

Wind energy to power Atchison's MGP

(KAIR)--Wind energy will provide all electricity needs for Atchison-based MGP Ingredients.

That word is delivered in a news release issued Tuesday by the company.

According to the release, the commitment “to sourcing 100-percent of their electricity needs from wind power comes through a three-year agreement.”

MGP “has made a commitment to renewable energy through Westar Wind,” described in the release as “a Green-e certified program offered by Westar Energy.”

The move means that “total electric usage at MGP's facilities in Atchison and Lawrenceburg, Indiana, will be offset by green energy provided by Westar's wind resources in Kansas.”

MGP President and CEO, Gus Griffin, in the release, says the company is “proud and excited” to enter into the agreement “which represents a significant step in [MGP's] efforts to realize both the direct and overarching benefits of renewable energy technologies.”

Griffin calls the initiative “consistent with the long-term view [MGP takes] for [its] business, and reflects [the company's] enduring commitment to [its] communities and social responsibility.”

According to the release, the agreement can be renewed in three years. The arrangement “makes MGP the largest Westar customer to commit to 100 percent renewable electric energy.”

Jeff Beasley, vice president of customer care for Westar, in the release, says Westar “applauds MGP for its commitment to the environment and social responsibility.”

The agreement took effect April 1.

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