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# The 2024 Distributed Wind Energy Summit!

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will begin momentarily!



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## High Growth of Small Commercial Wind Turbines in Rural Areas

September 19, 2024

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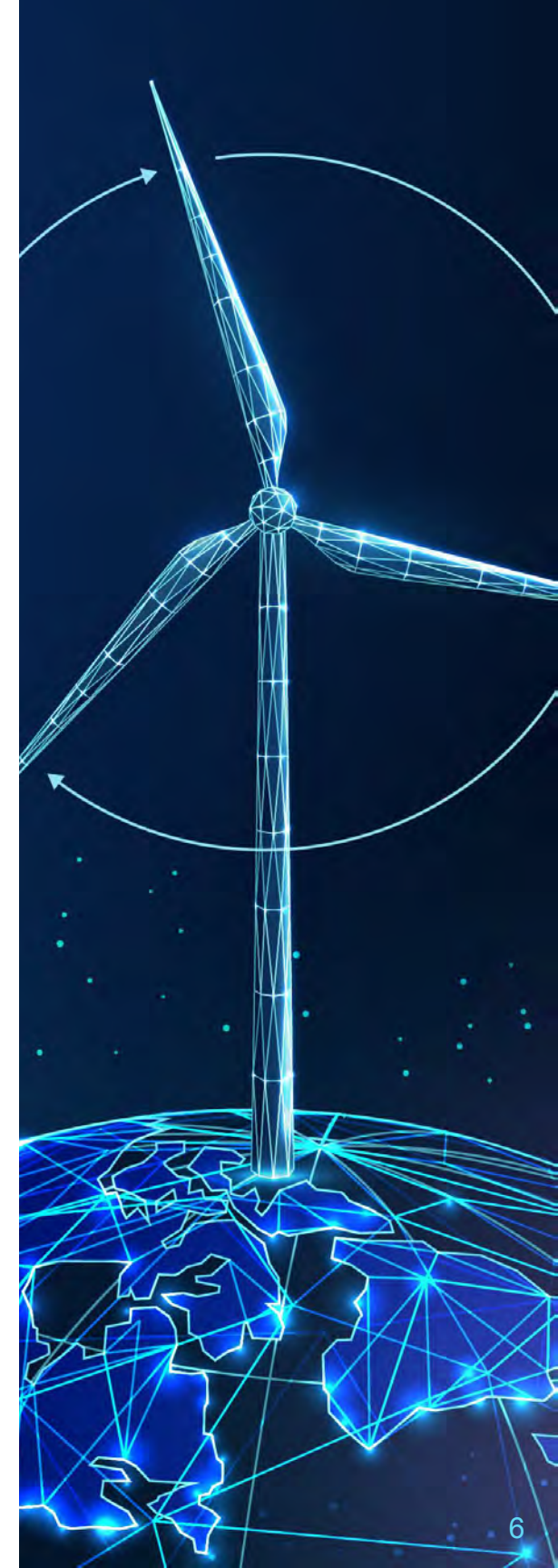




# Bergey Windpower Co.

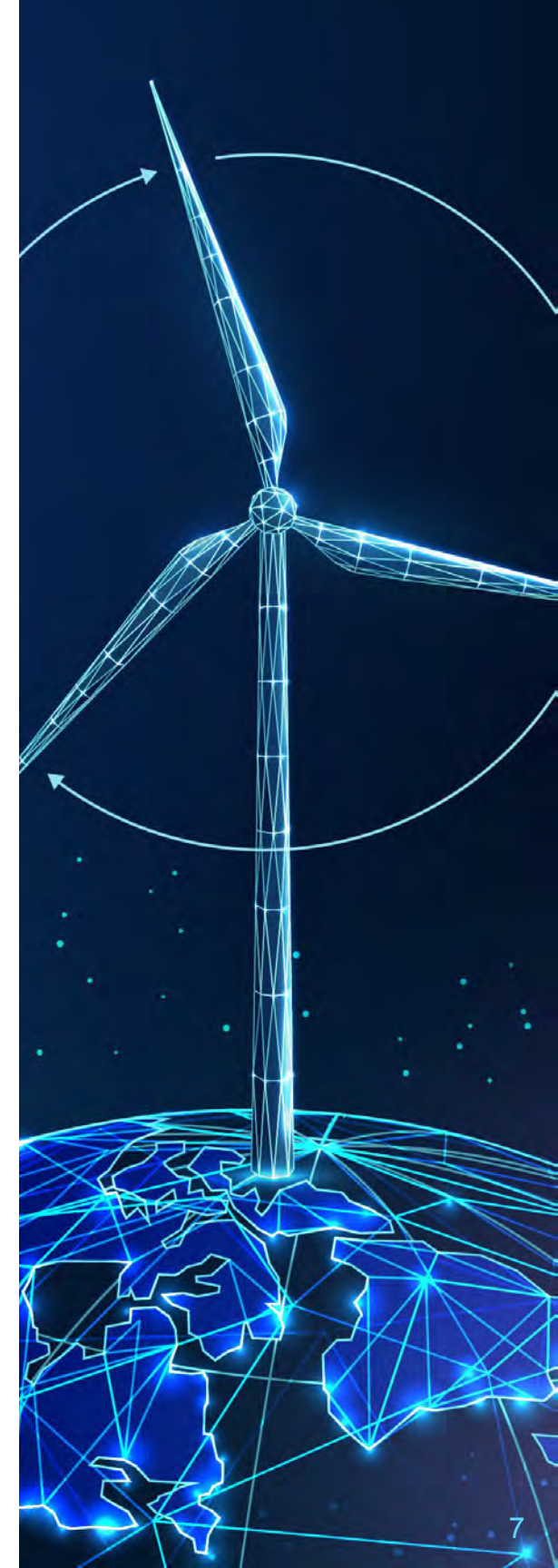
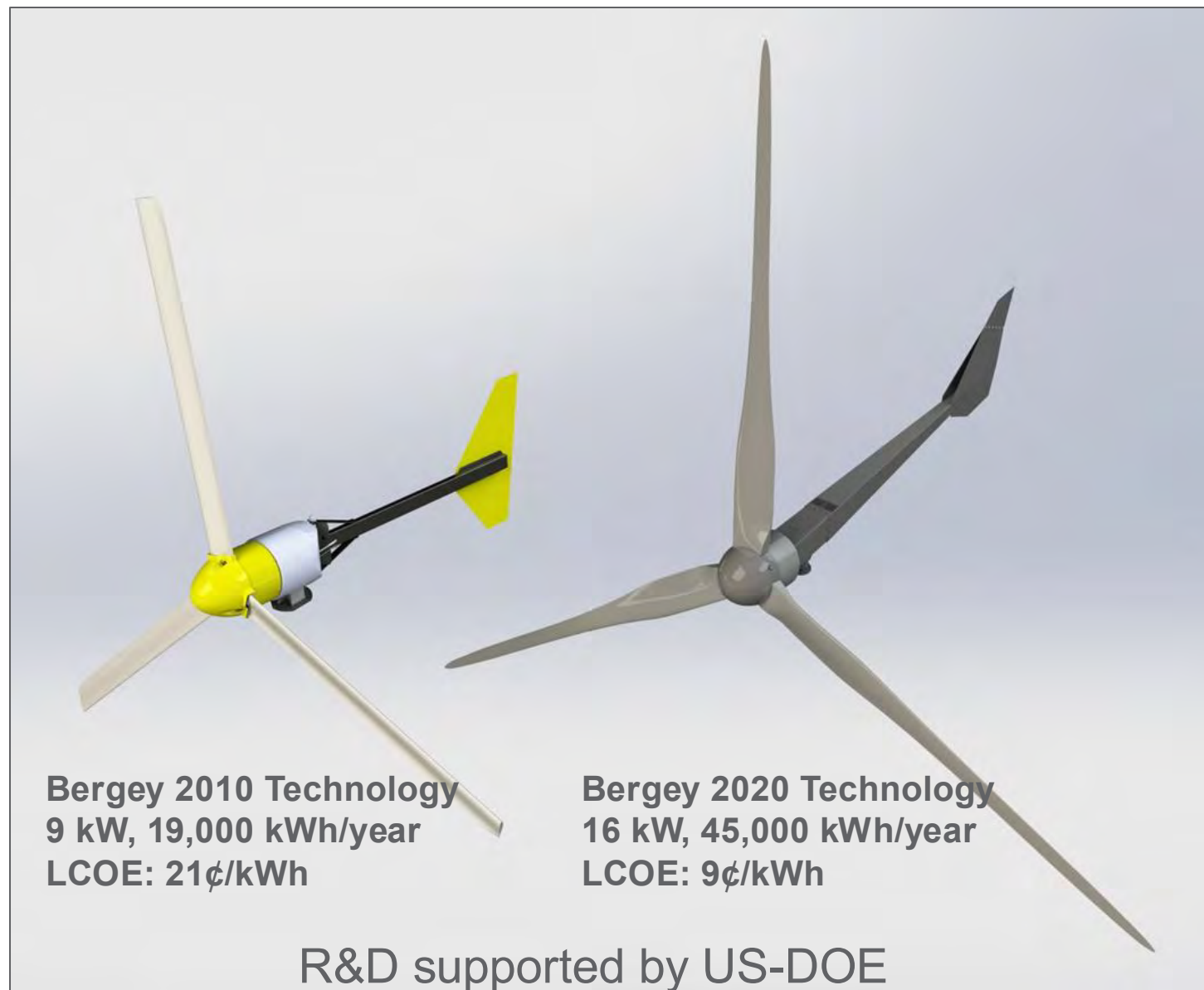
The World Leader in Small Wind

