# NPPD's Wind Development in Nebraska

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# **Springview Wind Farm**



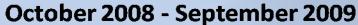
- NPPD owned facility
- 1.5 MW farm built in 1998 DOE funded50%
- Partners were Lincoln Electric System (LES),
   Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska
   (MEAN), Grand Island Utilities, KBR Rural
   Public Power District, and City of Auburn
- Connected to 12.5 kV distribution system
- Two Zond turbines, 750 KW
- Retired in 2007 (lack of available replacement parts and opportunity to sell turbines)

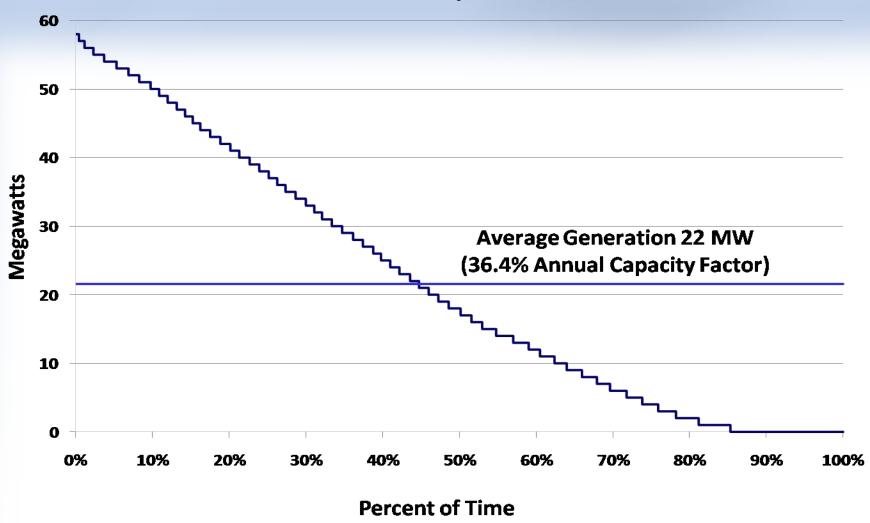
# **Ainsworth Wind Energy Facility**

- Owned and operated by NPPD
- Begin operation in 2005
- 36 Vestas V82 turbines, 1.65 MW
- 11,000 acres of land 50 acres used
- Four year average of 38% capacity factor
- Other participants are Omaha Public Power
  District (OPPD), Jacksonville Electric Authority
  (JEA), MEAN, and Grand Island Utilities
- Six full-time employees handling maintenance and repair



#### **Ainsworth Wind Farm**



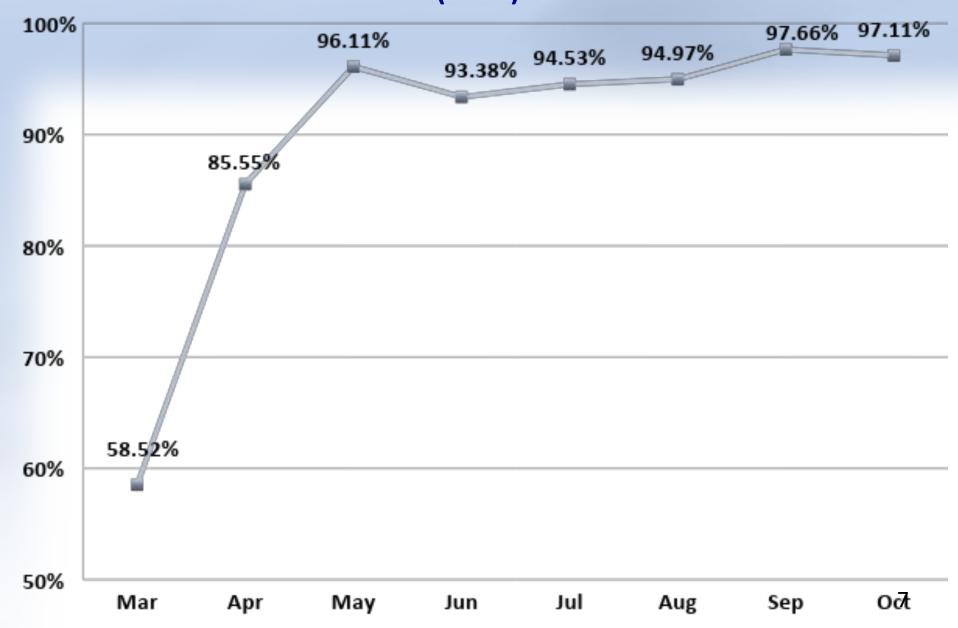


## **Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm**



- Owned and operated by Edison Mission
- 20 year Power Purchase
   Agreement (PPA) with NPPD
- 27 Vestas V-90, 3 MW turbines
- Community Based Economic Development (C-BED)
- Commercial March 1, 2009
- Other participants OPPD,
   MEAN, LES, and Grand Island
   Utilities

