

Rail Splitter II Wind Farm

Tazewell County, Illinois

- Distalled capacity: **100 MW**
- 🚊 Estimated commercial operation: 2029
- Generation will be equivalent to the average consumption of more than **35,000 Illinois homes**.¹

Rail Splitter II Wind Farm will be located in Tazewell County, north of the town of Lincoln. The wind farm is near the townships of Boynton, Hopedale, Hittle, and Little Mackinaw. The wind farm will complement the area's corn and soybean fields, providing local farmers with a stable, weather-resistant cash crop in the form of landowner lease payments.



Economic benefits

119

\$140 million CAPITAL INVESTMENT²



Approx. \$1 million WILL BE PAID TO LANDOWNERS IN YEAR 1



PERMANENT JOBS³ **5 jobs will be created**



\$39 million WILL BE PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



\$30 MillionWILL BE SPENT LOCALLY



CONSTRUCTION JOBS³ 85 jobs will be created

Energy security

Power generated at Rail Splitter II will support the state of Illinois' electric grid. The wind farm will also contribute to the **energy security for the United States**, helping diversify domestic supply.

Wind energy and land use

Wind turbines have a limited footprint, **leaving 98 percent** of the project's leased land undisturbed and available for farming, wildlife habitat, ranching, or recreation.⁴

Wind energy supports American manufacturing

More than 450 American factories produce parts and materials for the U.S. wind industry, which **employs more than 130,000 Americans**.⁵

Rail Splitter II's environmental impact

The wind farm will save more than 177 million gallons of water each year and will prevent the air pollution that causes smog and acid rain.6

EDPR NA's impact in North America from wind energy⁷



\$575+ million PAID TO LANDOWNERS



\$558+ million **PAID TO LOCAL**

GOVERNMENTS



7,400 CONSTRUCTION JOBS CREATED



610+ PERMANENT JOBS CREATED





EDPR NA uses wind turbines to harness the natural resource of wind to generate mechanical energy. This energy is transformed into electricity via a generator and is sent to the electrical grid after being converted to the proper voltage.



Wind is one of the cheapest forms of energy.8

Wind energy provides at least a quarter of the electricity produced in eight states.9

Local experience with EDPR NA

The income from the wind farm is very stable, as opposed to farming, which is kind of up and down. Actually, a lot of the income that we've received has gone back into the land. It's improved our farmland so we can grow more corn and soybeans."



John D., Landowner and Farmer, Illinois

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¹Power generation calculated using a 35% capacity factor. Household consumption based on the 2023 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state.

²Assumes the average cost of an installed wind farm is \$1.4 million/MW for projects built after 2018, \$1.6 million/MW for projects built in 2017, \$1.7 million/MW for projects built between 2012 and 2016, and \$2.2 million/MW for projects built before 2012. Based on U.S. DOE 2018 Wind Technologies Market Report, U.S. DOE 2017 Wind Technologies Market Report, and U.S. DOE 2015 Wind Technologies Market Report

³Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.

- ⁴American Clean Power Association, Wildlife and Wind Power Facts, 2021.
- ⁵American Clean Power Assocaciation, Wind Power Facts, 2024
- ⁶ Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016.
- ⁷Based on EDP Renewables North America's Operational Wind Farms through 2024.
- ⁸ Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)

⁹American Clean Power Association, Wind Power Facts and Statistics, 2025.

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