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# Black & Veatch will help Kansas Wind Power with study

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A small Lenexa wind-power developer got a big boost Monday as Black & Veatch said it's helping the company study wind power's effect on the regional power grid.

Financial terms weren't disclosed.

"Kansas Wind Power has done an excellent job developing utility-scale wind energy sites in Kansas," Don Mundy, vice president of Black & Veatch's Power Delivery Division, said in a written statement. "We are pleased to be working with a local company on what can become a significant new energy industry in this state."

KWP is based in Lenexa. Black & Veatch is based in Overland Park.

KWP is trying to develop a wind-power network stretching from Russell to Larned to Winfield in Kansas. The distributed generation project is scheduled to start producing power by December 2004 and would connect future small wind facilities with a combined capacity of as much as 60 megawatts.

Through its agreement with KWP, Black & Veatch will research the wind project's effect on the Southwest Power Pool, an electricity-sharing network connecting utilities in Kansas and Oklahoma and parts of New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

B&V also will conduct feasibility studies for various sized projects and transmission paths and become a "preferred contractor" for engineering, procurement and construction work on the project.

B&V will handle KWP's interconnection requests as well as facilities studies.

"This is an important step in our current projects," Troy **Helming**, CEO of Kansas Wind Power, said in the statement. "It will further our understanding of the markets we can serve from each of our sites."

On Nov. 25, KWP said that Sega Inc. of Stilwell, Kan., had signed on to help untangle existing electricity contracts held by some of the cities in the wind project area and to ensure compliance with local and state laws.

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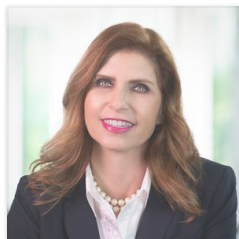
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