# MINNKOTA WIND ENERGY CENTERS

The Minnkota member cooperatives and Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA) participants are recognized as leaders in supporting the region's wind resource development. These associated systems built the first two commercialscale, utility-owned wind turbines in North Dakota history in 2002. The success of those projects helped jump-start significant growth in the adoption of wind energy.

Presently, about 459 megawatts of nameplate wind generating capacity is available in the Minnkota/NMPA Joint System. Minnkota has purchase power agreements in place with affiliates of NextEra Energy Resources for energy produced at the Langdon Wind Energy Center, near Langdon, N.D.; Ashtabula Wind Energy Center, near Valley City, N.D.; and Oliver III Wind Energy Center, near Center, N.D. Minnkota owns the two Infinity wind turbines near the towns of Petersburg and Valley City, N.D.

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# INFINITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Infinity Program allows member cooperative and municipal consumers to decide how much of the electricity they purchase is generated by renewable resources. While it is not possible to direct where electrons are specifically delivered on the electric grid, it is possible to ensure that the renewable energy purchased is from a resource connected to the Minnkota/NMPA transmission system. The record of that purchase and the proof that it was reserved for a specific consumer is done through a renewable energy credit (REC).

Participating consumers pay for the additional cost to purchase renewable energy and to specifically designate how this energy is credited and used. Contact your local Minnkota member cooperative or NMPA-associated municipal for more information.



#### **Member-Owner Cooperatives**

Beltrami Electric Cooperative
Cass County Electric Cooperative
Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative
Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative
Nodak Electric Cooperative
North Star Electric Cooperative
PKM Electric Cooperative
Red Lake Electric Cooperative
Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association
Roseau Electric Cooperative
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Bagley Public Utilities
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Park River Municipal Utilities
Roseau Municipal Utilities
City of Stephen Utilities
Thief River Falls Municipal Utilities
City of Warren Water and Light
Warroad Municipal Utilities





### **INFINITY**Wind Turbines

**Location** Valley City and Petersburg, N.D.

Size Two 900-kW turbines

**Estimated annual** 2.8 million kWh per turbine

generation

Capacity factor 36 percent

Tower height 230 feet

Total weight 130 tons

Tower weight 93 tons

**Generator weight** 25 tons

Blade weight 4 tons per

blade

Blade length 85 feet

Wind speed Cut-in: 8 mph Cut-out: 56 mph

Project cost \$1 million per turbine

Start-up date 2002





## **LANGDON**Wind Energy Center

**Location** Nine miles south of Langdon, N.D.

Size 199.5 megawatts (MW)

Minnkota portion: 139.5 MW Otter Tail portion: 60 MW

**Turbines** 133 turbines, 1.5 MW each,

manufactured by General Electric

**Towers** Approximately 250 feet to center of hub

Blades Variable pitch – 120 feet long

Output Cut-in wind speed: 8 mph

Maximum output: 35-55 mph Cut-out wind speed: 56 mph

**Delivery point** Langdon substation

**Transmission** Langdon to Hensel 115-kilovolt (kV) line

Start-up date December 2007



## **ASHTABULA**Wind Energy Center

**Location** 15 miles northeast of Valley City, N.D.

Size 366 megawatts (MW)

Minnkota portion: 217.5 MW Otter Tail portion: 97.5 MW

Great River Energy portion: 51 MW

Turbines 244 turbines, 1.5 MW each,

manufactured by General Electric

**Towers** Approximately 250 feet to center of hub

Blades Variable pitch – 120 feet long

Output Cut-in wind speed: 8 mph

Maximum output: 35-55 mph Cut-out wind speed: 56 mph

**Delivery point** Pillsbury substation

Transmission Pillsbury to Fargo 230-kilovolt (kV) line

**Start-up date** 2008/2009





## OLIVER III Wind Energy Center

**Location** 42 miles northwest of Bismarck, N.D.

Size 100 megawatts (MW)

Minnkota portion: 100 MW

**Turbines** Approximately 48 turbines rated

between 1.5 and 2.3 MW each

**Towers** Approximately 262 feet to center of hub

Blades Variable pitch - \_\_\_\_ feet long

Output Cut-in wind speed: WAITING
Maximum output: WAITING

Cut-out wind speed: 56 mph

**Delivery point** Roughrider substation

**Transmission** Center to Mandan 230-kilovolt (kV) line

Start-up date January 2017

