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## DUKE ENERGY TO BUILD FIFTH PHASE OF LOS VIENTOS PROJECT IN TEXAS

*Two utilities sign 25-year PPAs for offtake; Completion date expected for late 2015*



Duke Energy Renewables, a commercial business unit of Duke Energy, recently announced it will build, own and operate a 110 MW wind power project, Los Vientos V, in Starr County, Texas.

Garland Power & Light, Greenville Electric Utility System and Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) have signed 25-year agreements to pur-

chase the power produced by the project.

“We’re proud to be partnering with these progressive utilities to make renewable energy more widely available to their customers,” said Duke Energy Renewables President Greg Wolf. “One of the key advantages of our Los Vientos projects is they generate the majority of

their power during the day, when customer demand is greatest.”

“We are pleased to have contracted with Duke Energy Renewables for additional wind power for our customers,” said Jeff Janke, senior managing director of Garland Power & Light. “This coastal wind will help diversify our power supply portfolio.”

With an expected completion date in late 2015, Los Vientos V will produce enough emissions-free electricity to power about 33,000 homes.

“During our assessment of long-term generation resource needs, we have found a good fit with Duke’s Los Vientos V wind project,” said BTU Board of Directors Chairman Carl Benner. “It will be an important component of our energy portfolio and provide BTU customers with affordable, predictable pricing for the next quarter century.”

“We couldn’t have done it without the foresight of the leaders, landowners and people of Starr County,” said Milton Howard, Duke Energy Renewables executive, renewables development. “Thanks to them, we will be bringing significant construction jobs to the area, boosting economic development and supporting the local school district through dependable tax revenue for years to come.”



Vestas will supply 55 2-MW turbines for the project.

Once completed, Los Vientos III and IV — announced last year — and Los Vientos V will bring Duke Energy’s total wind-generated capacity to more than 2,100

MW, which firmly establishes Duke Energy Renewables in the top 10 for wind production in the country. ↗

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# OSHA, NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL RENEW ALLIANCE TO ADDRESS WORKER SAFETY ISSUES

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and National Safety Council this week renewed their alliance to work together to protect the health and safety of workers and understand the rights of workers and responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Assistant Secretary of Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels today announced the alliance renewal at National Safety Council Congress & Expo in San Diego, Calif. "We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the National Safety Council to educate and train employers on preventing workplace hazards," Michaels said. "Through our continued work with the NSC, we are working with employers to

create a culture of safety to better prevent workplace injuries and illnesses."

During the five-year agreement, the alliance will use data on injuries and illnesses, workers' compensation experience and exposure hazards in general industry and construction to help identify new areas of emphasis. The alliance will support the NSC's "Journey to Safety Excellence" campaign, which aims to educate employers on how investing in worker safety and health protections can significantly improve their productivity and profitability. Through this commitment to workplace safety, both businesses and workers succeed.

The alliance will also include the development of outreach materials

on preventing falls, motor vehicle safety, emergency response and the importance of establishing an injury and illness prevention program. Additionally, the alliance will develop a case study on preventing falls from heights in construction, with a focus on the causes of fall protection failures and what companies can do to assure an effective fall prevention program.

NSC is a non-profit, public service organization, founded in 1913, that offers training, educational programs and materials, consulting and advocacy on various safety and health topics. The organization represents 14,000 employers and more than six million workers employed by NSC members.

Through its Alliance Program, OSHA works with unions, consulates, trade and professional organizations, faith- and community-based organizations, businesses and educational institutions to prevent workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. The purpose of each alliance is to develop compliance assistance tools and resources, and to educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities. Alliance Program participants do not receive exemptions from OSHA inspections or any other enforcement benefits.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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