

## Lee/DeKalb Wind Energy Center



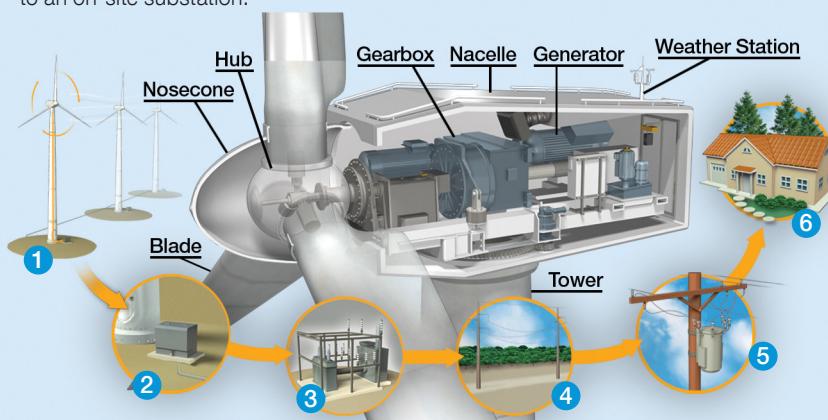
### About NextEra Energy Resources

- » A leading clean energy provider operating wind, natural gas, solar, hydroelectric and nuclear power plants
- » With 18,122 megawatts of generating capacity in the United States and Canada
- » The largest wind generator in North America
- » A subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., with headquarters in Juno Beach, Florida
- » More than 95 percent of our electricity comes from clean or renewable sources
- » Visit us at [www.NextEraEnergyResources.com](http://www.NextEraEnergyResources.com)

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### How a wind turbine works

- 1 A computer turns the nacelle and the rotor (which consists of three blades and a hub) to face into the wind. The turbine blades turn a generator to produce electricity. For safety purposes, the turbine shuts down automatically if the wind speed exceeds 55 miles per hour.
- 2 The electricity travels down the inside of the tower through electrical cables to a transformer at the base of the wind tower.
- 3 From the transformer, the electricity flows through an underground collection cable to an on-site substation.
- 4 From the substation, overhead electrical cables take the electricity to an off-site substation and into high-voltage transmission lines.
- 5 The electricity goes from the high-voltage transmission lines into local distribution lines.
- 6 The electricity is then distributed to homes, schools, businesses and other consumers.



### Overview

- » Located in Lee and DeKalb counties, Illinois
- » Operated by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources
- » A 217.5-megawatt wind generation plant
- » 145 1.5-megawatt GE turbines that are capable of generating enough electricity to power more than 54,000 homes
- » Each wind turbine is 262 feet tall from the ground to the center of the blade hub
- » Began commercial operation in 2009

### Benefits

- » Provides employment opportunities
- » Adds tax base to the counties
- » Delivers landowner lease payments
- » Creates no air or water pollution
- » Uses no water in power generation
- » Allows land to remain in agricultural use
- » Supports economy through purchases of regional goods and services