



Photo (L - R): Mark Stacy (AR project developer), Comm. Aubrey Dunn, Sen. Martin Heinrich, Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, Sen. Tom Udall, Jesse Gronner (AR vice president of development)

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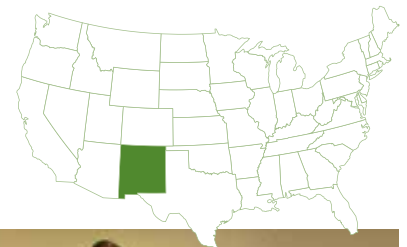
From coast to coast, we're thrilled to be developing projects and breaking ground on new sites in the United States. We shared some exciting developments in our last issue of Landowner News and look forward to bringing you progress updates each quarter.

Recently, things began taking shape in Torrance County, New Mexico, at our El Cabo Wind Project. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., and Commissioner of Public Lands Aubrey Dunn each gave an inspiring speech on the importance of sustaining and growing renewable energy in the state, expressing a desire for New Mexico to become the clean energy leader in the United States and thanking Avangrid Renewables for our investment. For their leadership, the dignitaries were presented copies of road signs bearing their names and also cast their handprints in concrete slabs that will be installed in the "walkway trim" around the El Cabo operations and maintenance building.



Sen. Tom Udall casts his handprint

Forecasted to deliver power from 142 wind turbines, the El Cabo Wind Farm is slated for commercial operation in the second half of 2017. Civil and road work is ongoing on the combined 56,000 acre project area made up of state trust land managed by the New Mexico State Land Office and private property. The project is expected to provide at least \$37.5 million in lease revenue over its 25-year life in addition to putting a number of local businesses to work. Our 20-year contract with Southern California Edison (SCE), an Edison International company, will supply them with renewable energy from the wind farm. 🌱



Sen. Martin Heinrich speaks to the crowd during the El Cabo Wind Project construction celebration

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Exciting New Deal With Global Apparel Giant in Oregon



We're proud to be part of Nike's commitment to sustainability as they recently announced the expansion of their world headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon.

Their commitment to achieve 100 percent renewable energy for all owned or operated facilities worldwide by 2025 includes a 10-year agreement to purchase renewable energy for their facilities in Oregon from us. The agreement begins in January 2017 for all current and future Nike World Headquarters buildings, the in-house manufacturing facility and nearly all owned or operated retail stores in Oregon.

"This is truly a unique and exciting partnership. Setting aside the obvious shared hometown connection to our partnership — this is really a trailblazing agreement for Oregon. Through our unique status as an electricity service supplier, Nike will receive 100 percent renewable energy directly from three of our wind farms, located on the Oregon side of the Columbia Gorge, and our National Control Center in Portland will manage that generation. Nike should be commended for such a strong commitment to sustainability and the desire to do it in the most pure and authentic way possible," said Diana Scholtes, managing director of energy origination at Avangrid Renewables. 🌱

Sponsoring Our Heroes Is an Honor

At Avangrid Renewables, more than 10 percent of our employees are military veterans. It's one of the reasons why we are committed to supporting our troops, both while serving our country and — after they return home — throughout their lives. As part of this commitment, our Blue Creek Wind Farm team helped 84 veterans travel to Washington D.C. to see the monuments and memorials built in their honor.



Blue Creek Wind Farm in northwest Ohio presented a \$10,000 check to Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC) and Honor Flight Northeast Indiana Chapter. With each flight costing around \$70,000 to sponsor, PPEC set out to fund two full flights. With Avangrid Renewables' large donation, total funds raised were just over \$160,000, so both flights took to the skies in September and October as planned.

When asked why Avangrid Renewables decided to join PPEC's efforts, Blue Creek Plant Manager Neil Voje (pictured center in green) explained, "Like many Americans, my father served in the Navy during WWII and my brothers served in Vietnam. In my 20-plus years of naval service, they visited me at many of my duty stations around the world. My father's stories and those of his generation have instilled in me a deep sense of pride and service. To me, it's important to honor those who gave so much, and to remember those who gave all. Helping with Honor Flight is repaying a small portion of the enormous debt we owe them. Avangrid Foundation is proud to help PPEC with the funding for these great warriors to see some of the tributes built at our capital to honor their sacrifice." 🌱

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5 Questions With Danny Prather of the El Cabo Wind Farm

Landowner News recently interviewed Danny Prather from the El Cabo Wind Farm in New Mexico. Danny is owner and rancher along with his family at Prather Ranch.



Landowner News: What do you like most about the area?

Danny Prather: My mother was born on the ranch in 1933 and I have lived here all of my life. I love the wide open spaces and beautiful views that Torrance County, New Mexico, provides.