- Established in 1977
- Technology leader for 45 years
- Turbines have only 2 moving parts, and require no scheduled maintenance
- Over 10,000 installations, covering all 50 States and over 100 countries



# Lower-Cost Small Wind

(New technology to compete with imported solar)





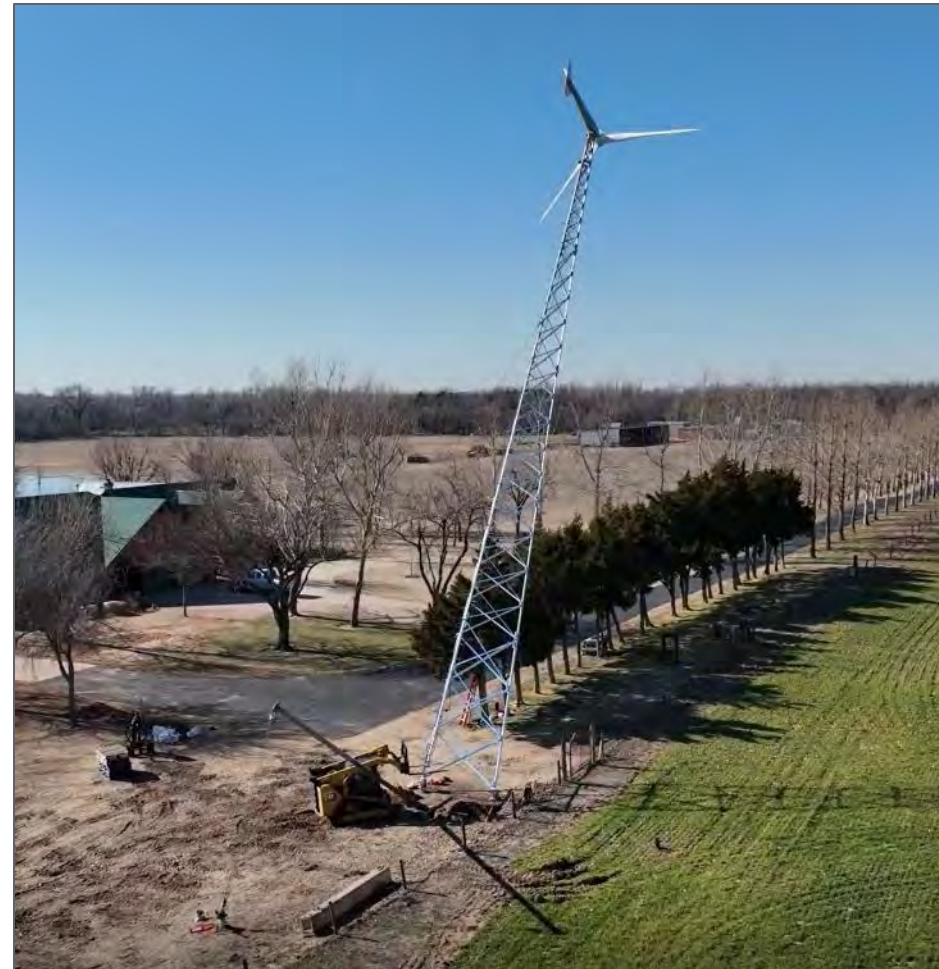
# Helical Anchors & Tilt-up 100' SSL Tower – 2 Day Install



