

# ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF WIND CATCHER IN OKLAHOMA



Located in the Panhandle, the Wind Catcher project will be the largest single-site wind installation in the country.

SWEPCO & PSO will jointly-own the project, serving their customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma with 2,000 megawatts of cheap, clean wind energy.

Why did SWEPCO & PSO choose Wind Catcher to provide electricity for its customers? Cost! Oklahoma wind provides the lowest cost electricity in the country.<sup>1</sup>

## 800 Turbines

2.5 MW GE across 300,000 acres

Turbines will produce enough energy to power 800,000 homes



## Tax Payments & Local Benefits

The wind is a powerful resource that provides a clean and renewable source of energy. But wind energy also brings significant resources to communities where they're commissioned.

Energy providers are typically some of the largest taxpayers in rural counties. These tax payments can fund local schools, hospitals, police, and fire departments.

Oklahoma will receive nearly \$300 million in revenue from Wind Catcher over the lifetime of the project.

## Jobs

As with any large scale project, wind energy provides a boon to local economies with the addition of many new, high paying jobs.

Wind Catcher will peak at more than 4,000 workers during construction, provide approximately \$60 million in state and local taxes during construction and support nearly 4,400 jobs through the supply chain, and will create 80 jobs once the project is complete.

4,000  
construction jobs

4,400  
indirect jobs

80  
full time operations and  
maintenance jobs

## Electricity Prices

Oklahoma hosts some of the country's best wind resource, equating to affordable, reliable power. Over the lifetime of the project, Wind Catcher will save customers in Oklahoma nearly \$2 billion net of cost.

Wind power provides electricity with zero fuel cost, providing long-term price stability and a hedge against electricity sources requiring fuel purchases.