What activities do you do on your land?

We run a cattle ranch operation here on the property that does very well — particularly during high rains when the grass grows more abundantly. My mother loves these animals and is pictured above with her favorite cow, "Fancy."



Financing Available for Carbon Mitigation Projects

Climate Trust Capital (CTC), an independent firm of the nonprofit The Climate Trust, has launched an investment fund to commit \$5.5 million into innovative, U.S.-based carbon offset projects in forestry, grassland conservation and livestock digesters, deploying an additional \$10 million over 2017 and 2018.

CTC provides an up-front investment based on the 10-year value of carbon credits from your project. The financing can be used as a substitute for equity for project costs such as construction, development or land acquisition. This is a guaranteed minimum carbon value for you!

Tapping into almost two decades of expertise, CTC provides technical support to ensure optimal project performance. This includes developing a carbon-monitoring plan for data collection, data aggregation and verification. When credits are generated, CTC will sell those on your behalf at the best possible premium and share the proceeds after recouping their initial up-front payment. This revenue share rewards project owners as carbon prices increase over time, with CTC collecting their returns last.

Offset projects can be an important and cost-effective contributor to climate reduction targets. CTC sets up landowners to earn long-term carbon revenue — and they'd like to work with you. For more information, please contact Dick Kempka (rkempka@climatetrust.org, 901-351-3854). 📧

AWEA: American Farmers Are Harvesting the Wind



The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) recently penned an article recognizing America's hardworking farmers and their new sustainable crop — wind energy. So many of you work hard, day in and day out, to put food on our tables, so in honor of National Farmer's Day this year, AWEA produced a new video that includes stories from farmers and ranchers across the country who have seen the benefits of wind energy firsthand.

For the full article and video, go to aweablog.org/american-farmers-harvesting-wind. 📧



Safety Corner: Don't Remove Utility Locate Flags

With snowy conditions and limited daylight hours this season, it may be difficult to spot utility locate flags around the wind farm. For your safety and ours, please don't remove these important markers. In addition to being a safety hazard, removing them also presents legal issues and could result in fines. If you have any questions or concerns about utility locate flags on your property, please contact us. We thank you for your prompt attention to this issue.



What made you decide to have a wind farm on your property?

One of the biggest draws to leasing the land was the extra income. Renewable energy seemed like a great idea to me and I'm learning more about it every day. Wind blows in this country all the time, so if we can get something good from it, then I'm all for it!

What's it been like working with Avangrid Renewables during the construction process?

So far, the construction process has been very busy with lots of people and activity happening. Avangrid Renewables has been wonderful to deal with, very good about working with us and great at explaining the plan and updating us on the progress. I've particularly enjoyed working with Mark Stacy, who has been very helpful and wonderful to deal with.

Do you read Landowner News?

Yes, I do enjoy reading it. It has some good information in it for us landowners. Thanks for allowing me to be part of this issue!

— Thanks Danny, the pleasure is ours! 📧

If you'd like to be considered for an upcoming issue of our Five Questions series in Landowner News, drop us a line at rensosial@avangrid.com.

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Keep an Eye Open for 1099 Forms

It's that time of year again and we want to remind folks to watch for 1099 forms in the mail beginning in January. If you received payments in excess of \$600, you will receive a form for 2016. As always, give us a call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Questions? Have a Story to Tell?

Do you have questions or comments relating to Landowner News? Have a story to tell? Would you rather receive an electronic copy? We'd like to hear from you!

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For questions about your land agreement or payments, contact us toll-free at 866-441-4557 or via email: leasing@avangrid.com

Harnessing the #PowerOfWind in Education

In classrooms, playgrounds and lunchrooms around the country, kids are sharing some pretty insightful perspective on the future of our planet. So this fall saw the return of our #PowerOfWindContest, where students all across the country were invited to participate by completing a wind energy-themed coloring sheet and submitting their artwork online for friends and family to vote on.

In November, we concluded the contest by awarding the Lake Harriet Community School in Minneapolis with a \$2,500 energy education grant from Avangrid Renewables. Our grand-prize winner and third grade student, Amber, submitted her coloring sheet, which racked up more than 1,000 votes! The top 25 submissions were all awarded a free KidWind Advanced Wind Experiment Kit Classroom Pack that lets students design their own wind turbine and experiment with wind power right in their classroom.



Today's youth know clean air, water and soil will not be part of their future unless we take steps now to protect our environment. Whether in schools funded by local wind farms or in classrooms nowhere near a turbine, students recognize that wind power and renewable energy are key pieces of the puzzle to secure a healthier future for all of us. To support these important discussions and encourage future engineers to explore the potential of wind energy, we'll continue to support education initiatives like this across the country. 🌱

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