



Residents of Beaumont and a few Iberdrola Renewables' staff pose by a rail car at the groundbreaking ceremony near the Elk River Wind Farm in Kansas.

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Delivering on the Promise of a Community Center in Kansas

Iberdrola Renewables' Elk River Wind Farm is one of the newer additions to the small town of Beaumont, Kansas, a town rich in cattle and rail history. As home to the oldest wooden water tower in America, dating to 1885, Beaumont is a natural fit for a renewable energy company.

We're committed to working toward creating sustainable communities in places like Beaumont, where we recently celebrated the groundbreaking of the Beaumont Community Center. When we built the Elk River Wind Farm in 2005, we made a promise that we would help fund a much-needed community center through a matching donation program.

Together, Elk River Wind Farm and Iberdrola Renewables have donated \$90,000 over the years to aid in their efforts. Today, that community center is the latest addition in a community that is reinventing itself through renewable energy.

"It is all about community, and our community is so much larger than the people who live in this town," Elk River landowner Pete Ferrell told the Butler County Times Gazette. "It's been a huge collaboration for which we have been immeasurably grateful." As president of the Beaumont Community Association, Ferrell and his team were a driving force behind the effort to develop the community center, and led the groundbreaking ceremony. We were honored to be a part of the event.

"Iberdrola Renewables works hard to earn the trust and respect of the communities where we do business," said Iberdrola Renewables CEO & president Frank Burkhartsmeier. "We believe in developing and maintaining strong relationships with landowners and local communities."

The new community center will provide a space for people to gather for meetings, trainings and seminars that will help to inform, educate and strengthen the community. The building design pays tribute to the community's rich history, evoking the train depot that graced Beaumont during the railroad's heyday. Just another example of Iberdrola Renewables' commitment to the growing number of communities that are ushering in a more sustainable future. 🌱



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Photo above submitted by Manzana (CA) landowner, Mick Suarez, taken on October 31. "It was mid-morning and great to watch this young wild horse come down from the mountains." Thanks for the great photo, Mick!

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Winter Safety Tips for Landowners

The winter season is upon us, which means quality time spent with family and friends. Whether bundled up inside or frolicking in the snow, winter raises special safety considerations around area wind farms. We've put together a list of safety tips for landowners and their guests to remember when they partake in outdoor activities:

- Become familiar with the terrain and know the location of turbine towers.
- Remember there are high-voltage electrical junction boxes along roadways and adjacent farm fields and high-voltage transformers near towers.
- Snowmobile and sled operators must be cautious of transformers located at the base of each wind turbine and junction boxes along roadways and adjacent farm fields. Junction boxes and warning signs may be obscured by snow. Snowmobiles and sleds should proceed at a slow, safe speed in all areas where turbines are visible.
- If you allow hunting on your property, let hunters know that they may encounter avian (bird) technicians and wind turbine technicians conducting various tasks on the property. These technicians will be wearing hard hats and may be wearing orange vests. Hunters should be aware of their presence.
- Landowners who notice any missing or obscured warning signs should notify the local plant manager immediately.

Our goal is to operate all facilities in a safe and secure manner, not only for our employees and contractors, but also for landowners and the public. Local wind plant managers need to know immediately if landowners observe potentially unsafe activity. From our families to yours, best wishes for a joyous and safe holiday season and a wonderful 2016! ❧



Construction Resumes in New Mexico



Full construction has resumed at the El Cabo Wind Farm in Torrance County, New Mexico. The 298 megawatt (MW) project will feature up to 149 wind turbines and is slated for commercial operation in the second half of 2017.

The company has secured an offtake arrangement for the full output of the plant, and has engaged in significant construction and procurement activities to date. The project's construction schedule had slowed while some transmission-related constraints were successfully addressed. The on-site construction effort will now ramp back up, including civil and road work on the combined 56,000 acre project area comprising private and state trust land managed by the New Mexico State Land Office.

"We have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with local, regional and state officials to get the project to this point, and we're excited about having a viable commercial operating wind farm in sight," said Frank Burkhartsmeyer, Iberdrola Renewables' CEO. "With the resumption of full construction, we'll now be building large wind farms in two states new to our portfolio, New Mexico and North Carolina."

The El Cabo Wind Farm has already put a number of local businesses to work, and is expected to provide at least \$1.5 million in lease payments per year, for a total of at least \$37.5M over the 25-year life of the project. ❧

5 Questions With Laura Beane



Landowner News recently interviewed Laura Beane, our new vice president of operations and maintenance services, based out of our headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

Landowner News: How long have you been with the company and what have been your highlights?



Laura: I joined PacifiCorp in 1995 and was assigned as an analyst to the new 'renewable exploration' team in 1997.

This team represented the beginning of what later became PPM Energy and what is now Iberdrola Renewables, so in many ways I feel that I have been a part of this company from the very beginning. Over my career I have had the opportunity to work in many different areas of the business including regulation, compliance, strategy, analysis, transmission, policy and market structure. In addition, I have taken on numerous special projects including the company's innovative Self-Supply program, which involves Iberdrola taking on the balancing obligation of its 1400 MWs of wind in the Pacific Northwest.

Landowner News: What have been the most significant changes in the energy business since the start of your career?