Helical Anchors

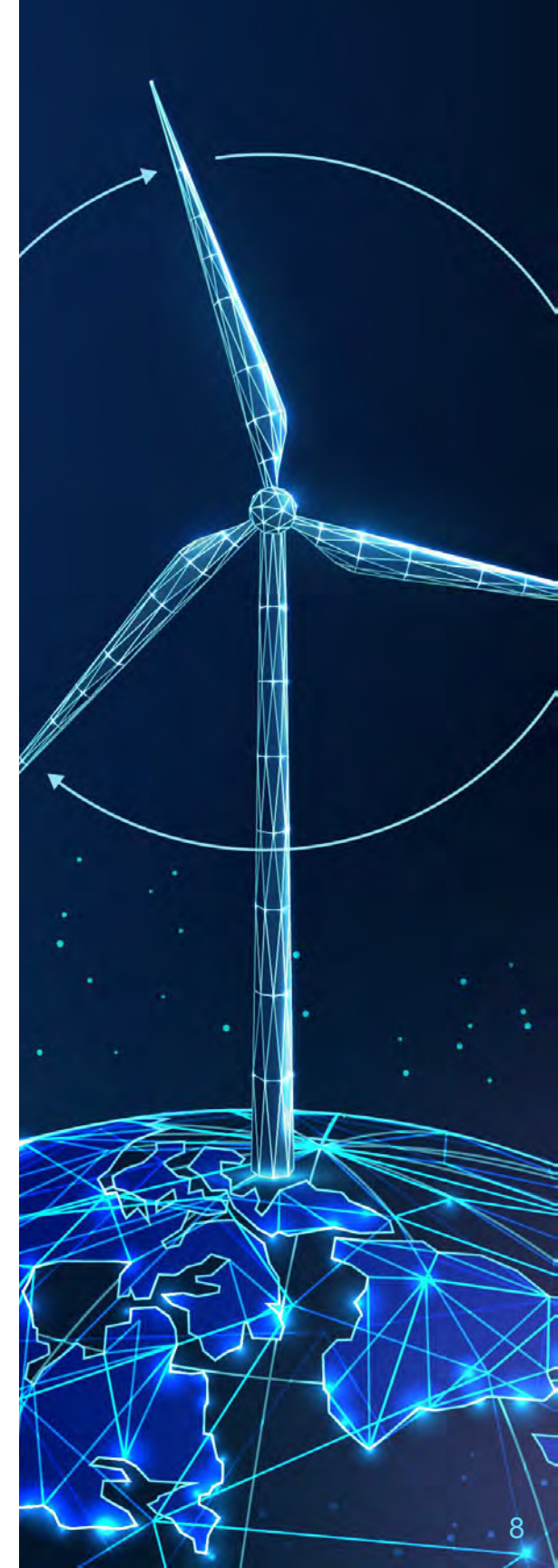


Skid-Steer with Helical Anchor Rig

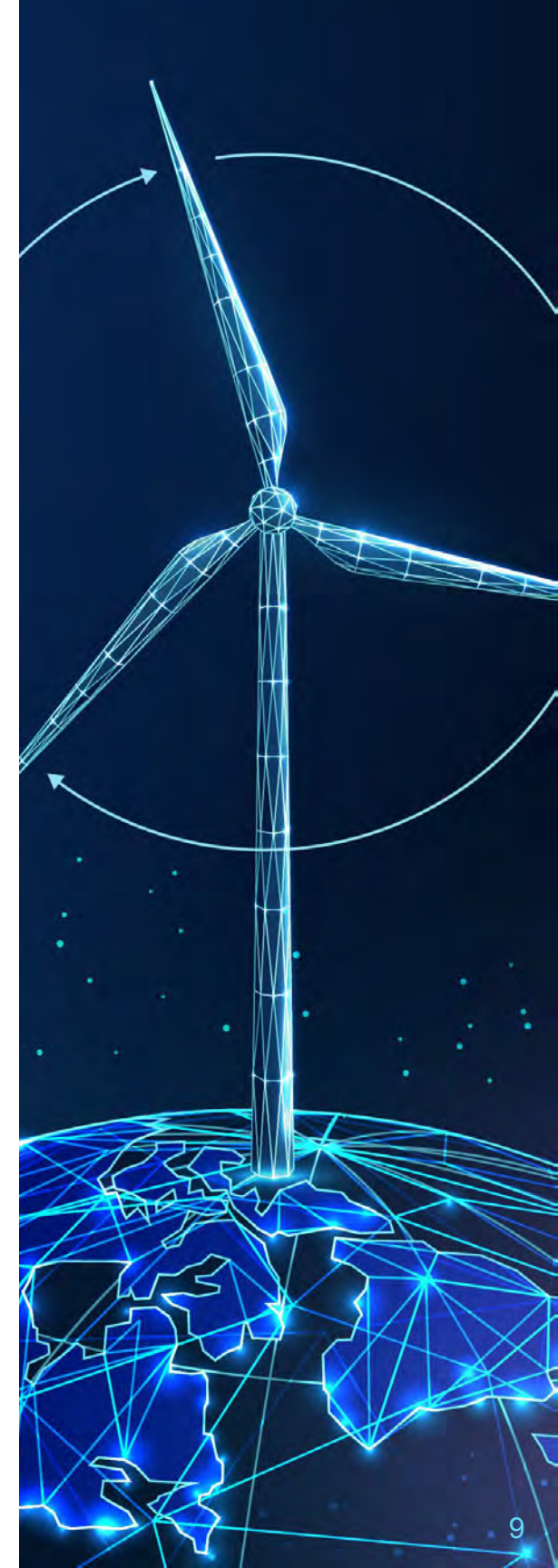


Tilt-up Tower on Helical Anchors

R&D supported by US-DOE



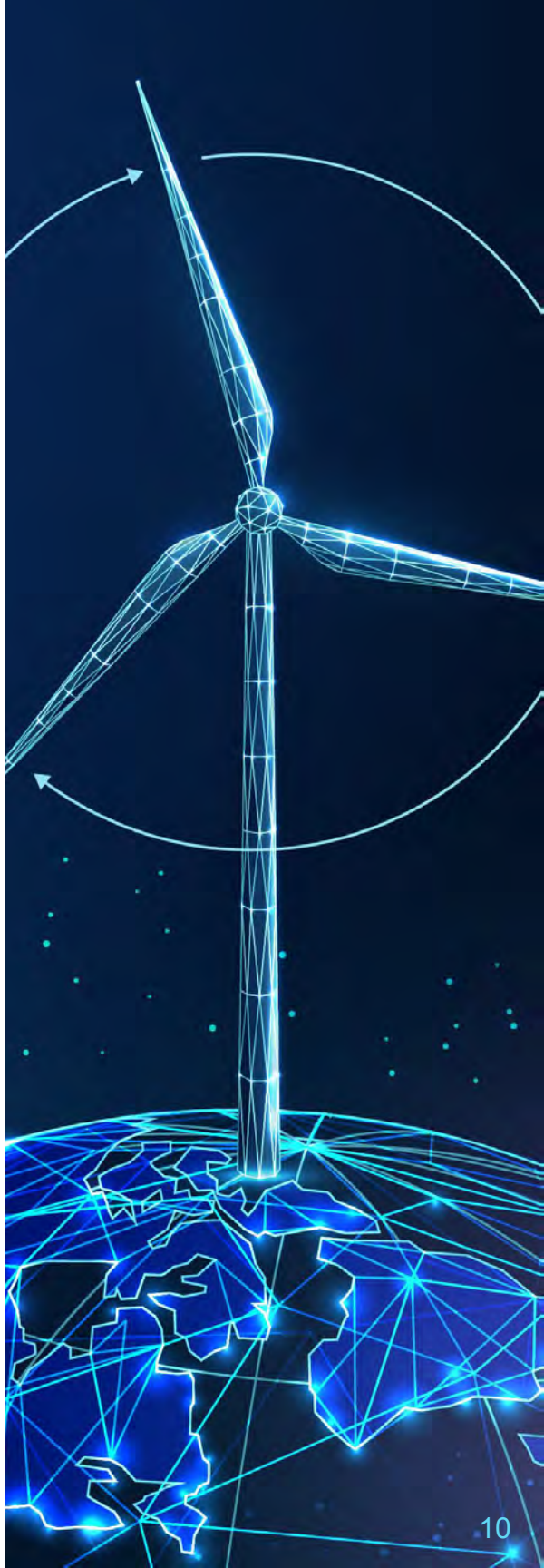






# USDA REAP Grants Fueling the Agricultural Market

Federal Incentive	Ag Business	Rural Home
<b>Installed Cost</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
30% Basic ITC	-\$37,500	-\$37,500
10% Domestic Content Bonus	-\$12,500	\$0
10% Energy Community Bonus	\$0	\$0
5-Year Depreciation or Sec. 179D	-\$14,063	\$0
<b>After Tax Incentives</b>	<b>\$60,938</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>
USDA REAP Grant (up to 50%)	\$55,000	\$0
Federal Tax on REAP Grant	-\$8,250	\$0
<b>Final Cost</b>	<b>\$14,188</b>	<b>\$87,500</b>





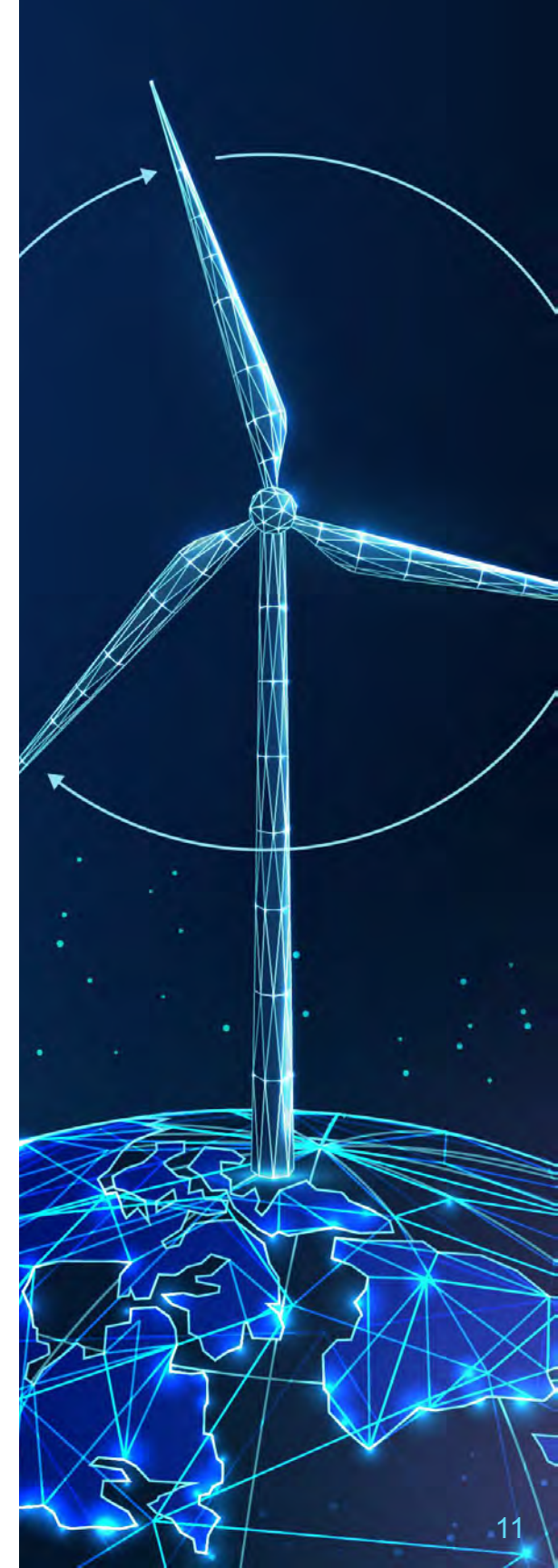
# Active Market in Retrofits of Older Turbines

