



AVIATOR ONSHORE WIND GENERATES MAJOR REVENUE FOR COKE COUNTY

Located in Coke County, Texas, the Aviator Onshore Wind Project is the largest single-phase wind energy project in the entire Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid region. The project also holds the title for largest single-phase, single-site wind project in the United States. The 525 MW wind farm is capable of generating serious power and serious funds for the region. Over the lifetime of the project, the plant is expected to generate over \$140 million in local taxes and more than \$172 million in landowner lease payments. In 2020 alone, Aviator Wind generated \$1.6 million for Coke County; that equated to 72% of the county's total expenditures in 2019.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$142M** in tax revenue
- **\$172M** in land lease payments
- **72%** of Coke County's total expenditures

The project also created 30 long-term operational positions at the plant in addition to 425 temporary jobs during the plant's construction. Project developers Apex Clean Energy and Ares Management also contracted with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to support 75 IBEW union positions in Coke County.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Aviator has helped diversify local tax revenues in a region historically reliant on oil and gas, bringing in \$142 million in tax revenue and \$172 million in landowner payments. The project also provides revenue for local roads, the fire department, and hospitals, as well as jobs revenue for the community and tax relief to the local school district.

Aviator Wind has attracted major corporate investments to the region, entering into a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Facebook in 2019 for nearly 200 MW of wind capacity, with other corporations quickly following suit. In 2019, fast food giant McDonald's also entered into Aviator's "virtual PPA," working with the rural community to accelerate the economic benefits of the renewable energy transition.

SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE

Making the production tax credit (PTC) for wind refundable, funding new power system modeling to better integrate advanced energy in power markets, and providing incentives for advanced energy development in rural areas and areas traditionally reliant on oil and gas can bring more projects like this to Texas.