



AVANGRID and Avangrid Renewables executives during a visit to the Gala Solar Plant during construction.

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## A Landowner with a Vision

Working with landowners is an essential part of our business and these partnerships are critical to the success of our wind and solar farms across the country. We work hard to earn the trust and respect of landowners and believe in building strong relationships with the local communities where we operate.

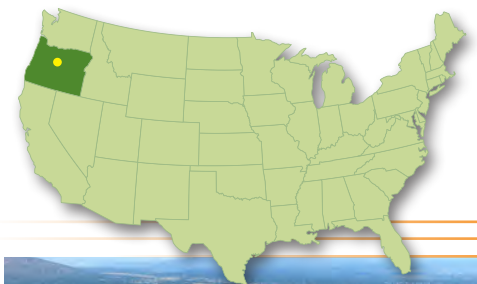


Gala, our latest solar farm, is the largest utility-scale solar project in Oregon. This 56 MW plant is more than five times larger than other solar farms operating in the state. Located near Prineville, in Eastern Oregon, the land is owned by Kevin Spencer (pictured left)—a construction and development business owner with a visionary idea for a large-scale renewable energy project.

But Kevin's big idea started small when he set out on his own more than 10 years ago, trying to develop a much smaller project. Initially restricted by state and federal regulations, he went on to successfully advocate for expanding the total area for solar project development in Oregon. Once paired with Avangrid Renewable's solutions-minded team, the next-generation solar power plant project finally came to light.

In Kevin's words, "It took outside-the-box goals and solutions with Avangrid Renewables to make the project a reality." He credits developer Brian Walsh in conjunction with Avangrid Renewables and the local government in Crook County for bringing the solar project to fruition. He added that after the years of arduous development activities, he's astonished with how fast the entire plant has been built to mechanical completion—in just nine months—and hopes that more people across the country will take advantage of the benefits as a landowner on an Avangrid Renewables energy project.

Kevin has viable future aspirations to develop more land with Avangrid Renewables for solar power production, which will also benefit his family, the county and the environment. We're delighted to partner with visionary people like Kevin, so drop us a line if you have an idea for a project in your area. 📧



The 56 MW Gala Solar Plant, near Prineville, Oregon.

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## An Update from New Mexico




Things are taking shape at our El Cabo Wind Farm in New Mexico as we near commercial operation of one of the largest projects in our fleet. Located in Torrance County, roughly 60 miles from Albuquerque, the project will have a capacity of more than 298 MW of energy from 142 Siemens Gamesa turbines at completion, enough to power roughly 90,000 American homes each year. We'll supply the clean, renewable energy to Southern California Edison.

Like all of our active construction sites, it's busy, as we peaked at roughly 450 workers on-site earlier this year. With access roads under construction, collection system trenching and cable installation, turbine component deliveries, and turbine erection ongoing across a 50,000-acre area, a wind farm construction site has a lot of skilled workers engaged in a carefully choreographed schedule.

During a recent visit to the El Cabo Wind Farm, Avangrid Renewables employees led newspaper, radio and television crews from Spain around the site as part of a tour of our largest U.S. projects. As you might imagine, the convenient rail line that runs through our laydown yard was the focus of a good deal of journalistic attention. A big thanks to the El Cabo construction crew, who not only accommodated this group of visitors, but who also hit a critical project milestone by selling their first 10 MW of energy earlier this year.



New Mexico represents a new state for our portfolio and we are eager to complete construction. Stay tuned for more updates on the El Cabo Wind Farm. 

## Two Lies and a Truth Test Your Knowledge

Here at Avangrid Renewables, we are always looking for ways to incorporate fun into our daily routine. Recently, our plant administrators from across the country gathered together for a business meeting, where our land management team kicked things off with its own version of the icebreaker game, Two Lies and a Truth. The object of the game is to determine which statement is TRUE out of a series of statements. Test your knowledge with a sampling of the questions below. Turn to the back page to see the correct answers. Enjoy!

### # 1: Which of the following is true?

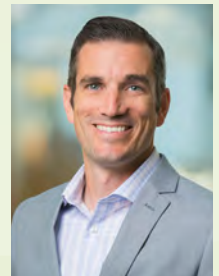
- A. One of our landowners composed a song about wind power, which was performed at a project dedication ceremony.
- B. Any manager of a corporation is authorized to sign a lease agreement on its behalf.
- C. The Peñascal Wind Plant is located in King County, Texas.

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## Five Questions with the New VP of Construction

Landowner News caught up with the vice president of construction, Dave Carroll, to learn about his new role at Avangrid Renewables and get the scoop on his vision for 2018 and beyond.



