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Westar to purchase power from Nemaha Co wind farm

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A Kansas utility company has launched a new program aiming to make it easier for large businesses to access affordable green energy.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that the Kansas Corporation Commission on Tuesday approved the Direct Renewable Participation Service by Westar Energy.

The approval led to Westar announcing a day later that it has reached a 20-year agreement with a NextEra Energy Resources affiliate to purchase energy from a new 300-megawatt wind farm being developed in Nemaha County.

Westar officials say the program offers large commercial businesses a way to meet sustainability goals by accessing Kansas wind energy. Participating businesses will be able to claim part of the energy generated by the wind farm as their own.

The wind farm is expected to be operational by 2020.

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