# Elkhorn Ridge Wind Farm Availability Factor (2009)

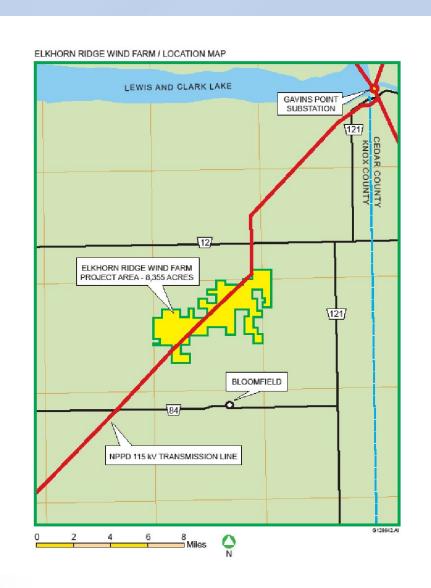


#### **Crofton Hills**



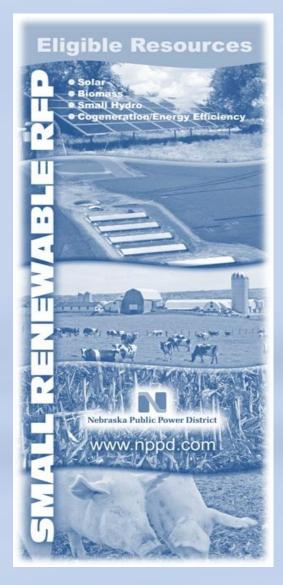
- Originally planned for 2009 construction, now scheduled for 2010
- 20 year PPA with NPPD
- 42 MW
- C-BED
- Participation offered to OPPD, LES, and MEAN

#### **Elkhorn Ridge and Crofton Hills Wind Farms**





#### **Small Renewable Request for Proposals**



- Types of renewable
  - PURPA Qualified Bio Mass, Solar,
     Wind, Co-Gen and Heat Recovery
     Generation
- Size
  - > net metering, < 10 MW</p>
- Partnering with wholesale customers
  - Projects < 2 MW can be purchased directly by the wholesale partner
  - Coordinated with USDA, EPA, Ag
     Star, and Nebraska Department of
     Agriculture

#### Small Renewable Request for Proposals (cont'd)

- RFP issued early 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2009
  - Proposals were due September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Received 9 proposals
  - 2 Wind
  - 4 Landfill Methane
  - □ 1 solar
  - 1 recovered Energy Generation
  - 1 Cogeneration
  - Evaluation
  - Prices not attractive to Wholesale Customers or NPPD
  - Requesting respondents to seek grants or other cost reductions
  - Plan to issue similar RFP in 2010; goal to get proposals which include grants

# Wind Request for Proposals II

- RFP announced November 2008; responses due April 15, 2009
- 80 MW projects at Broken Bow and/or Petersburg
- For each site, NPPD requested and received approval for 80 MW of generation interconnection and deliverability to NPPD from Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) prior to joining South West Power Pool (SPP)
- 20 year PPA with NPPD for electricity and renewable attributes

## Wind Request for Proposals II (cont' d)



- Received 22 proposals
- 17 proposals on land that NPPD had under control through lease agreements
- 5 proposals on developer controlled land
- Narrowed to 6 proposals
- Selected Midwest Wind/Edison Mission as low cost supplier at both sites
- Current plans are for late 2010/early 2011 installations
- Finalizing PPA and Generation Interconnection Agreement (GIA) for Petersburg

#### **August 2009 NPPD Board Resolution**

- Management is authorized to negotiate and enter into a power purchase agreement with Midwest Wind Energy/Edison Mission for an 80 MW wind project near Petersburg, Nebraska
- Management is authorized to negotiate and enter into a power purchase agreement with Midwest Wind Energy/Edison Mission for an 80 MW wind project near Broken Bow, Nebraska;
- If the District can find participants for up to 50% of the energy from the projects

# Questions?





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