Using existing tower & Foundations



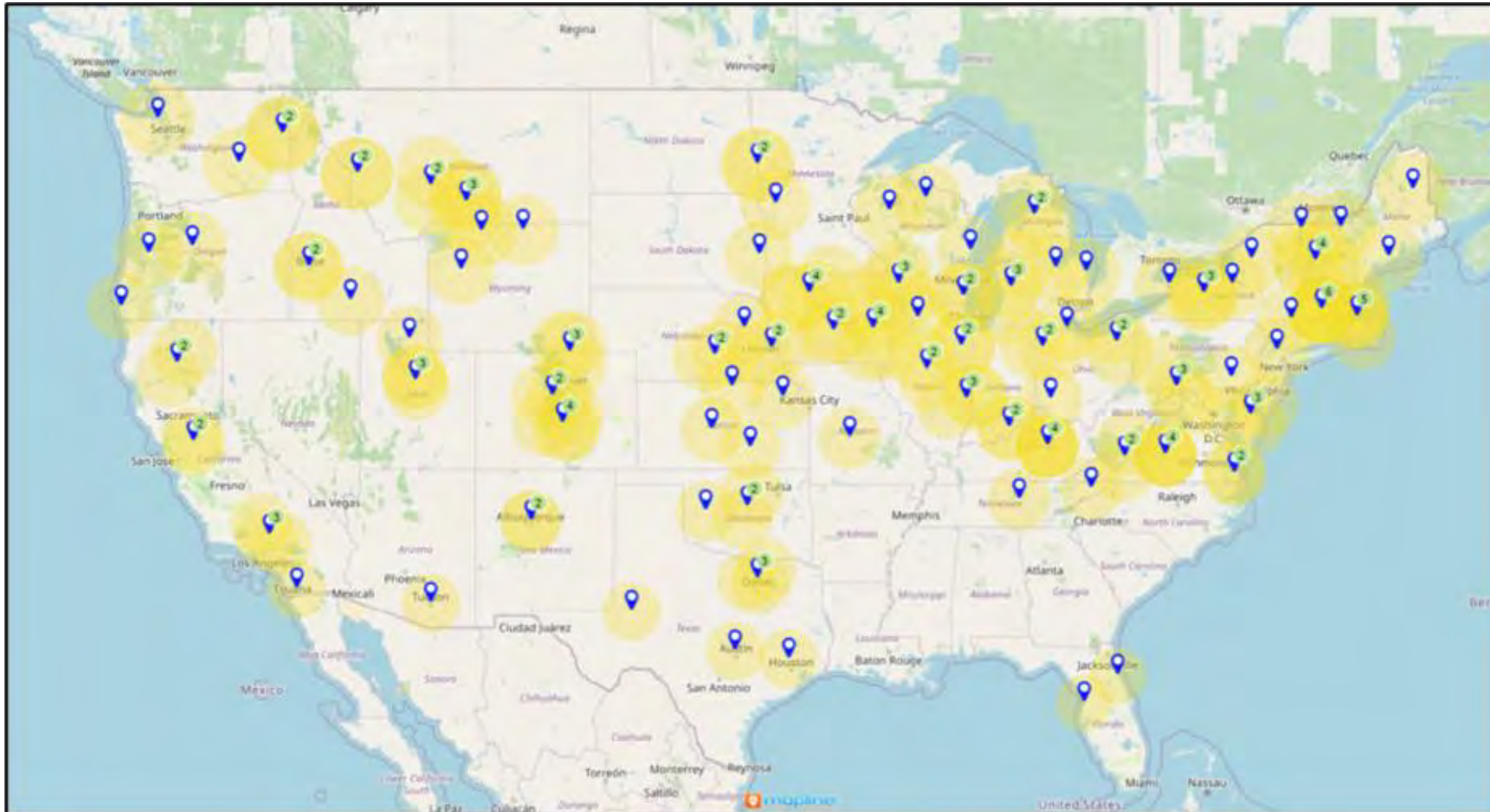
## Replacing:

- Bergey 10 kW
- Jacobs 10, 17 & 20 kW
- Proven 15
- Gaia 11
- Endurance 60 kW
- Evoco/Osiris 10 kW
- ReDriven 10 & 20 kW
- Enertech 40 kW
- Numerous Chinese Models
- Xzeres 10 kW  
(special case – reduced rotor speed)



