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6. [*State wind farm powers Google data center*](#)

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Search Terms: "Minco" AND "wind" AND "energy" AND "NextEra Energy Resources"

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7. [*NextEra affiliates sue Hinton over town regulations on wind turbines*](#)

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8. [*NextEra agrees to pause wind farm work to avoid potential litigation, attorney general announces*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Minco" AND "wind" AND "energy" AND "NextEra Energy Resources"

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9. [*NextEra agrees to pause wind farm work to avoid potential litigation, attorney general announces*](#)

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Search Type: Terms and Connectors

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Document: North America

10. [*Google agrees to buy wind energy*](#)

Client/Matter: -None-

Search Terms: "Minco" AND "wind" AND "energy" AND "NextEra Energy Resources"

Search Type: Terms and Connectors

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Byline: JAY F. MARKS, Business Writer

Body

Google is blowing into Oklahoma on the strength of the state's renowned wind resources.

The search engine titan has struck a deal to buy the power from a 100.8-megawatt wind farm being developed in Grady and Caddo counties near Minco.

Electricity from NextEra Energy Resources' Minco II Wind Energy Center will help power Google's data center near Pryor, which is expected to be operational later this year.

"We've made the commitment to be a carbon neutral company, and this purchase is part of our effort to minimize our impact on the environment," Google's Gary Demasi wrote Thursday on the company's blog. "We've managed to reduce our energy consumption by over 50 percent by building highly energy-efficient facilities, but we know that efficiency alone isn't enough to eliminate our carbon footprint."

Google's 20-year power purchase agreement with Juno Beach, Fla.-based NextEra is the second deal between the two companies in less than a year.

Google also is buying 114 megawatts of power from a NextEra wind farm in Iowa in a deal cemented in July.

"These purchases represent long-term, meaningful actions to reduce our carbon footprint and power our operations with clean electricity," Demasi wrote. "As a company we hope that purchases like these, plus the additional \$350 million we've invested in renewable energy projects, support the market and drive down the cost of clean energy."

"This will enable even more companies to invest in sustainable energy solutions."

Kylah McNabb, wind energy specialist for the Oklahoma Commerce Department, said the deal is great for the state.

"Google is really getting into this business model," she said.

The company works through subsidiary Google Energy to participate in the wholesale energy market.

NextEra officials are excited about the opportunity to continue working with Google Energy.

"We are thrilled to expand our relationship with Google Energy and appreciate their ongoing support of emission-free, renewable energy," said Mike O'Sullivan, senior vice president of development for NextEra Energy

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Resources. "With the support of customers like Google Energy, we've built our wind fleet from fewer than 500 megawatts a decade ago to nearly 8,300 megawatts - the largest fleet in North America today."

NextEra harnesses Oklahoma's wind

NextEra has more than 300 wind turbines in Oklahoma capable of producing nearly 550 megawatts of electricity, enough power to serve more than 137,000 average homes.

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Company: GOOGLE INC (97%); NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES LLC (91%)

Ticker: GOOG (NASDAQ) (97%)

Industry: WIND ENERGY (92%); ALTERNATIVE & RENEWABLE ENERGY (90%); ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT (90%); WIND POWER PLANTS (90%); ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION (78%); ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS (78%); ELECTRICITY MARKETS (77%); EMISSIONS (77%); ENERGY & UTILITY POLICY (77%); ENERGY CONSUMPTION (72%); ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (72%); ENERGY & UTILITY TRADE (72%)

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Military review requirement added to wind farm development process in Oklahoma

