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## Duke Energy to Build Fourth Wind Farm in Wyoming

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By KEVIN KINGSBURY

Duke Energy Corp. plans to build its ninth wind farm in the U.S., and fourth in Wyoming, as the North Carolina-based utility continues to build its alternative-energy efforts.

The latest project, dubbed "Top of the World," will be on some 17,000 acres of private and public land Duke Energy holds under long-term lease. The effort is expected to be operationally before 2011 and generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 50,000 to 60,000 homes on an annual basis.

PacifiCorp, which operates as Rocky Mountain Power in Wyoming, will purchase the electricity generated by the project and the associated renewable energy credits as part of a 20-year power purchase agreement. PacifiCorp will get the same from a nearby project from Duke Energy, which is one-half the size of Top of the World.

The new project will be powered by at least 66 turbines from General Electric Co., or half of the project's needs. The GE turbines are the balance of those Duke Energy agreed to purchase under a September agreement. Negotiations are ongoing on the source of the project's remaining turbines.

Duke Energy, one of the largest electric power companies in the U.S. supplies and delivers electricity to approximately 4 million U.S. customers.

It has been one of the most proactive on the alternative-energy front, announcing plans to roll out 700,000 so-called smart meters to measure customers' electricity usage while proposing the investment of \$121 million for a study of permanent underground storage of part of the carbon-dioxide emissions from an Indiana power plant under construction.

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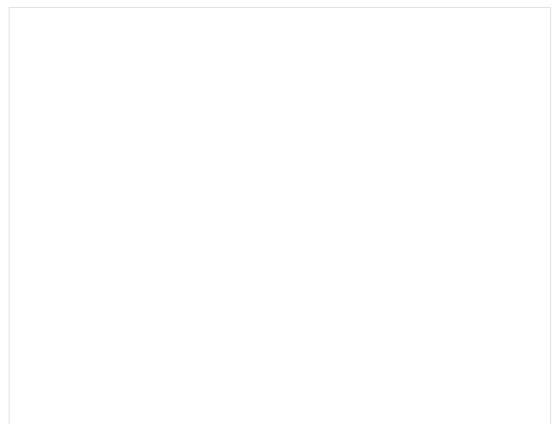
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