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Penn State Plugs into Wind Power

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Demonstrating its commitment to renewable energy resources and the environment, Penn State has announced that it will sign a contract with Community Energy, Inc. (CEI), a renewable energy marketing firm, to purchase 5 percent of the University Park campus's electrical needs from wind energy over the next five years. The pledge establishes Penn State as a national leader in wind energy. By purchasing 13.2 million kilowatt hours annually--the energy output of three 215-foot tall windmills--Penn State will be the second largest user of retail wind energy in the United States. This energy source has zero emissions associated with it; compared to the average electric generation in the region, approximately 4,644 tons of coal and 7,914 tons of carbon dioxide emissions will be saved annually. This has the equivalent carbon dioxide benefits of taking 1,130 cars off the road or planting 2,152 acres of trees.

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