

Renewable Energy in Montana - Survey for Generators

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Q1: What is the name of the project?

Diamond Willow 1 and 2

Q2: When did ...

... construction of the project begin? 10/01/2009,

... the project begin operating? 06/16/2010

Q3: Did Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard, enacted in 2005, contribute to your decision to build?

No,

Please provide details of why it did or did not.
 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s addition of 57 MW of renewable generation resources to its portfolio was not made solely in response to the Montana Renewable Portfolio Standard but in conjunction with the Company's Integrated Resources Plan which included the costs and consideration of other forms of generation. The standard probably accelerated the acquisition of renewable generation resources.

Q4: What was the project investment (in \$ dollars)?

\$25.4 million for Diamond Willow 2

Q5: How many Montana contractors or subcontractors were hired during construction?

0

Q6: Please list the contractors and subcontractors

Wanzek Construction out of West Fargo, ND was the general contractor for the project.

Q7: How many people were employed in Montana during construction?

approximately 25

Q8: What were the average earnings per job?

Unknown

Q9: How many full-time permanent jobs has the project created in Montana and what are the average earnings per job?

Combined 2 employees full-time employees for both Diamond Willow I and Diamond Willow II

Q10: How many Montana or local vendors are utilized in support of the project?

See below

Q11: In general, can you describe how those vendors are utilized?

Lodging
 Restaurants
 Groceries
 Small tools and equipment

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Q12: How much in Montana property taxes (15-6-157, MCA) have been paid for the project in:

Year 1 of construction or operation?	0
Year 2 of construction or operation?	0
Year 3 of construction or operation?	0
Year 4 of construction or operation?	0
Year 5 of construction or operation?	0
Year 6 of construction or operation?	0

Q13: Is the project currently receiving a state (Montana) or federal tax abatement? No

Q14: What is the abatement? 0

Q15: When will the tax abatement expire? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q16: What are the estimated property taxes following expiration of the abatement? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q17: How much in local property taxes (15-6-157, MCA) have been paid in Montana, and in what county, for the project in:

Year 1 of construction or operation?	0
Year 2 of construction or operation?	0
Year 3 of construction or operation?	0
Year 4 of construction or operation?	51,324
Year 5 of construction or operation?	62,635
Year 6 of construction or operation?	61,687

Q18: What was the amount of business equipment taxes (15-6-138, MCA) paid in Montana conjunction with the project in:

Year 1 of construction or operation?	0
Year 2 of construction or operation?	0
Year 3 of construction or operation?	0
Year 4 of construction or operation?	0
Year 5 of construction or operation?	0
Year 6 of construction or operation?	0

Q19: Is the project subject to Montana's wholesale energy transaction tax (15-72-104, MCA)? Yes

Q20: If yes, what was the amount paid in:

Year 1 of operation?	Provided under Diamond Willow 1 in total
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Q21: Is the project subject to Montana's electrical energy producers tax (15-51-101 MCA)? Yes

Q22: If yes, what was the amount paid in:

Year 1 of operation?	Provided under Diamond Willow 1
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Q23: Has the project paid or will the project in the future pay facility impact fees for local governmental units and school districts in Montana (15-24-3004, MCA and 15-24-3005, MCA)? No

Q24: If so - *Respondent skipped this question*

Q25: In general terms how much is paid for land leases in Montana needed for the project?

\$28,000 per year

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Q26: How much is paid for Montana state land leases?

\$0

Q27: Are there additional taxes paid in Montana in conjunction with the project that you feel the committee should include in its analysis? No

Q28: Have community donations or additional financial contributions been made in the Montana community where the project is located? No

Q29: Please provide any additional thoughts on how the project has contributed to Montana or your local economy? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q30: Has Montana's renewable energy standard assisted in leveraging Montana's competitive advantage in developing new electric transmission? No,
Please elaborate on why or why not?
No new electrical transmission was built in conjunction with this project.

Q31: Please provide any additional thoughts on Montana's Renewable Portfolio Standard

The Montana Renewable Portfolio Standard should not be changed. All investments in renewables should be justified on an equal basis with other available resources, without regard to a mandate.

Q32: FINAL SUBMISSION: All questions are complete and this survey is ready for submission (select no if you wish to return and complete this survey later). Yes