

## **QUARTERLY ASCERTAINMENTS / COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**STATION: WVAQ—February, 2024**

**SUBJECT: New All Electric School Busses Rolled Out.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

**GreenPower Motor Company has rolled out its first all-electric school buses that were manufactured at its new facility in Kanawha County.**

**Delegate Joe Statler of Monongalia County actually drove the bus off the assembly line during a ceremony on Wednesday.**

**The company be rolling out two types of school buses including their Type A larger 40-foot bus with 84 seats and a smaller Type D bus that is wheelchair accessible with a disability lift.**

**GreenPower CEO Fraser Atkinson said during their pilot program in 18 counties across West Virginia, they found the Nano BEAST could travel far after one charge.**

**"It had the capability with that charging on-the-go or the opportunity charging where that vehicle did over 100 miles on that day, but it could've gone in excess of 150-175 miles," He said.**

**The tests showed the batteries had the most difficulty in cold weather conditions. Battery performance was negatively impacted by using air conditioning in warmer conditions, and surprisingly, hills were not a problem for the buses, Atkinson said.**

**It was almost two years ago GreenPower announced plans to produce the buses in West Virginia and out-of-state. Atkinson called it a great opportunity for job growth.**

**"Our target for the end of next year as we bring online the production of our Type D school bus, which will be up next after these initial deliveries of the Type A Nano BEAST, is that our target for the end of next year is 200 employees in this facility," he said.**

**The company is partnering with West Virginia's Workforce Development Board and BridgeValley Community & Technical College for employee recruitment and training.**

**More than 40 GreenPower buses were purchased during the 2023 legislative session for \$15 million.**

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**TIME / DURATION: 2:16**

**GUESTS: GreenPower CEO Fraser Atkinson**

**MEDIA INTEREST: Talk of the Town – WAJR, Dominion Post, WVAQ, WKKW, WBOY, WDTV, facebook, twitter**

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