

REsurety, Inc Settlement Investigation

**Instructions:** Please answer the following questions and submit your answers to <u>itraurig@resurety.com</u>. This assignment is intended to take 2-3 hours or less. Submit all code/analysis with your answers.

**Introduction:** You are analyzing a site in the Midwest region of the US to build a small (10 turbines) wind farm. The turbines will be erected on 80m towers as shown below.



Data: You have been given two sources of data to help answer the questions below.

- wind.csv This contains meteorological measurements from the site taken from a 60m tower that has been erected at the site. The columns in the file are:
  - o Time timestamp, hour beginning, in UTC
  - o WindSpeed60.ms Wind speed measured by a cup anemometer at 60m height, in m/s
  - o WindSpeed30.ms Wind speed measured by a cup anemometer at 30m height, in m/s
  - o Dir.degree Wind direction, in degrees
  - o Temp.C Temperature, in degrees Celsius
- PowerCurve.csv The power curve for the wind turbine being considered. Note: the power curve is defined for hub-height wind speeds (80m in this case). The columns in the file are:
  - o WindSpeed.ms The hub-height wind speed, in m/s
  - o Power.kw The expected power output for the corresponding wind speed, in kW

## Questions:

- 1. What is the average wind speed at 80m (hub height) in 2011? What are the monthly averages?
- 2. If there were 10 turbines at this site, how much energy do you expect they would have produced in September 2011? Please state all of your assumptions.

## The next questions are associated with the plots on the following page:

- 3. Suppose that the 10-turbine wind farm has been constructed. The operational power curves for all 10 turbines can be seen in the first set of plots. Can you draw any conclusions about the wind farm's operation over the three-month period highlighted?
- **4.** The second set of plots compares the generation measured by a sensor at one of the turbines to the generation for the same turbine as reported by a remote meter. What are some possible explanations for the discrepancies seen between the data sets for the three months?



