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National Wind announces plans for Renville County wind farm

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Minneapolis-based wind energy developer National Wind LLC on Monday announced plans to develop a 40-megawatt community wind project in Renville County, 100 miles west of Minneapolis. National Wind LLC will develop the 40-megawatt wind farm – the smallest development undertaken by the company – and have the opportunity to expand the project in the rural county.

The development, called Norfolk Wind Energy, should cost at least \$80 million to develop over the next three to five years. Like other wind farms developed and/or managed by National Wind LLC, the Norfolk Wind Energy project involves a board of local land owners working with National Wind to raise seed capital and finance the project.

“For over two years we’ve worked on this project and have envisioned putting up commercial scale wind turbines in Renville County,” said David Scheibel, a Renville County resident who is on Norfolk Wind Energy’s six-member board of governors.

National Wind LLC specializes in utility-scale wind farms with at least 50 megawatts in electric generating capacity. Norfolk Wind Energy represents the seventh Minnesota wind farm to be managed by National Wind, and could provide power to 12,000 homes when it is complete.



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