Diamond Grove Wind Proposed for McLean County

August 17, 2020 – Downs, IL – Apex Clean Energy, a Virginia-based renewable energy company, announced today a proposed 300 MW wind project for McLean County known as Diamond Grove Wind. The project, which is in the early stages of development, is estimated to provide enough clean power for over 100,000 U.S. homes.

McLean County is an ideal location for wind energy development, thanks to its reliable and abundant wind resource, existing high-voltage transmission lines, and strong community support.

Senior Development Manager Alan Moore explained, “We’ve begun early conversations with landowners and farmers regarding their interest in the project and have received a very positive response. Many residents are already familiar with the benefits of wind energy given McLean’s role as a leader in bringing projects like this to the region.”

The project will create significant economic development, including annual payments to landowners and tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue to the county, school districts, and other taxing bodies that would span the project’s 30-year lifetime. Diamond Grove Wind is expected to reach commercial operations by the end of 2024.

“This project is part of a major investment Apex is making in central Illinois,” said Max Jabrixio, Apex public engagement manager. “Diamond Grove Wind is one of three new projects Apex is announcing in the region, representing over $1 billion in total economic investment. With numerous coal plants slated for retirement, there is a huge demand for renewable energy in Illinois, and Apex is working to fill that need in a way that benefits local residents, taxpayers, and businesses.”

Diamond Grove Wind’s financial impact on McLean county includes the creation of hundreds of jobs and significant local spending during construction, with a local operations and maintenance team staying long-term to provide everyday oversight.

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