term power purchase contracts signed by state utilities expire. The higher costs of power purchased during the supply fiasco of 2000-2001 will finally be passed on down to ratepayers.”

Nelson did most of the installation work involved with his 10 kW Bergey machine placed atop a 60-foot guyed tower.

“It’s nice to generate electricity without making our air quality worse.”



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