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Body

The director of a group that represents wind farm developers in Oklahoma says its members are going with the flow when it comes to a new requirement to get clearance from the U.S. Department of Defense before building any new or expanding any existing wind farms inside the state. A requirement for wind farm developers to run those plans past the Defense Department's Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse, via the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission, formally adds an additional step to the process. It was added to an existing statute that governs the placement of wind turbines near airports inside of Oklahoma. Gov. Mary Fallin signed the measure in early May. "After the effective date of this act, construction or operation of a proposed wind energy facility or proposed wind energy facility expansion shall not encroach upon or otherwise have a significant adverse impact on the mission, training or operations of any military installation or branch of military," the statute's amended language reads. Developers already were clearing their plans with the Federal Aviation Administration to assure their projects weren't causing any navigational hazards, and many of those reviews had involved the clearinghouse, industry officials and regulators said. And Mark Yates, Oklahoma director of the Wind Coalition, said this week it had no objections to formalizing the requirement. "At the end of the day, the Wind Coalition worked with the Legislature and the military to find an amenable, reasonable solution," Yates said. "We believe the process will be efficient enough that it won't impair future development." National security concerns Discussions to add the requirement began last year before the Oklahoma House's Transportation Committee, which heard from military officials concerned about turbines, wind energy experts who saw no need for further regulation, and agricultural groups worried about their private property rights. The basic message committee members heard is that training's importance had been elevated by Congress to a national security concern, and that the siting of wind turbines was an issue. The measure, co-authored by Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tem Mike Schulz, Sens.

Casey Murdock and Frank Simpson and Rep. Charles Ortega, was proposed this session and received overwhelming support, with not a single House or Senate member voting against it. In Oklahoma, the requirement for its Strategic Military Planning Commission to become formally involved was included to speed reviews of proposed projects, commission Chairman Mike Cooper said. The new language requires wind farm developers to submit their plans to the commission (through the Oklahoma Corporation Commission), and for the military planning commission to notify local base commanders of the projects and to notify the Defense Department's clearinghouse in writing. Cooper said the requirement easily can be handled by the planning commission, which originally was created to help local communities work with bases to grow and enhance their missions as the federal government evaluated which ones to keep as part of its Base Realignment and Closure process initiated after the end of the Cold War. "Oklahoma's number one asset when it comes to its bases (after runways, hangars and other facilities and services) is the availability of its airspace," he said. "You either decide to protect it, or you don't. And if you don't, you aren't going to have mission." Cooper said that while wind development so far hasn't eliminated area bases' abilities to conduct training, he did say there are some cases where built wind turbines had created some

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issues. Cooper said part of the requirement's goal is to ensure there's complete communication between wind developers and base's military staffs. "We want them to build, but we don't want them to build in a spot where it would impact a base's mission capability." At the end of the day, no one wants to ruin a national defense asset," Cooper said. Fast work Since 2011, the Department of Defense's Siting Clearinghouse has reviewed proposed renewable energy projects near military bases to ensure wind, solar and transmission line infrastructure don't interfere with training operations. The federal statute that established the siting clearinghouse requires the organization to take one of three actions within 30 days of getting notified of a pending project. The clearinghouse can determine the project poses no adverse impact on military operations and readiness, it can determine it will have an adverse impact but won't require any kind of mitigation, or it can determine that mitigation is required. Data obtained from the clearinghouse website shows the number of formal reviews on projects it has conducted range from 502 in 2011, where it only was established for part of the year, to 4,208 in 2016. Steve Sample, the clearinghouse's deputy director, said each review covers a specific project ranging from just a single or a few structures to many. Sample said previous clearinghouse reviews of Oklahoma projects have been prompted through notifications from the Federal Aviation Administration. It reviewed 19 projects in 2015, more than 60 in 2016 and 45 last year, he said. A friction point The Oklahoma statute already has created friction in western Oklahoma, where Shelly Newton, Hinton's mayor, recently organized a field trip to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, for reporters. In extending her invitation, Newton stated in an email that a planned expansion of NextEra Energy Resource's Minco wind farm violates the new state law and compromises national security. The expansion would "entirely obstruct a vital military training route used by the base," she stated, adding the base representatives had been unaware of the NextEra's expansion plan until she alerted them. Cooper said the project likely posed a concern because about 60 percent of training airspace for Sheppard is above western Oklahoma. NextEra spokesman Steve Stengel answered Newton's concerns by stating his firm routinely works with federal officials to conduct needed reviews. "NextEra Energy Resources values and respects our country's military installations all across America and we regularly work with Vance, Altus and other bases in Oklahoma," he wrote as part of an emailed response. Meanwhile, the clearinghouse's Sample noted it also has reviewed NextEra's expansion plan and found some potential adverse impacts to Sheppard's training activities. "The Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse established a mitigation response team in April to assess the impacts and any reasonable and affordable mitigation strategies," Sample stated in an email. "NextEra is a partner in this effort and is working with the Air Force to identify solutions. The Clearinghouse and the Air Force will coordinate the progress with both Federal and State authorities, although any prediction of the outcome is premature."

