

Local Leaders and Atchison County Families to Celebrate One of the State's Newest Wind Farms at Dedication Event in Tarkio

WHO & WHAT:

Join local leaders and hundreds of families from Atchison County to celebrate one of the state's newest wind farms, the Farmers City Wind Power Project. Local youth and the community's beloved and talented pianist, Donovan Jones, will entertain guests as they learn about the latest developments in the region's wind power generation.

Located near Tarkio, the Farmers City Wind Power Project brings a new source of clean, renewable power to the region and will generate enough power for more than 33,000 typical Missouri homes. Atchison County also benefits from local job creation and tax payments to the county. Comprised of 73 turbines, each standing nearly 400 feet tall, the project covers approximately 14,000 acres, yet takes less than 1 percent of the land out of use for corn and soybean farming.

Interview opportunities available with:

- Atchison County Commissioner Marlin Logan
- Atchison County Development Corp. Director Eileen Irvine
- Project landowners Lyllis Vette and Dick Ohrt
- Community representatives and advocates

WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, June 18, 2010

Farmers City Wind Power Project – Near Tarkio, Mo., along HWY 59 North

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Speaker program and ribbon-cutting ceremony

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wind turbine tours and picnic lunch

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Interview opportunities with elected officials, energy industry representatives, and community leaders
- Opportunities for up-close live remotes at the site near the wind turbines
- Background video and photos of the turbines and wind farm available to media outlets
- Additional information available at www.iberdrolarenewables.us/farmerscity.html

BACKGROUND:

The Farmers City Wind Power Project is located in Atchison County, Mo., in the northwest corner of the state. The 73 wind turbines at this project will generate 146 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable energy and contribute jobs and tax revenue to the local community. The project supports the local economy through lease payments to local landowners and tax payments to the county. The project's construction period, which concluded when the project became operational in 2009, created numerous jobs. When the project reached operation, it was the largest wind project in Missouri, and nearly doubled the wind power capacity in the state. The project takes its name from a historic farmers market that was located within the wind farm's boundaries.



DIRECTIONS TO FARMERS CITY WIND POWER PROJECT:

From Interstate 29 North, take Exit 107 onto 136 East toward Rock Port.

From Interstate 29 South, take Exit 110 onto 136 East toward Rock Port.

Once on 136 East, proceed for 9.2 miles until 136 East joins 59 North (you will pass through a wind farm in Rock Port in the process). Continue on 136 East/59 North for another 1.5 miles until you reach a stop sign. You will pass a Pizza Hut on your right shortly before the stop sign. Go straight through the stop sign to stay on 59 North. (You are no longer on 136 East). On 59 North, proceed 6.3 miles until you turn left into the project driveway. You will see the project substation shortly before your left turn.

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