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Construction Completed on New Wind Turbines

FORT COLLINS, Colo.—The strong, consistent winds in Wyoming have started to whirl and pirouette in a dance with five new wind turbines at Platte River Power Authority's Medicine Bow Wind Project spinning out energy for Colorado communities and businesses.

Construction on the five, 660 kW Vestas-American wind turbines began in September with the turbines going online the week of October 4. The new turbines join two 600 kW turbines Platte River built in April 1998. There were two existing turbines at the wind project when Platte River purchased the wind assets of the site in 1998—a 65 kW Nordtank and a non-operational 4 MW Hamilton Standard.

One-and-a-half turbines serve the city of Fort Collins' wind power project. One other turbine supplies the entire electricity needs of the New Belgium Brewery in Fort Collins. Half of the energy output from one turbine will go to the cities of Longmont and Loveland for their new wind energy programs, one turbine will serve the city of Aspen through the Municipal Energy Association of Nebraska and one turbine will supply Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association customers.

Platte River is a public power utility with facilities primarily located along the Front Range of northern Colorado. Platte River provides wholesale electricity and support services to its owner cities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont, and Loveland, and to other utilities and businesses in the western United States.