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## **Delmarva Power selects out- of- state land- based wind providers**

Delmarva Power and a group of 12 regional electric cooperatives announced Wednesday they have selected six winning bids for onshore wind power.

Of the 31 original bidders, the six – which Delmarva Power President Gary Stockbridge said he is not yet ready to name – will best meet the needs of Delmarva Power and its cooperative partners, including the Delaware Electric Cooperative.

The majority of the onshore wind power will come from wind farms in Maryland and Pennsylvania, Stockbridge said, with the exception of 50 megawatts from Illinois. He said his company would enter into 15 to 20- year bids for renewable energy and renewable energy credits. Of the 310 megawatts purchased, 270 megawatts are under contracts that have no price escalators, fixing the cost. Delmarva Power says it will file a comparison of its onshore bids to the Bluewater Wind proposal for an offshore wind farm, a project Delmarva Power opposes as too expensive and risky. University of Delaware professor Jeremy Firestone disagrees. “Bluewater Wind makes more sense now than it did last May, or even last December,” he said. Firestone said Delmarva Power’s announcement was press driven, not process driven and did not further the public’s knowledge about the company’s green power drive. He said the announcement lacked key information, including the cost to transport wind- generated energy to Delaware and the electric capacity purposed under the contracts.

“There’s no new news here,” said Bluewater Wind spokesman Jim Lanard. He said Delmarva Power is maintaining its consistent effort to stop the contract with Bluewater from being signed.