Laura: In 1995, utility scale wind turbines were a fraction of today's size, Enron was the most admired energy company in the world, and natural gas prices were predicted to escalate precipitously with the U.S. supply exhausted by 2020. Today, wind and other renewable sources of generation represent a significant and growing component of the worldwide energy supply; Enron is the symbol of corporate scandal; and fracking and other technologies have radically expanded gas supply with prices predicted to remain stable. The rapid pace of change has been both fascinating and challenging and is the primary reason I enjoy working in this industry.

→ **Landowner News: What unique capabilities does Iberdrola have that you are most proud of?**

Laura: Iberdrola's commitment to safe, reliable and responsible operation sets our company apart. In my previous role, I was focused externally and spent much of my time representing Iberdrola and its interests at stakeholder meetings and in other forums where key policy and regulatory decisions were made. It was a pleasure to be able to represent a company that is genuinely committed to doing the right thing for the environment, its customers, and its shareholders.

Landowner News: What are your responsibilities in your new role?

Laura: Our team includes Asset Management, Performance Reporting, Operations Business Processes, Environmental Health & Safety and Land Management. These teams cover a broad range of responsibilities involving contract management, customer and landowner relations, fleet performance analysis, reporting and optimization, and full safety program training and implementation. My most important objective will be to support our phenomenal team of experts—people who are truly the best at what they do—and work to remove barriers that enable them to do their jobs more effectively. My focus will be on advocating on behalf of the U.S. O&M Services team to secure the resources and support required for us to continue to deliver top quality services to enable our generation fleet to perform safely and deliver optimal results for Iberdrola and its shareholders.

Landowner News: What activities do you do enjoy outside of your work?

Laura: Outside of the office I enjoy running, baking, reading, traveling, playing the piano, snow skiing, waterskiing and spending time with my husband of 20 years and our teenage son. I also serve as the chairman of the board of The Climate Trust, a national leader in carbon offset projects and innovative climate change solutions. 🌱

Iberdrola Renewables Leads Epic Journey Focusing on Climate Change

From Bilbao, Spain, to Paris, and back to the United States, when it comes to bringing attention to global issues like climate change, sometimes the best thing you can do to take action is to saddle up and join in for the long ride. That's true with our recent call for action during the COP21 Climate Summit, as well as with our support for the EPA's new clean power plan.

Bilbao to Paris by Bike

Iberdrola Renewables recently teamed up with Iberdrola companies around the world to participate in the Just2Challenge ride from Bilbao to Paris. The ride began on November 20, with a goal of raising awareness on climate change and creating a call for action during the recent COP21 Climate Summit in Paris. The challenge: To contain the average temperature rise of the planet at below 2 degrees Celsius.



The Just2 Challenge was one way to showcase all of the work Iberdrola has already done to grow the renewable energy industry, reduce emissions and promote efforts to reduce the factors that cause climate change. Iberdrola is a global company, and the fight against climate change will require a global solution from business, countries and individuals alike. We believe renewable energy is an important part of the solution to reduce our carbon footprint, increase energy diversity in the United States and around the world, and protect our environment for future generations.



Tackling Climate Change at Home

As the world's largest renewable energy company, we're on the front lines working toward the immediate implementation of climate change solutions. There is no flexibility in our timeline: Climate change poses a serious threat to global health, global business and the global economy. We must take action now and do everything we can to raise awareness leading to bold action.

Earlier this year, the EPA announced the Clean Power Plan in a historic and important step toward reducing carbon pollution from power plants here in the United States. It didn't happen overnight. The Clean Power Plan was shaped by years of unprecedented outreach and public engagement. We fully support the result: A fair, flexible and well-designed plan to strengthen cleaner and lower-polluting American energy.

To learn more about our ride from Bilbao to Paris, watch video clips of the journey and to learn more about how we can work together to help reduce carbon emissions, visit www.just2challenge.com. 🌱

That's a Wrap! The Winner of the #PowerOfWind Video Contest ...

The creativity coming from a classroom of kids can bring the power of wind to light in new ways. We hoped to capture some of that innovative thinking in this year's #PowerOfWind video competition, and we were blown away by the results. This fall, hundreds of students from schools across the country submitted videos describing what they knew about wind

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power, why it's important and how they would use it if they could harness all the wind in the world.

Our judges were hard-pressed to pick a winner as young engineers proposed projects using wind to do everything from creating homework to manufacturing chocolate teddy bears. We even saw some incredible dance moves and musical talent.



After much deliberation, our judges were thrilled to announce that this year's winner of the #PowerOfWind contest is Van Wert Elementary School in Ohio, near the Blue Creek Wind Farm. The Van Wert class created an imaginative musical starring local "wind techs" and smart zoo animals who explain the benefits of wind power. There's even an original song and dance celebrating the turbines in Van Wert.

As the grand prize winner, Van Wert Elementary will receive a \$2,500 energy education grant from Iberdrola Renewables. Every school that participated will also receive a KidWind® Advanced Wind Experiment Classroom pack that allows students to discover advanced aspects of wind turbine technology and test different blade designs, gear ratios and generators. Congratulations to Van Wert Elementary, to all of the schools who participated this year and thank you to the teachers and parents who make clean energy education a priority for today's students. 🌱

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