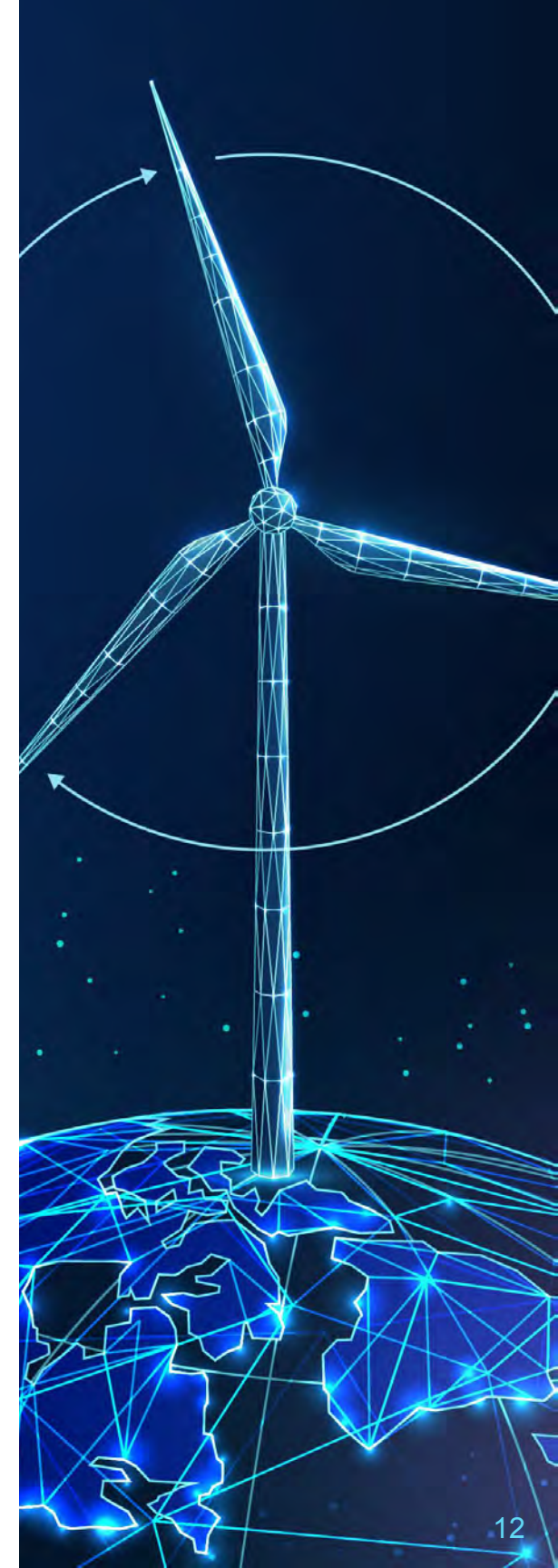


# Sold, Installed & Supported by > 150 Dealers



BWC U.S. Dealer Network, 2024

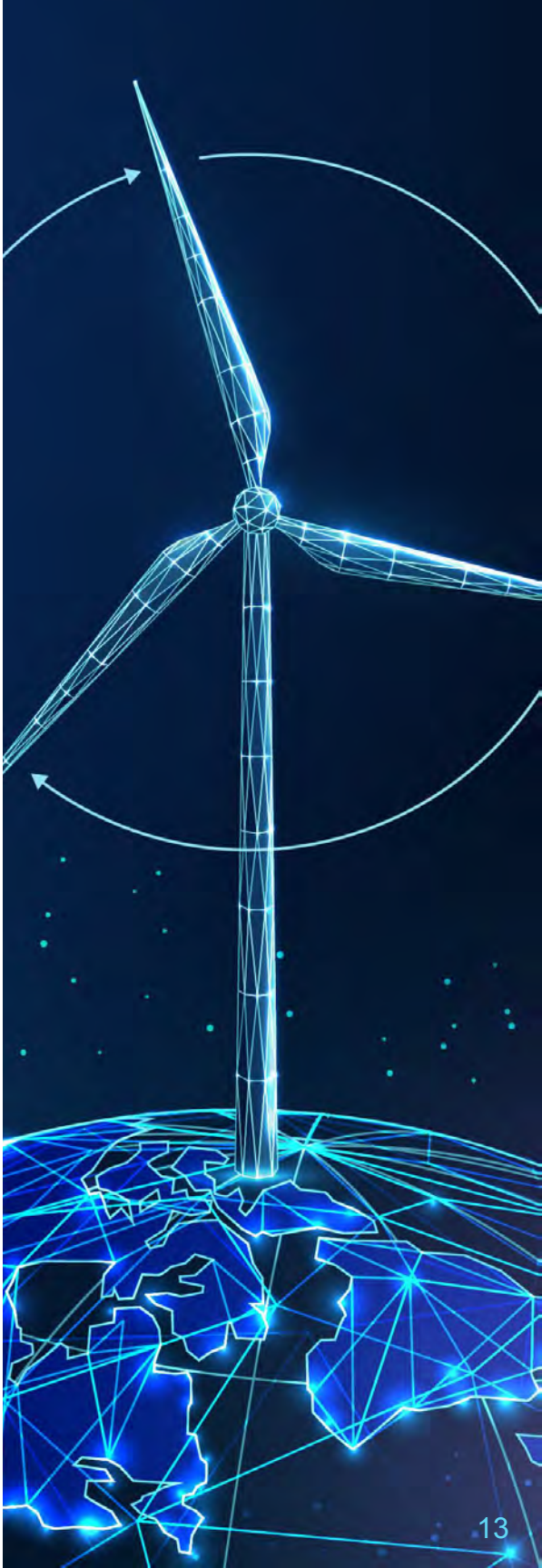
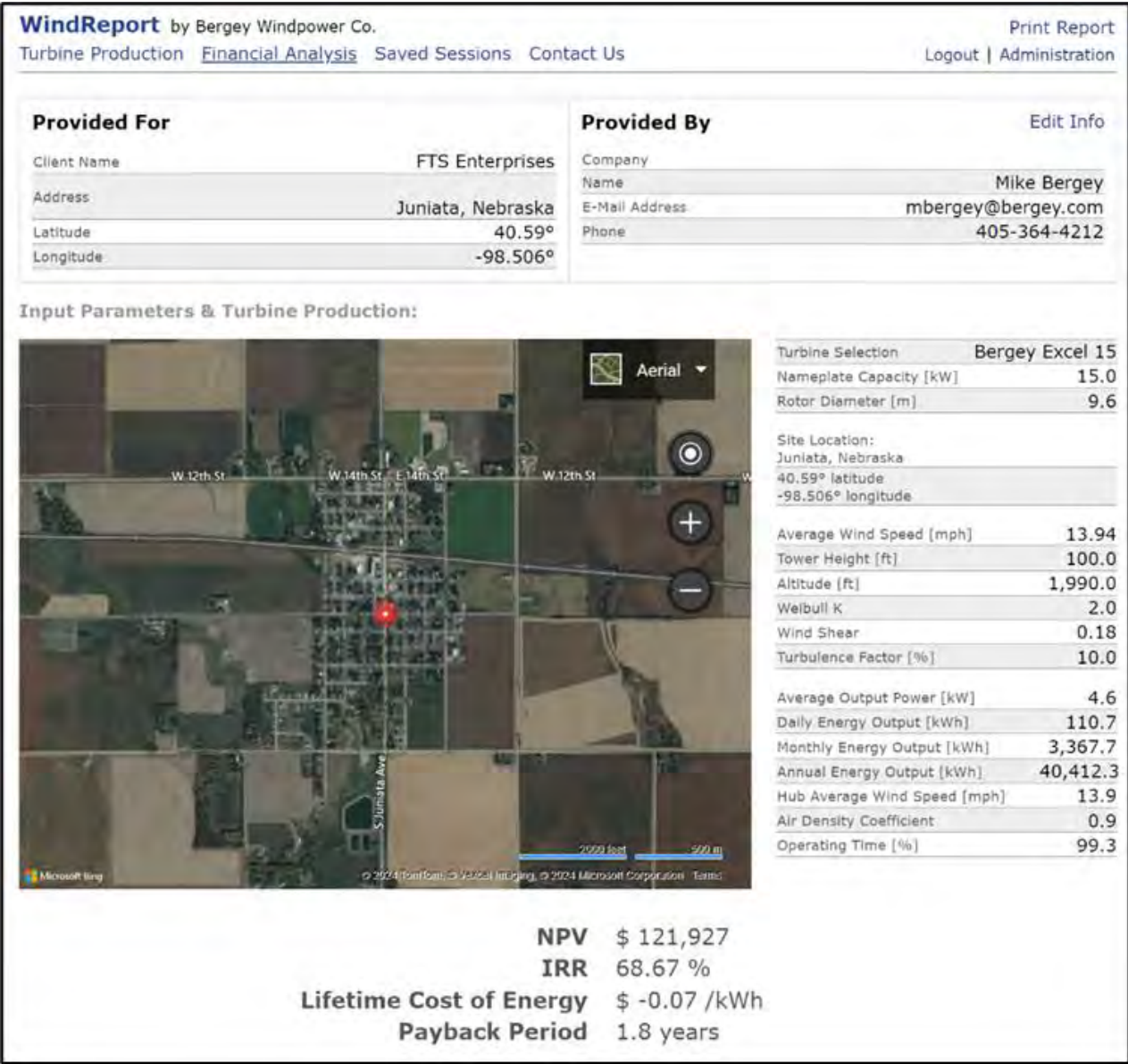
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# Bergey Wind Report

## Performance and Economics Evaluation Tool





# Case Study

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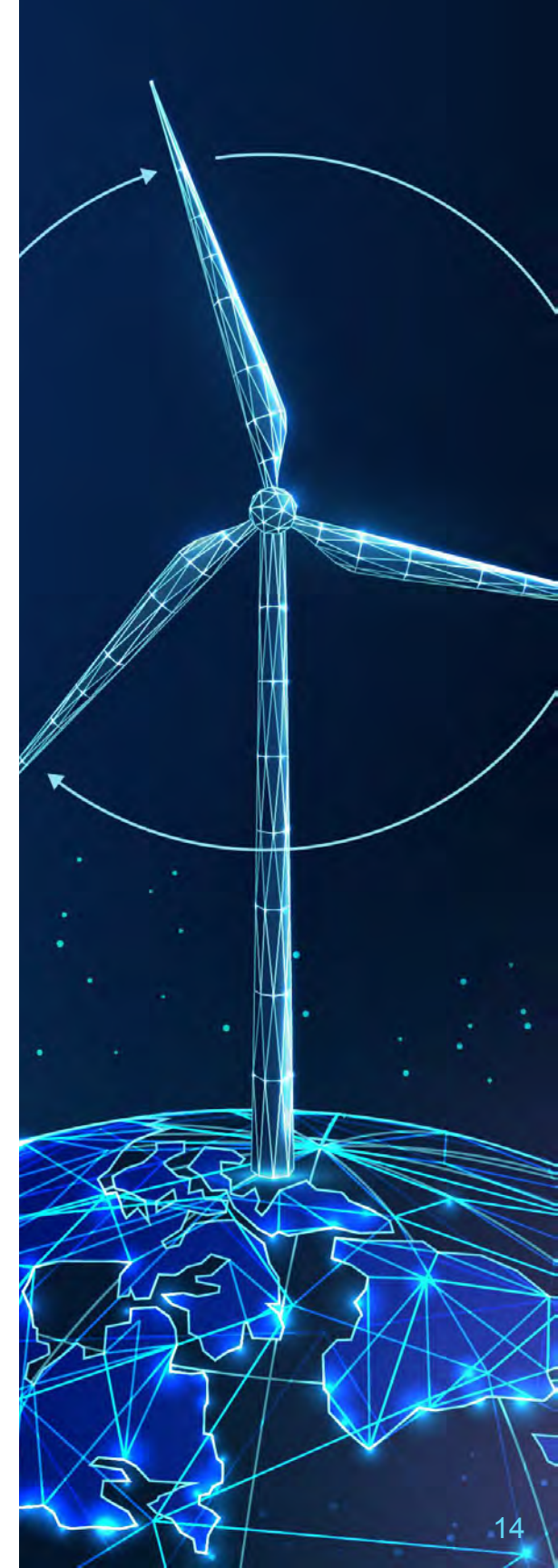
Juniata, NE



