



WIND IS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR GRANT AND MINERAL COUNTIES

Spanning the border of Grant and Mineral counties, Clearway Energy Group's Black Rock Wind project is harnessing strong, steady wind currents to create an economic engine for West Virginia. Set to begin operation late 2021, the 115 MW wind farm is expected to generate enough clean energy to power the equivalent of 34,500 homes. Over its lifetime, Black Rock Wind is expected to deliver nearly \$6 million in local property taxes and an additional \$9 million in West Virginia state business and occupancy taxes, making Clearway one of the region's largest taxpayers.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **23** wind turbines
- **200+** new jobs
- **\$15M** in tax revenue

Black Rock Wind represents a major investment in West Virginia's energy future. Having already secured a \$200 million capital investment, the project is projected to generate \$52 million in anticipated direct spending for local contractors and businesses. This is complimented by robust corporate partnerships from Toyota and AEP Energy, both of which have major business operations in the state, via power purchase agreements.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Clearway Community Benefits Fund pledges \$50,000 annually to Grant and Mineral County-based non-profits, allowing West Virginia residents to designate funds toward their community's priorities. Clearway is also partnering with Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College for a wind tech training curriculum and internship program to bolster a local employment pipeline.

When it comes to employment numbers, installing the 23 turbines has resulted in 200 construction jobs, with 6-10 long-term operational roles expected. Black Rock was constructed under a Project Labor Agreement with the West Virginia Allied Trades, and hiring during construction drew predominantly from the local workforce—supported in part by Clearway's partnership with Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College; in 2021 alone, Clearway hired 5 Eastern graduates to work at Black Rock Wind and other facilities nearby.

SUPPORT MORE PROJECTS LIKE THESE

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