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Oklahoma tops Google search list

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Byline: World's Editorial Writers

Body

In the age of the Internet, the quest for recognition and value often hinges upon attaining a top search ranking. In the case of Google's search for a new data center location, the state of Oklahoma has achieved a top ranking with us. As the operations manager at the new Google data center in the MidAmerica Industrial Park in Pryor, I was pleased to participate in the dedication and "plugging in" of our newest data center. The new \$600 million facility represents the culmination of several years of extensive planning with local and state officials dating back to 2007. Google's innovative search technologies connect millions of people around the world with information every day.

This data center will help us accommodate our growing customer demand. The facility houses computer systems and associated components that support services such as Google Search, Gmail and Google Maps, new products such as Google+ and more. More than 100 people work at the new data center, helping ensure the facility's systems are running at optimum speed and efficiency 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Oklahoma's workforce is technically savvy, reliable and second to none. In 2010, Google's search and advertising tools provided nearly \$140 million in economic activity for 12,100 Oklahoma businesses, website owners and nonprofit organizations. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce also has estimated the facility investment will generate additional millions in economic impact throughout the region and state. We've also worked more than a decade improving the energy efficiency of our data centers, and we were pleased to discover that Oklahoma is more than up to the challenge of helping us meet our energy efficiency goals. The Mayes County center is the latest addition to our fleet of highly efficient Google data centers, and it uses half the energy of a typical data center. We use power from the local utility, and in order to make more renewable energy available to the regional grid, we have entered into a long-term agreement to purchase all of the energy from NextEra Energy Resources Minco II wind facility near Minco, Okla. It's no mystery why, after considerable review, Pryor was selected for the site of our new data center. It is home to the right business climate, a high-caliber work force, available land and the infrastructure to support a powerful, highly-technical operational center. From day one, Oklahoma has treated us with professionalism and warm hospitality. We have witnessed great teamwork between local and state economic development representatives, Oklahoma communities and leaders of the Cherokee Nation. And the MidAmerica Industrial Park team has provided invaluable location assistance and support. No wonder the unique 9,000-acre park is home to more than 75 industries and ranks as one of America's largest and top-ranked centers for manufacturing, distribution, processing and secure operations facilities. Simply put, our experience in northeast Oklahoma has been nothing short of exceptional. Just recently, our employees were pleased to host Gov. Mary Fallin, Secretary of Commerce Dave Lopez and hundreds of state and local leaders, suppliers and neighbors on the facility grounds at a family-friendly celebration to mark the opening of our new data center. We remain committed to supporting programs that help our new neighbors - the local communities and schools. Google is a strong advocate of promoting science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Already we have been pleased to provide grants to the Pryor and Chouteau-Mazie schools for a robotics lab and science and math equipment. As Oklahoma's newest corporate citizen, we look forward to a very positive and long-term relationship in this great

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state. You're doin' fine, Oklahoma. Mike Wooten is operations manager for the Google Oklahoma data center.
SUBHEAD: readers forum

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Byline: MIKE WOOTEN

Body

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Wooten is operations manager for the Google Oklahoma data center.

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Ticker: GOOG (NASDAQ) (98%)

Industry: **ENERGY** EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION (90%); INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION (89%); (78%); COMPUTING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (78%); COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (75%); **WIND** POWER PLANTS (75%); ENGINEERING (74%); ALTERNATIVE & RENEWABLE **ENERGY** (72%)

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Federal judge dismisses wind company lawsuit filed against Hinton

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Body

A federal judge in Oklahoma City on Friday dismissed a lawsuit filed against the town of Hinton by two **wind** farm companies affiliated with **NextEra Energy Resources** LLC. U.S. District Judge Stephen P. Friot ruled on a narrow jurisdictional issue on whether **Minco Wind** IV LLC and **Minco** V LLC had the standing to challenge a town ordinance. Hinton's Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance in January declaring **wind** project equipment within two miles of the town to be a public nuisance. Friot granted a motion to dismiss sought by Hinton but acknowledged the lawsuit could be refiled or amended. Attorneys for the **wind** farm companies had no comment after Friday's hearing and referred questions to NextEra. The project has not yet started construction. "We respectfully disagree with the court's ruling," said NextEra spokesman Bryan Garner.

