Big River Wind



AES' Big River Wind Project will bring locally produced clean energy and long-term revenue for participating landowners, strengthening rural economies, and securing a sustainable future for generations.

AES' Big River Wind is an early-stage wind project currently being developed in Des Moines County, Iowa expected to generate approximately 140 MW of renewable and reliable electricity. The project will enhance the nation's energy independence and reinforce the state of Iowa's leadership in energy innovation.

Project Overview



140 MW of wind energy which is enough to power nearly 45,084 lowa homes annually



Wind Infrastructure only utilizes -2% of land, allowing for dual use of farmland



Projected to contribute tens of millions of dollars in property taxes, landowner payments, and indirect spending in the community



Over 250 jobs expected to be created during peak construction, 4-8 long term jobs during operations

Project Details

- → Over 12,000 acres of privately-held agricultural land
- → Dual use operation, located on agricultural land that will continue to be used for farming corn, soybeans and other crops under and around the turbines.
- → AES will be the long-term owner and operator of the facility

Estimated project timeline







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Clean energy benefits local communities

- → Long-term tax revenue to counties, towns and school districts
- → Job creation during construction and operation
- → Landowner income diversification, keeping land in the family
- → Local economic stimulus during construction
- → Affordable, reliable, locally produced clean energy
- → Improved air quality and reduced CO2 emissions
- → Social impact funding to area community organizations and non-profits
- Non-permanent development and low-impact construction that ensures land can be sensitively restored to pre-project conditions at the end of the project's life



"I like the idea of being able to farm around a wind turbine."

"The wind turbines to me, are another source of income that doesn't affect the price of corn, soybeans or rice - people are going to use electricity."

"The agriculture economy has been up & down, it always is. - But one thing that doesn't go down is the price of equipment and labor. Our expenses in farming continue to increase. That's one reason we started looking at renewable energy and any options we had todiversify the income we have on the farm."

Abbott Myers

Landowner, Delta Wind

Partnering with communities for the future of energy

At AES, we understand that our success as a company is only as strong as our partnerships with the communities where we operate. That's why we partner with communities, customers, state agencies, higher education, elected officials, and other key stakeholders to see how we can best work together to support sustainable social and economic development that complement the local geography and unique culture.



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