Installed by:



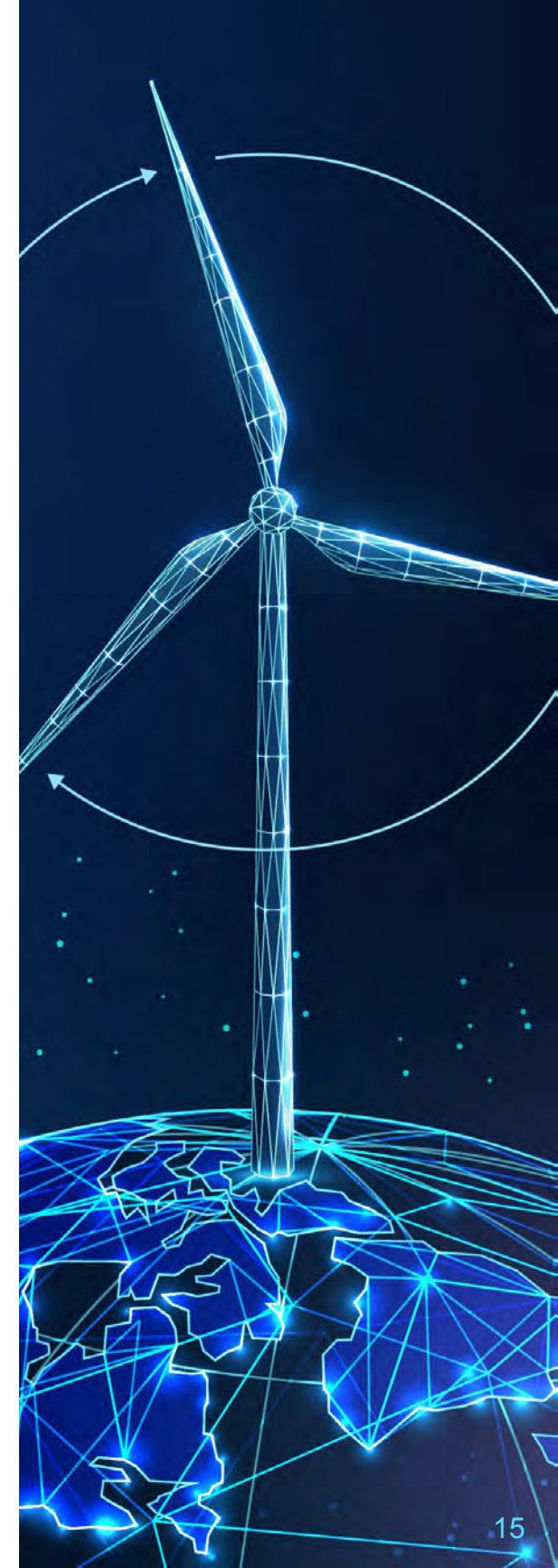
- 15 kW turbine on 100' tower
- Installed March 2022
- Produces ~ 35,000 kWh per year
- 99.4% Availability
- \$100,000 installed; USDA grant + Tax Credit + Bonus  
Depreciation = 2.5 year payback







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# Thank you

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# DW Deployments

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# DW Deployments IRL

Residential/ Small Farms



Town Governments



Large Farms and Rural Small Businesses



Residential



Rural Small Businesses





# Why DW?

Small Footprint

Complements well with Solar PV for  
year round generation

Very Visible

Big Fun!

30-100% federal funding





# Challenges

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Interconnection

Permitting

Very Visible

Public Perception

Siting

Challenging





# How To

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## TIPS

Find a local expert  
Find the right technology  
Engage with permitting authorities  
Engage with utility

## RESOURCES

[WINDEXchange: Distributed Wind Energy Resource](#)

[AgWind \(agwindenergy.org\) Distributed Wind Energy 101 | Distributed Wind Energy Association](#)

[Distributed Wind Energy Association | Our Wind, Our Power, Our Future](#)

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)





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# Adams Electric Cooperative Wind Turbines

September 17, 2024

**Mike Ohnemus**

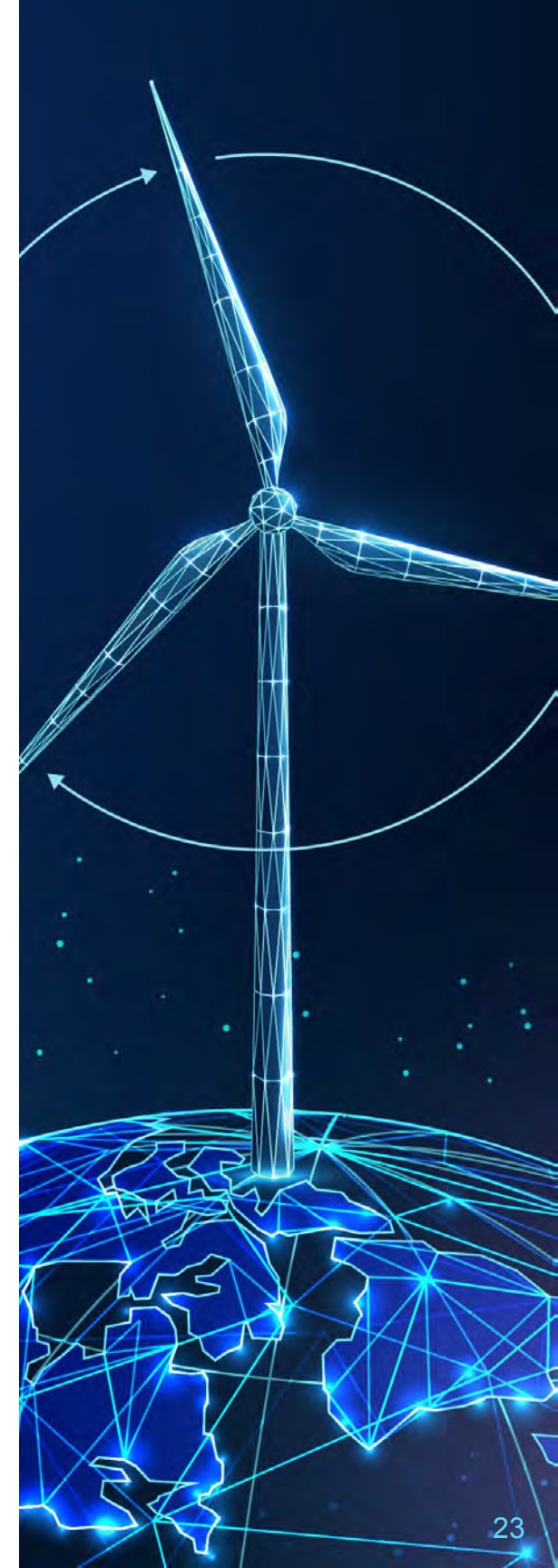
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# About Adams Electric Cooperative

