



ROCKY FORGE WIND BRINGS NEW REVENUE TO BOTETOURT COUNTY

Slated to be Virginia's first onshore wind project, the Rocky Forge Wind project is set to bring significant jobs and investments to Southwest Virginia. Located in rural Botetourt County, the site makes use of local verified wind resources, existing high-voltage power lines, and expansive private land. With construction expected to start in 2021, the plant will support new jobs in the high-growth wind energy industry and diversify revenue streams for the local economy.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **22** turbines
- **75MW** wind power
- **250+** new jobs

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Revenue from the Rocky Forge Wind project is expected to provide \$20 to 25 million in state and local taxes for local schools, government, and landowners (via leasing fees) over the course of 30 years, creating an entirely new long-term revenue source for the community.

Developed and operated by Charlottesville-based Apex Clean Energy, the project will house about 22 wind turbines capable of generating roughly 75 megawatts (MW) of clean power, enough to power 21,000 Virginia homes each year. During the plant's construction, Rocky Forge Wind will directly support 250 jobs, followed by another seven full-time operations and maintenance positions in 2022.

At the end of 2019, Governor Ralph Northam signed an agreement announcing the Virginia government would purchase the approximately 75 MWs of electricity produced at the facility. All power generated at the facility will be delivered directly into Virginia's grid, helping to diversify the Commonwealth's energy portfolio and meet growing electricity demand.

SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE

Making the production tax credit (PTC) for wind refundable and providing incentives for advanced energy development in rural areas can bring more projects like this to Virginia.