

WELLSPRING

Wellspring Renewable Energy

FAQ SECTION

Where is Wellspring Renewable Energy produced?

Wind energy is produced from wind turbines mainly located in Southern Minnesota. Solar energy is produced by Great River Energy solar resources throughout Minnesota.

Is the wind and solar power supplied directly to the member?

No. The electricity generated by the wind turbines and solar panels is fed into the state's electric system, called the grid. To deliver the exact electron generated by wind or solar to a specific location is not possible. The wind and solar power you purchase replaces electricity that would have been generated by conventional fuels.

Will power still come from conventional resources?

Yes. You will receive a mix of power sources due to the fact that the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine all the time. However, purchasing Wellspring Wind and Solar Energy helps lessen our reliance on fossil fuels.

Who can participate?

Anyone who lives in Dakota Electric Association's service territory.

How to start?

Contact Dakota Electric at 651-463-6243 to learn more about how to sign up for the Wellspring program.



By participating in Wellspring Renewable Energy®, members not only help support wind and solar development in Minnesota, but they also help reduce our dependency on non-renewable energy sources.

PARTICIPATING IN WELLSPRING

Wellspring Renewable Energy is a voluntary program that gives Dakota Electric members a way to provide additional support for renewable energy technologies.

HOW IT WORKS

Those who participate in the Wellspring program are purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs). For every 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWhs) of clean, renewable electricity generation, a REC is created. RECs embody all of the environmental attributes of the generation and can be tracked separately from the underlying electricity. Dakota Electric provides Wellspring energy to members through Great River Energy, our wholesale power supplier, making it easy for members to support renewable energy and its future.

OPTIONS

Wellspring is sold in 100 kWh blocks, and members can purchase a fixed number of blocks each month or enough to power their monthly electricity use.

There are two options to choose from:

OPTION	BLOCKS	ENERGY TYPE
Option One	Fixed number per month	Wind, solar or a combination of both
Option Two	Number per month fluctuates	Either wind or solar

- Each 100 kWh block of wind energy costs an extra \$0.20* per month.
- Each 100 kWh block of solar energy costs an extra \$2* per month.
- The average home uses 800-1,000 kWhs of electricity per month, or 8-10 blocks.

CONTACT MEMBER SERVICES

For questions regarding Wellspring Renewable Energy options, please contact our Energy Experts at 651-463-6212.

**Price and program subject to change without notice.*