



It's a breeze...



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Wind energy is the world's fastest growing renewable energy source, according to the American Wind Energy Association. Choosing wind power is a smart choice because it is one of the cheapest and cleanest renewable energy sources available.

[Missouri River Energy Services](#) (MRES) launched its RiverWinds program in 2002 to address the interest shown by MRES members customers in buying more of their energy from renewable resources. The program also was designed to meet requirements by some states that utilities offer a green energy program for their customers.

Strong commitments to the efficient use of energy and to the protection of the environment and our natural resources have long been important factors in how MRES conducts business. The RiverWinds program is a natural extension of those commitments.

It's your future . . .

. . . and it's their future, too.





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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is RiverWinds?

RiverWinds was jointly developed by MRES and its members. It is a voluntary wind energy program that offers customers of MRES member utilities the unique opportunity to purchase electricity generated from wind. Wind power is sold in 100 kilowatt-hour blocks. Customers decide how much wind energy they want to buy, in addition to their traditional energy purchases.

Q: Why is the wind program being offered to customers?

Municipal customers have shown an interest in renewable resources. In response, MRES members have committed to offering their customers additional renewable energy options. With our wind energy program, customers get to choose how their energy is being produced. The program also helps MRES meet renewable energy objectives set by some states.

Q: Where are the wind resources located?

There are six wind turbines located two miles west of Worthington, Minnesota on the Buffalo Ridge, an area well-known for its excellent wind-energy producing properties. MRES owns four of the turbines for a total of 3,700 kilowatts of capacity. Two 900-kW turbines are located two miles west of Worthington, Minn., on Buffalo Ridge, a well-known geographical area in that region.



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The WindKit includes:

- An attractive acrylic display that can be easily updated
- Brochures describing the program with an attached enrollment form
- Newspaper advertising slicks
- Sample Radio ad
- Presentation materials for local functions
- RiverWinds certificates
- News Releases

Any interested utility can purchase a WindKit. The WindKit was developed specifically for the RiverWinds program and contains materials designed to provide a turnkey green energy marketing solution. You may purchase the WindKit by contacting Missouri River Energy Services.

The RiverWinds program allows you to decide how much wind energy you want to buy. RiverWinds wind power is sold in 100 kilowatt-hour blocks and may be purchased in the following amounts:

- 100 kWh block
- 200 kWh block
- 300 kWh block

(Larger amounts are available)



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