# FACT SHEET North Fork Ridge Wind Farm Kings Point Wind Farm

(Barton, Dade, Jasper and Lawrence Counties, Missouri)



Construction and operation of two wind farms would bring significant economic benefits to the region, including lease payments to landowners and well-paying jobs.

**T**enaska, a respected energy company, has been contracted by Liberty Utilities – Empire District to complete development and manage construction of the North Fork Ridge and Kings Point wind farms near Joplin. Able to provide approximately 300 megawatts combined, these wind farms are expected to bring jobs, tax revenue and other economic benefits to the community.

### Land Use

Wind farms optimize land use. A small portion – roughly  $2/3^{rds}$  of an acre – is needed for siting each wind turbine and its access road. The remainder can continue to be used in its current state, such as for farming or grazing.

At the end of the wind turbines' useful life, the wind farms may be repowered or the turbines will be removed and the site will be reclaimed.

### **Community Benefits**

Two wind farms that can generate approximately 300 megawatts combined are expected to have a positive impact on the regional economy, including:

- Diversified land use and stable income to landowners through lease payments
- Roughly 200 jobs at peak construction, plus seven to 10 wellpaying, full-time operations jobs at each wind farm
- Opportunites for local business to provide goods and services to the wind farms

There will be additional economic benefits during construction and operation, as the construction workers and plant employees eat in restaurants and shop in local establishments.

At the same time, the wind farms will create little demand for local services, such as schools, police or roads – a win-win for area residents.

## **Key Facts**

Tenaska is developing and will manage construction of two wind farms – North Fork Ridge and Kings Point – that will be able to generate approximately 300 megawatts of renewable power combined for Liberty Utilities – Empire District.

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#### Location

Parts of Barton, Dade, Jasper and Lawrence counties

#### Timeline

Development continues in 2019, with construction targeted to start in fall 2019; commercial operation targeted for 30 years, starting in late 2020

#### Design

Approximately 140 turbines – 2.2 megawatts each – across the two wind farms

#### **Ownership**

Liberty – Empire intends to take ownership of the wind farms after commercial operation

#### **About Tenaska**

Tenaska is an energy company based in Omaha, Nebraska, with a reputation for building high-quality, efficient and environmentally responsible energy projects. Tenaska develops, constructs, owns and operates non-utility electric generating plants. The company has developed more than 10,000 megawatts of natural gas-fueled and renewable power projects, both in the United States and internationally, and has mid- to advanced-stage wind development projects in the Midwest. For more information, visit <u>www.Tenaska.com</u>.

#### **About Liberty Utilities**

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Liberty Utilities – Empire District, Joplin, Missouri, is headquarters for the company's Central Region, providing electric, natural gas, water and wastewater service to nearly 320,000 customers across six states. For more information regarding services in the Empire area, visit <u>www.empiredistrict.com</u>.

#### **Office & Contact Information**

To help ensure you have information about these wind farms and an opportunity to ask questions, Tenaska has opened a local office in Carthage, 1200 Grand Ave. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by appointment by contacting a land agent.

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