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Vattenfall invests in new heat plant to help Uppsala reach its climate goals

Vattenfall has decided to invest in a new heating plant in Uppsala. As a result, the use of fossil fuels will cease and residents in Uppsala will be provided with fossil-free heating. The option of adding a turbine to boost electricity generation is also being investigated.

Vattenfall has decided to invest a total of SEK 3.5 billion in generation facilities and grid infrastructure in Uppsala to streamline heat production and phase out fossil fuels. In accordance with the Uppsala Climate Protocol partnership, Vattenfall has undertaken to halve carbon dioxide emissions by 2020 and become fully carbon neutral by 2030. This target will now be achieved.

"For Vattenfall, this is a major and important investment in our efforts to create a fossil-free future for us and our customers. Replacing fossil fuels in Uppsala also contributes significantly to Uppsala Municipality's efforts to become climate neutral by 2030," says Magnus Hall, CEO at Vattenfall.

The investment to build a new heating plant means that Vattenfall will burn 100 percent renewable or recycled fuels.

"It is gratifying and positive for Uppsala that Vattenfall now has decided to invest in a new heating plant, which is a significant step for the Uppsala region in reaching its climate goals," says Erik Pelling, Chairman of Uppsala Municipality's executive committee.

Up to now, Vattenfall has carried out a number of changes to their operations in Uppsala. The plant in Boländerna, Uppsala, has been converted step by step to replace peat and fossil oil with wood fuel and bio-oil respectively. A major amount of streamlining renovation work has also been carried out.

Preparations will also be made by Vattenfall during the construction work to be able to add an electricity generation turbine to the new heating plant.

"We have listened to our stakeholders in Uppsala who are clear that local electricity generation is important for the region and have already taken the next step, which is to investigate how the necessary conditions can be put in place to add a turbine," says Ulrika Jardfelt, newly appointed Head of Vattenfall Heat in Sweden.

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