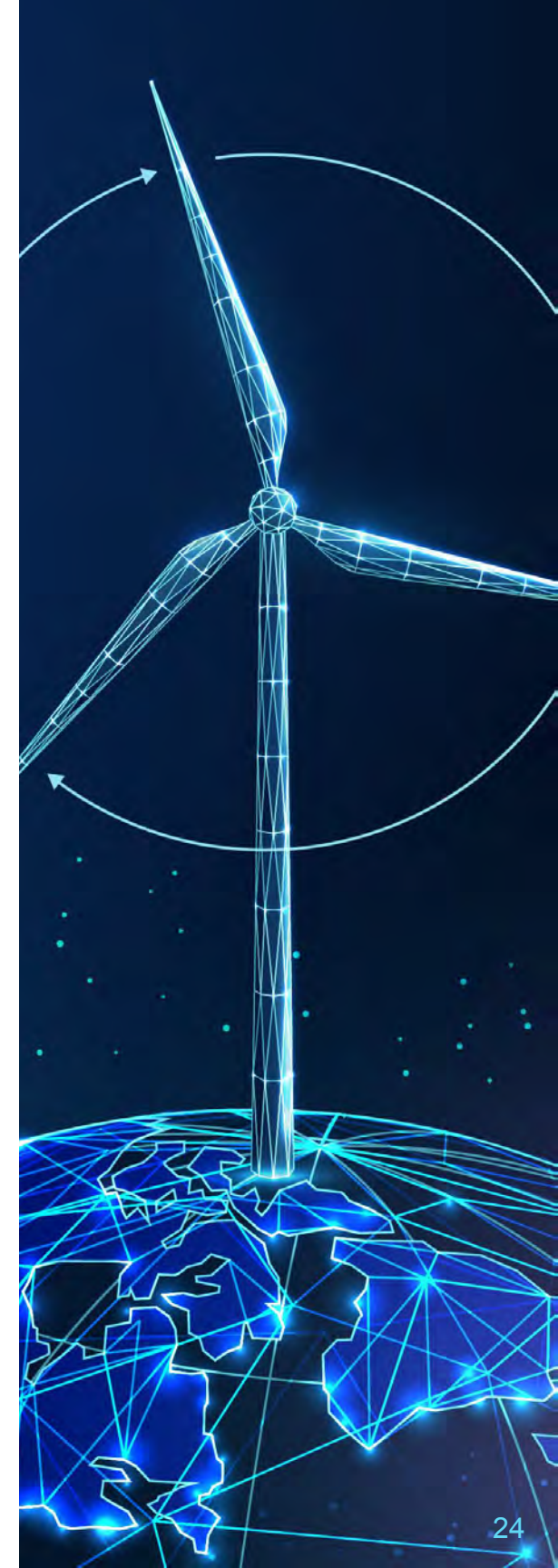
- Located in West Central Illinois
- Serving 9,102 members in Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, McDonough, & Fulton counties.
- 2,269 miles of line.
- 31 full-time employees





# Green Energy Portfolio

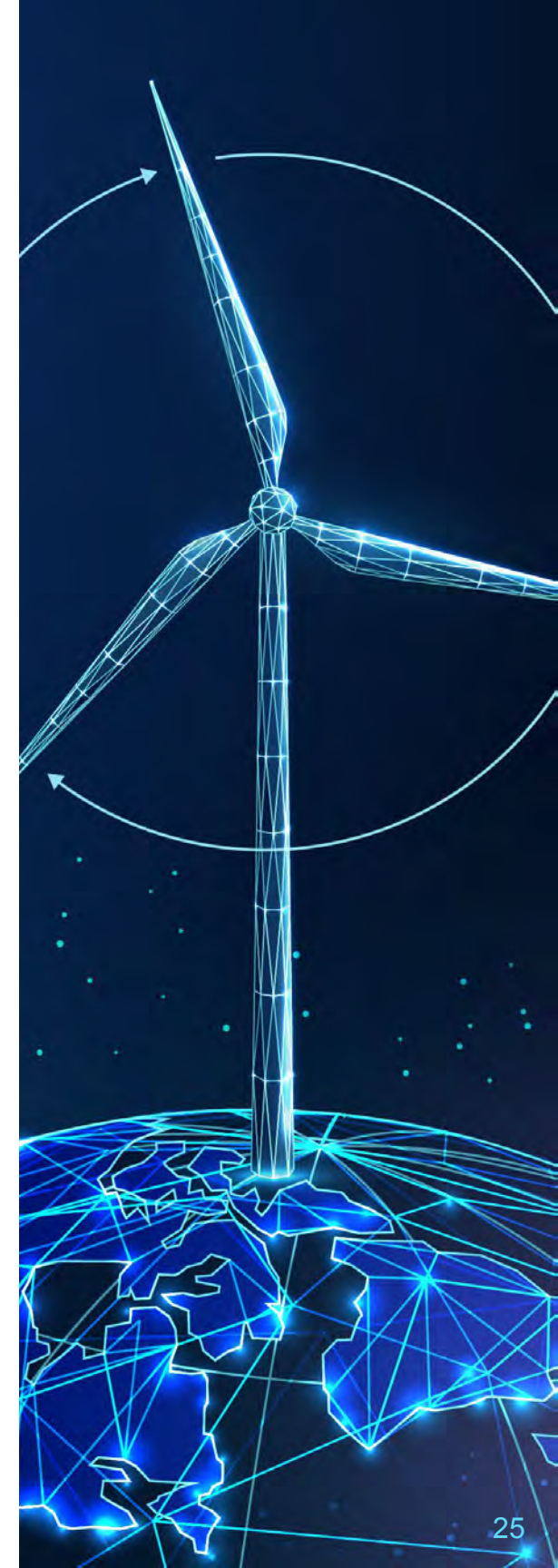
- 900 kWh EWT Direct-Drive Wind Turbine
- 1.5 MW Vensys Direct-Drive Wind Turbine
- 1 MW EWT Direct-Drive Wind Turbine (2025)
- 1 MW Solar Farm (2025)
- 3.4 MW of wind energy
- 4.4 MW total of green energy
- Powering about 9% of our services





# Where, Wind, & Why

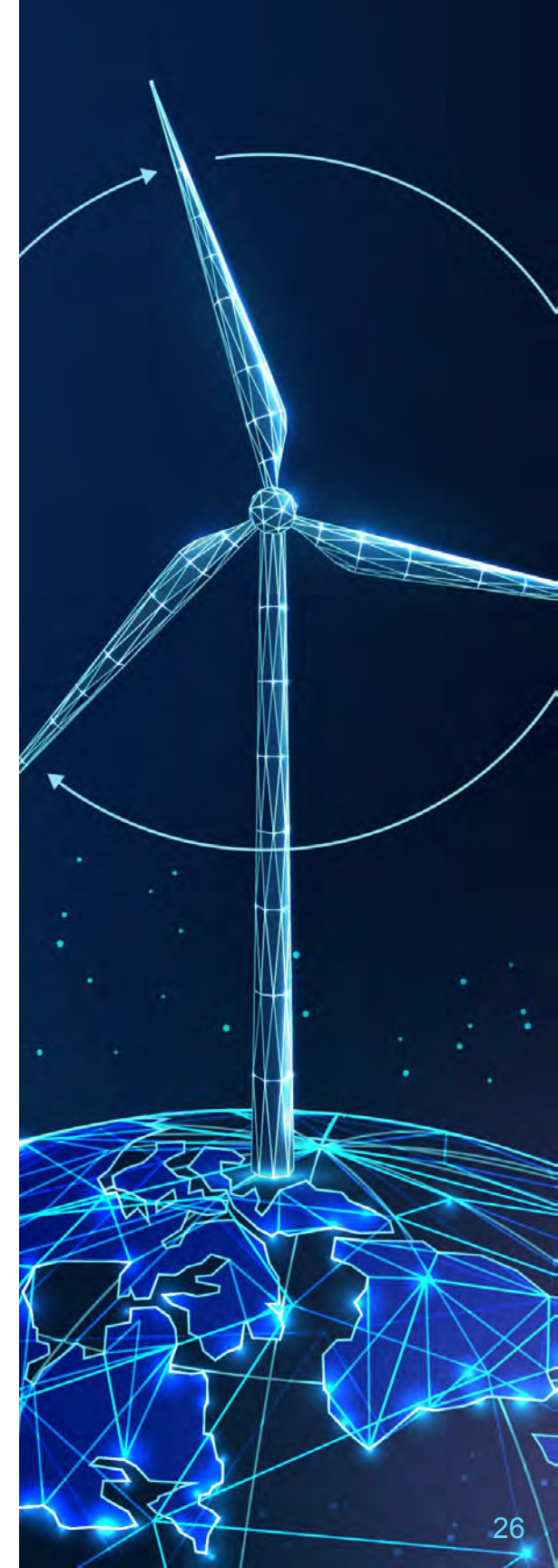
- In 2009 we installed our first turbine in Adams County.
  - Political environment at the time was pushing for Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).
  - Received two grants and a low interest loan.
  - With incentives, wind generation was \$0.05/kWh compared to coal at \$0.055/kWh.
- In 2011 we installed our second turbine in Brown County.
  - Low-cost financing and a USDA grant put costs at \$0.06/kWh.
- 2025 slated for a turbine in Schuyler County.
  - Inflation Reduction Act
    - Justice 40 Initiative targeting disadvantaged areas.
    - Majority of Schuyler County is considered disadvantaged.
  - ERA grant puts energy costs at \$0.03/kWh.