"However, we appreciate the judge recognizing this is a technical issue and allowing us the opportunity to refile within 30 days so the case can be decided on the merits." Hinton Mayor Shelly Newton said she appreciated the judge's quick ruling and the efforts of the town's attorney in the case. "We passed our ordinance under Oklahoma law and they've allowed that to stand," Newton said. "We know we are going to live around them (the turbines) - that's not the issue. The issue is if we'll live under them. That buffer will help us grow as we anticipate new housing developments." In the hearing, Friot questioned attorneys for the town and the **wind** companies over which entities "owned the lawsuit" and if they had the ability to sue over the town's ordinance. **Minco** IV and **Minco** V filed the lawsuit in February but later clarified that a related party, Boulevard Associates LLC, held options to lease land for the **wind** project affected by Hinton's ordinance. Boulevard last month assigned the interests to the **Minco** companies. "My question for the plaintiffs' group is, 'Who's on first?' on the day the lawsuit was filed," Friot said. Kimberlee Spady, an attorney for Hinton, said it was too late to amend the lawsuit to include a new plaintiff. "The plaintiffs are playing fast and loose here, executing lawsuits when the parties don't have an interest," Spady told Friot. "The town ought to be able to defend a lawsuit that is filed properly." Jason Dunn, an attorney for **Minco** IV and V, acknowledged there were "internal machinations" at the company over which entity held the easements. But he said that shouldn't stop the case from going forward. "The landowners who assigned their easements to Boulevard also assigned their discretion to challenge an ordinance," Dunn told the judge. "Was there some machinations that should have been clearer? Yes. But **Minco** now owns the easements." Garner, the NextEra spokesman, said the company still disagrees with the town ordinance and doesn't believe the town had the authority to pass it. "The people of Hinton and Caddo County should have an opportunity to benefit from the good jobs, millions of dollars in tax benefits and landowner payments and economic boost that **wind energy** brings to the area," Garner said in an email.

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State wind farm powers Google data center

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Body

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State wind farm powers Google data center

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NextEra affiliates sue Hinton over town regulations on wind turbines

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Body

Two wind farm companies have sued the town of Hinton, claiming a recently passed ordinance targeting wind turbines outside the town limits was illegally enacted. Minco Wind IV LLC and Minco Wind V LLC, affiliates of NextEra Energy Resources LLC, said the town's Jan. 17 ordinance calling their equipment a public nuisance was "intended to restrict and curtail the Minco projects." The wind farm companies filed lawsuits this week in both Caddo County district court and federal court in Oklahoma City. They want a judge to declare the town ordinance "null, void, and of no legal effect." "If the ordinance were to be enforced as written, it would bar plaintiffs from developing parts of the already-planned Minco projects," the Caddo County court petition said. The lawsuit said Hinton adopted the wind turbine ordinance on an emergency basis using authority it voted on in its December meeting.

But the lawsuit said the city purported to act under the newly created Regional Planning Commission before it took effect. "Because the Regional Planning Commission lacked authority to consider and recommend the ordinance to the Town of Hinton, the Town of Hinton likewise lacked authority to pass the ordinance on January 17, 2017," the petition said. It also said the town failed to give proper notice to Caddo County landowners who might be affected by the ordinance. Kim Spady, the town's attorney, said Hinton had not yet been officially served with the lawsuit and couldn't comment on specific allegations. But Spady said developers previously met with the town administrator and mayor and indicated they could agree to a two-mile limit. Hinton is about 50 miles west of Oklahoma City. NextEra spokesman Bryan Garner said the ordinance was passed to regulate its projects and wind development in the region. He said the company disagreed with the ordinance and didn't think the town had the authority to pass it. "The people of Hinton and Caddo County should have an opportunity to benefit from the good jobs, millions of dollars in tax benefits and landowner payments and economic boost that wind energy brings to the area," Garner said in an email Friday morning. The Hinton dispute echoes one from Piedmont in 2013. Piedmont officials had passed an ordinance declaring industrial wind turbines within three miles of the city limits as "public nuisances." The city rescinded the ordinance after reaching a settlement with the developers of the Kingfisher wind project in northern Canadian County and southern Kingfisher County.

