

## Wisconsin Public Service's generating system

# Forward Wind Park



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WPS

#### Location:

Forward Wind Park is located on more than 4,000 acres of land in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties.

#### Type of plant:

Wind turbine

#### Initial cost:

\$178 million total purchase price WPS owns 44.6 percent, Wisconsin Power & Light owns 42.6 percent and Madison Gas and Electric owns 12.8 percent

#### Units:

Eighty-five 1.6 megawatt GE turbines One 1.85 megawatt turbine

### **Year in service:** 2008

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#### Net generating capacity:

137.85 MW total

#### **Turbine manufacturer:**

**General Electric** 

#### **Turbine design:**

GE 1.6-MW wind turbine generator, a pitch-regulated, upwind turbine with active yaw and three-blade rotor

#### **Total weight:**

Tower and turbine: 193.37 tons

#### **Rotor design:**

Three blades constructed of fiberglass-reinforced epoxy that each consist of two airfoil shells bonded to a supporting beam

#### **Rotor diameter:** 77 meters (252.62 feet)

#### **Rotor speed:**

11-20 rpm at variable blade pitch

#### **Generator:**

Induction-slip ring-rotor, IM B3 Design

#### **Generator nominal voltage:** 575 (60 Hz)

#### Integrated lightning protection:

Surge arrestors and grounding system

#### **Control system:**

Each wind turbine generator is controlled by either a Bachman or ESS wind turbine generator PC controller as the master device.

#### **Tower dimensions:**

Hub height:	262 feet
Weight:	138 tons
Base diameter:	14.9 feet
Rated power output:	1.6 or 1.85 MW

**Cut-in wind speed:** 

4qm 8.8

#### **Cut-out wind speed:**

55.9 mph

#### Extreme gust wind speed:

62.6 mph (67.1 mph on 1.85 wind turbine generator)

#### **Rated wind speed:**

26.8 mph