# How We Began

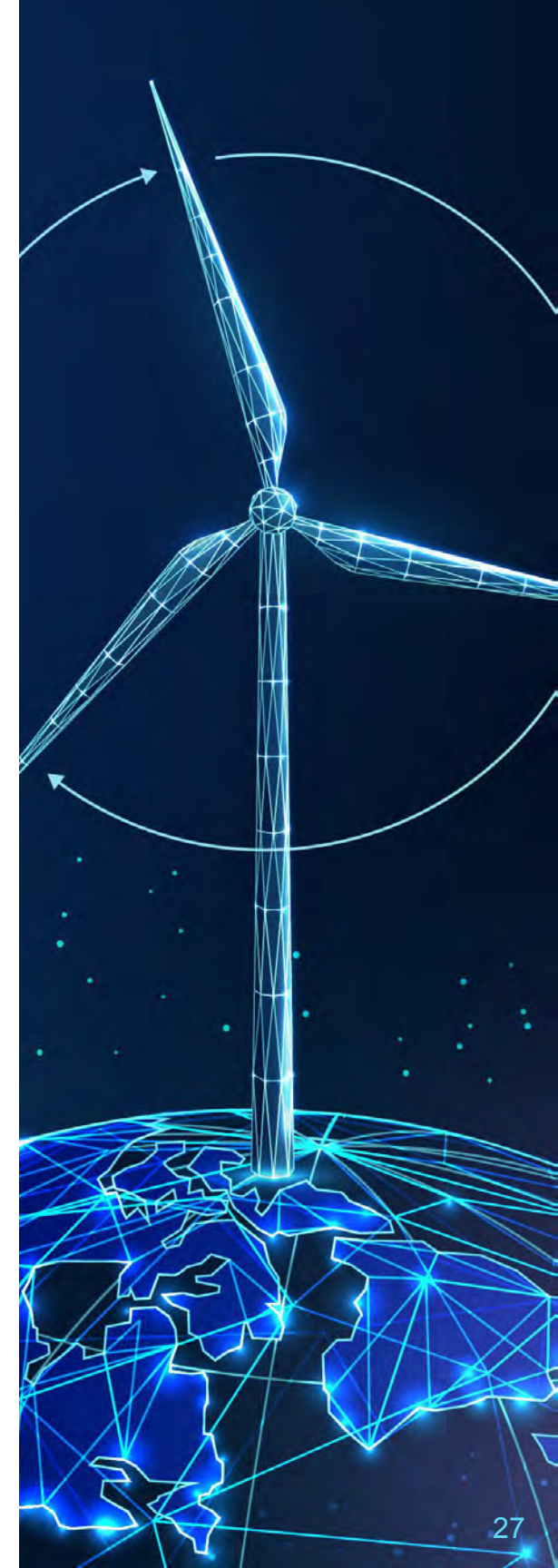
- Hired a consultant to analyze potential locations.
- Chose locations within .75 miles of existing 3-phase and within 2-3 miles of a substation.
- Average wind speed at 50 meters height (~164 feet) – 15.3 mph.
- Had computer modeling of wind performed to verify wind speeds.
- For turbine to be built in 2025, we used our own elevation maps knowing we wanted the turbine in a specific area.
  - Had a wind study done to verify the location was suitable.
- There are other environmental and site studies that will need to be completed.





# Advantages to Building

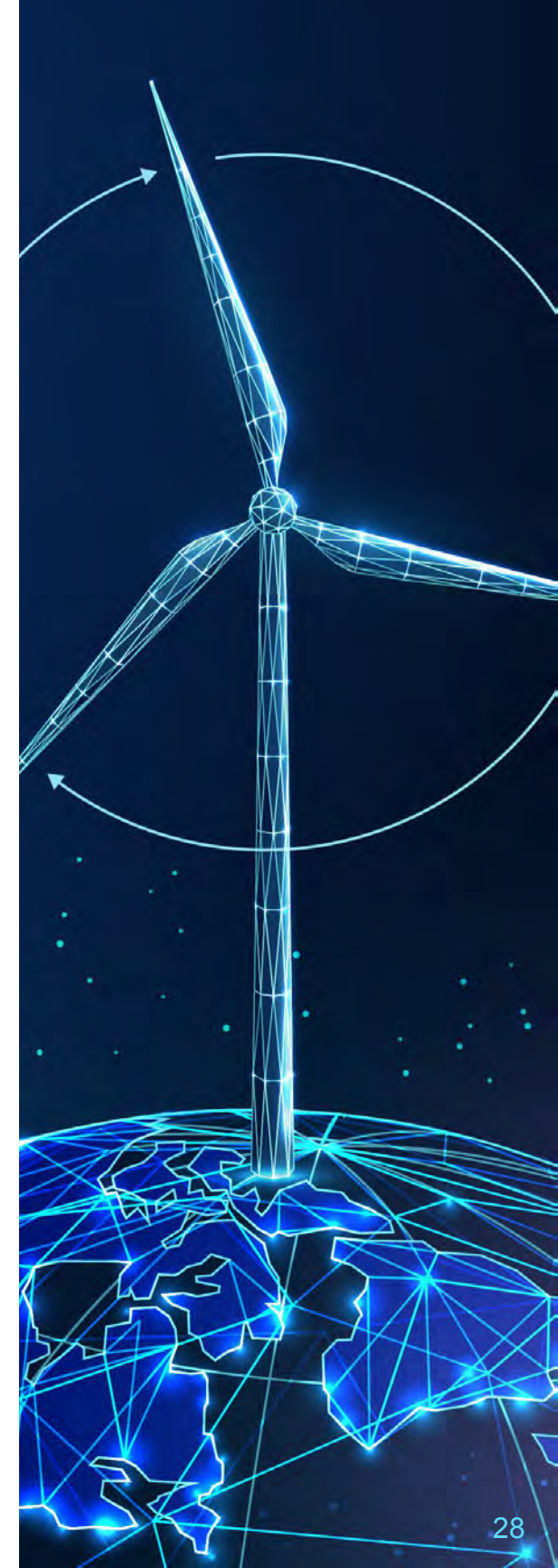
- Cooperative members own the generation assets.
- Reduced wholesale purchased power cost.
- kWh output over the 25-year life of the turbine is a known fixed price which helps stabilize rates.
- Diversified power portfolio.
- Shows we will take reasonable steps to lower our carbon footprint.
- Helps politically as coops are scrutinized over the use of fossil fuels.
- Members have reacted positively, if not encouragingly, to Adams Electric embracing renewable energy.





# Experience & Advice

- Wind turbines have been a net positive.
  - Stabilized rates.
  - Opportunity to get communities involved in energy discussion.
- Turbine builds can be managed using contractors.
- Choosing direct-drive turbines verses a gear box turbine has kept maintenance issues to a minimum.
  - Meter technicians can handle minor issues.
  - Major repairs are done by the manufacturer.
- EWT has been our best experience with turbine manufactures.
  - Have contractual obligations that the turbine must be available 95% annually.





# Thank you

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