### Landowner News: Describe your new role with the company and what it entails.

As the VP of engineering and construction for the renewables business, I'm responsible for the delivery of the renewable energy projects, from investment approval to handover to operations. I lead a very talented staff of project managers and engineers who are focused on the design and construction of our utility-scale wind and solar projects.

### Landowner News: How would you describe your own style of leadership?

I would describe my leadership style as very collaborative. I like to ensure that the team has input and buy-in to the process as much as possible. I believe this helps the team grow and be more successful. In addition, I strongly believe that we should have a workplace environment that is professional, but fun. There is no doubt people are going to be asked to work hard, but we may as well enjoy what we do and who we work with.

### Landowner News: What is your vision for Avangrid Renewables construction projects?

The main focus is building on the success that Avangrid Renewables has had over the years. The team will continue to strive to deliver the projects on schedule and on budget, with the highest level of safety and quality. In addition,



given the current industry dynamics, we have to remain focused on technological advances and how we can take advantage of them.

#### Landowner News: What new initiative are you most excited about for 2018?

One initiative we are working on is moving all of our QA/QC (quality assurance/quality control) inspection forms and drawings over to tablets for our inspectors, with the capability to instantly upload results and geo-tagged photos for review by our staff. This is going to enable the inspectors to spend more time in the field and provide a higher quality of inspection to ensure that we are constructing the project to the highest standards.

#### Landowner News: Outside of your work, what are you passionate about?

I have two young kids, so outside of work I'm focused on spending as much time with them as possible as I know the time I have with them will fly by. As a family we really enjoy sports and now with the move to the Portland area we're looking forward to spending more time camping and all of the great hiking opportunities. 🌲

**If you'd like to be considered for an upcoming issue of our Five Questions series in Landowner News, send us an email at [rensocia@avangrid.com](mailto:rensocia@avangrid.com).**



At the Iowa Lakes Community Foundation Scholarship Recognition banquet, our staff honored three students of the wind turbine technology program, each of whom benefits from the Avangrid Renewables scholarship.

(Two Lies and a Truth ... continued)

#### # 2: Which of the following is true?

- A. There are 680 acres in one square mile of land.
- B. One of our landowners named the turbines on their property "Marybeth," "Nancy" and "Judy-Suzanne."
- C. All lease payments are issued in January of each year.

#### # 3: Which of the following is true?

- A. Avangrid Renewables and its subsidiaries are party to nearly 4,000 land agreements across the United States for renewable energy.
- B. In most states, notary publics are allowed to notarize documents for their immediate family.
- C. Measuring distances by "chains," "links" and "rods" is an archaic form of measurement and is never used in modern U.S. surveys. 🌲

## Community Corner

At Avangrid Renewables, we believe in developing and maintaining strong relationships with landowners and local communities. To that end, we make donations of money, goods or company-sanctioned employee volunteer hours in support of the local communities where we operate and beyond. Here are two recent engagements:

Wind turbine technicians are projected to be the fastest growing occupation in the United States from 2014 to 2024 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This extensive growth has caused a high demand for technicians to have a solid education base before entering the wind energy workforce. Iowa Lakes Community College has emerged as one of the top wind technology programs in the country. They offer both a diploma program and an associates degree in applied science. Both of these programs qualify their students for many technical positions within the wind industry, such as wind technician. Avangrid Renewables is happy to be a supporter of wind technology colleges such as Iowa Lakes by providing scholarships, as well as sponsoring classrooms at educational facilities. (continued on pg. 4)



The Iowa Lakes Community College wind turbine technology program includes a full-size nacelle and hub setup in its training facility.

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### (Community Corner ... continued)

Avangrid Renewables had 110 volunteers participate in 11 different events throughout the U.S. for this year's international volunteer day. Popular events included packing food at the Oregon Food Bank and local highway clean-ups around some of our wind plants. A big shout-out to the plants that participated, as well as the Portland, Oregon, legal and IT teams, which had record-high group participation! Many thanks to every employee and family member able to pitch in to make our communities better! 🌱



Our volunteers in Portland, Oregon, bagged more than 37,000 pounds of apples and pears, which amounted to around 313 meals per volunteer.

Which answer was TRUE? (Two Lies and a Truth on pg. 3):  
#1. A: "Harvest the Wind" was composed by landowner John Leiferman, which was performed at the Buffalo Ridge 1 Wind Farm dedication in South Dakota.  
#2. B: Phillip and Meta Hull named the turbines on their property after their daughters at the Farmers City Wind Farm in Missouri.  
#3. A: A majority of our wind, solar and thermal project land is leased to us by local landowners nationwide throughout all stages of development, construction and operations.

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