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We thank NextEra for recognizing this," Cooper added. John DiDonato, NextEra's vice president of development, said his firm agreed to the work stoppage to show its commitment to work with all stakeholders as it develops its projects in Oklahoma and in other states. "We are confident this process will strengthen our line of communication, leading to a better future for the partnership between the state and NextEra," DiDonato said. While Hunter's negotiated agreement will keep the strategic military planning commission out of court, officials said Tuesday it is unclear whether the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission also will halt its plans to sue NextEra. Members of that organization's board voted in September to sue the developer, using outside attorneys if necessary, to stop the project's construction until necessary clearances were obtained. Victor Bird, director of the commission, said late Tuesday he was pleased by the announcement. "It is promising that NextEra is going to cease construction" until the issue is resolved, Bird said. "Our interest always has been focused on one issue: aviation safety, military and civilian."

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Search-engine giant Google Inc. has signed an agreement with the Grand River Dam Authority to buy electricity from a wind farm under construction in Canadian County.

Google will buy up to 48 megawatts of wind power from GRDA's interest in the Canadian Hills wind farm near El Reno. The 300-megawatt wind farm is expected to be complete by the end of the year and will be Oklahoma's largest wind farm with 135 turbines.

Google will use the electricity to operate its data center in Pryor in northeastern Oklahoma. The data center began operations in 2011.

"In conjunction with the electricity GRDA already supplies Google to operate its data center, Google will pay GRDA a premium to purchase renewable energy generated by Canadian Hills," Gary Demasi, director of Google's global infrastructure team, said in a company blog post. "This brings the total amount of renewable energy for which Google has contracted to over 260 megawatts."

Google last year signed a deal with NextEra Energy Resources to buy electricity directly from NextEra's Minco II Wind Energy Center in Grady and Caddo counties.

With the expansion of cloud computing, data centers have become large consumers of electricity. The Electric Power Research Institute estimates electricity use by data centers doubled from 2006 to 2011. Data centers now consume about 3 percent of the nation's electricity.

Google said it uses renewable energy for about 30 percent of its worldwide data center electricity. The company can't use renewable energy around the clock because data centers need to be operational 24 hours a day. GRDA approached Google in early 2012 about the possibility of adding wind power, officials said.

"Google's long and demonstrated commitment to renewable energy, combined with their significant and growing presence within our service area, has been an important factor in GRDA's pursuit of renewables, as exemplified by this agreement," Dan Sullivan, CEO of GRDA, said in a statement. "In addition to increasing Google's access to renewable energy, we are also offsetting part of GRDA's wind acquisition cost through the premium Google has agreed to pay. We are pleased to pass the savings along to Oklahomans, and we're proud to pioneer this innovative structure with one of our largest customers."

Environmental group Greenpeace praised Google's agreement with GRDA. The organization has criticized other technology companies such as Microsoft Corp. and Apple Inc. for not using more renewable power for their data centers.

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"As Google powers more of its data center fleet with clean energy, it sends a signal to other IT companies and electric utilities around the world that renewable energy is not only possible, but is simply smart business in the 21st century economy," said Gary Cook, Greenpeace International's senior information technology analyst.

The Canadian Hills wind farm is being developed by Apex Wind Energy Holdings LLC and Atlantic Power Corp. Aside from the GRDA, it will sell power to the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority and Southwestern Electric Power Co., a Louisiana-based unit of American Electric Power.

Graphic

Photo 1: Wind turbines are shown at the Canadian Hills Wind Farm. Google Inc. has signed a deal to purchase wind power.. PHOTO BY STEVE GOOCH, THE OKLAHOMAN

Photo 2: Search engine giant Google Inc. has signed a deal for wind power from the Grand River Dam Authority to help power the Google data center in Pryor. PHOTOS BY STEVE GOOCH, THE OKLAHOMAN

Photo 3: Google Inc.'s wind will come from the Canadian Hills Wind Farm, which is currently under construction north of Calumet.

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