

FACT SHEET

Nobles 2 Wind Project

(Wilmont, Minnesota)



Tenaska is known for being a good business neighbor. A wind project like Nobles 2 will bring significant benefits to the region, including jobs, tax revenue and a boost to the regional economy.

Tenaska, a respected energy company, is constructing a wind-powered electric generation project near Wilmont in Nobles County, Minnesota. Able to produce 250 megawatts (MW) of renewable power, this facility will bring construction and operation jobs, tax revenue and other economic benefits to the community.

Why Work With Tenaska?

Tenaska strives to be a good and responsible neighbor in communities where it does business. The company cultivates long-term, mutually beneficial relationships with local leaders and residents built on respect, value and trust. Tenaska depends on those good working relationships and open dialogue with local leaders to help maximize the benefits to the community while ensuring its generating facilities remain competitive businesses and stable employers.

As part of its commitment to being a good neighbor, Tenaska provides economic benefits and contributes to community-building programs in locations where its generating facilities operate. The company has awarded more than \$800,000 in college scholarships to date.

Land Use

Wind projects optimize land use. A small portion – less than 2 to 3 percent of the overall land – is needed for siting of wind turbines and access roads. The remainder can continue to be used in its current state, such as for farming and grazing.

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

Community Benefits

Construction of this wind-generation facility in Nobles County is expected to:

- Boost the local economy, with a total estimated cost of approximately \$350 million to \$400 million;
- Result in more than \$1.1 million in tax revenue annually to local units of government;
- Diversify land use and provide stable income to land owners through lease payments;
- Create up to 230 jobs during peak construction and approximately 15 well-paying, full-time jobs during operation, plus opportunities for seasonal and part-time work; and
- Offer opportunities for local businesses to provide goods and services to the project.

There will be additional “trickle down” 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 project will create little demand for local services, such as schools, police or roads – a win-win for residents of the county.

Key Facts

Tenaska is constructing a wind-powered electric generation project that will have the ability to produce 250 MW of renewable power.

Location

Near Wilmont in Nobles County.

Timeline

Construction to start in late summer 2019; commercial operation targeted for 30 years, starting in 2020.

Design

74 wind turbines – 2 to 3.6 MW each.

Electricity Production

250 MW of renewable energy for Minnesota Power. The project will interconnect into the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional transmission organization that ensures the reliability of the electric grid serving Minnesota.

Ownership

Nobles 2 Power Partners is owned by affiliates of Tenaska, ALLETE, Inc. and Bright Canyon. ALLETE's utility division has a 20-year power purchase agreement for the output of the Nobles 2 wind farm.

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. It oversees operations at 12 natural gas-fueled and renewable generating facilities, totaling approximately 8,200 MW.

Additional information about Tenaska is available at www.tenaska.com