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Duke to build Wyoming wind farm

200-megawatt project is expected to power as many as 60,000 homes after it opens next year.

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Duke Energy Corp said it will build and operate a 200-megawatt wind power project near Casper, Wyo.

PacifiCorp's Rocky Mountain Power utility will buy all of the power from the wind farm under a 20-year agreement, Charlotte-based Duke said Monday in a statement. The facility, called the Top of the World Windpower Project, will be Duke's ninth U.S. wind farm.

Construction will start by the end of 2009 or early 2010, and commercial operations will begin by the end of 2010, Duke said.

The project will produce enough power for 50,000 to 60,000 homes each year, the company said.

Duke will use 66 General Electric Co. turbines that each produce 1.5 megawatts.

The company has more than 500 megawatts of wind-power generation.

Duke supplies energy to about 4 million utility customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.



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