

A New Chapter in Windsource History

Ten years ago, a dedicated group of customers helped usher in a new era of renewable energy in Colorado by supporting the development of the Windsource program from Xcel Energy. **Since then, Windsource has delivered more than 1 billion kWh of clean wind energy.** Today, **because of you,** Windsource remains the largest voluntary renewable energy program in the country¹.

Windsource Will Do More Than Ever Before

Historically, Windsource has been limited to the wind-generated energy provided by two Colorado wind farms. Additional wind resources could only be added in small increments, restricting the program's growth. That is all about to change.

To meet increased demand and allow for substantial program expansion, your participation will now:

- Increase the amount of renewable energy produced and delivered in Colorado.
- Help develop an impressive overall renewable portfolio that not only includes additional wind energy, but also solar, new hydro and biomass energy.

Updated Pricing Structure for Windsource

Premiums will now be added to an account dedicated to renewable energy acquisition – so your Windsource subscription will help fund new renewable resources in Colorado. The 2009 rate for Windsource will be \$1.515 per 100-kilowatt hour block. The Electric Commodity Adjustment cost credit that you have historically enjoyed is being eliminated.

2008 AVERAGE WINDSOURCE RATES per 100kWh block		2009 WINDSOURCE RATES per 100kWh block	
Wind energy rate	\$5.36	Windsource rate	\$1.515
ECA Credit	\$(3.74)		
Net Windsource rate	\$1.63		\$1.515
Average monthly kWh for a residential customer using 100% Windsource	675	Average monthly kWh for a residential customer using 100% Windsource	675
Average Windsource cost for a 100% customer	\$11.01	Average Windsource cost for a 100% customer	\$10.22

* You will still receive a credit toward the Air Quality Improvement Rider (AQIR) and the Climate Action Plan tax if you live in Boulder.

**This new rate also includes a credit that will expire at the end of 2009. The overall rate will be adjusted annually to reflect updated forecasts of renewable development costs. Rate effective March 1, 2009.

In 2008, participant requests outpaced the production of Colorado's Peetz and Ponsequin wind farms. To close out the old program structure, Xcel Energy will pay to transfer renewable energy credits from our overall renewable portfolio into the Windsource portfolio to meet this demand. This validates that you received the renewable energy you paid for in 2008.

Thank you for being a part of the Windsource family. Together we can write the book on a clean energy future for Colorado. If you have questions please contact us at 1-800-895-4999.

Sincerely,
Steve Mudd
Windsource Product Portfolio Manger

¹ National Renewable Energy Laboratory recognized Windsource as the No 1 voluntary renewable energy program in the country, April 22, 2008.

Windsorce[®]

Summary of Prices, Terms and Conditions

Who should I contact for more information?

If you have any questions regarding Windsorce, please:

- Call Residential Customer Service at **1-800-895-4999** or our Business Solutions Center at **1-800-481-4700**.
- Visit our Web site at **xcelenergy.com/windsorce** or email us at **windsorce@xcelenergy.com**.
- Write to us at Xcel Energy, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008.

How much is Windsorce and how will it appear on my bill?

A Windsorce Charge will appear as a separate line item on your monthly Xcel Energy bill, charged against the number of Windsorce kilowatt-hours (kWh) you purchased. The Windsorce rate is in addition to the full retail rate, including the ECA and is set for 2009 at \$1.515 per 100 kWh block. An average residential customer using 675 kWh per month and signing up for 100 percent Windsorce should expect an increase of less than \$11 to their monthly bill. Based on current rates and your individual usage, your rates may vary from this example.

Windsorce customers receive a credit for the Air Quality Improvement Rider (AQIR). The credit will appear as a separate line item on your bill.

Residents of Boulder who sign up for Windsorce receive a credit toward the Climate Action Plan tax. The credit does not appear as a separate line item on the bill and is instead included in the Climate Action Plan tax line item on your bill.

The Windsorce Rate is updated annually as part of the Company's Renewable Energy Standard Compliance filing, pending approval from the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado. The 2009 rate has been reduced to reflect a credit based upon the old Windsorce program. Without that credit, the 2009 rate would have been \$2.285. The 2010 rate will not contain this credit and will be more reflective of what the 2009 rate would have been without the credit.

What length of agreement is required?

For our residential and small business customers, there's a minimum one-year purchase requirement (three years for large business customers). You'll continue to participate in Windsorce on a month-to-month basis unless you notify us of a change in your commitment. If you move before the completion of your minimum term, your Windsorce commitment will automatically be terminated. There is no fee for early termination. Windsorce energy may also be available for qualifying events. E-mail windsorce@xcelenergy.com for more information.

Product Content Label: Windsorce Colorado

Windsorce is sold in blocks of 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Certified New Renewables¹ in Windsorce Colorado

	Resource	Percent	Generation location
Historic Product Mix (2008)	Wind	100%	Colorado
Prospective Product Mix (2009) ²	Wind	90%	Colorado
	Hydro	7%	Colorado
	Solar	<2%	Colorado
	Biomass	<1%	Colorado

For comparison, the 2007 average mix of resources supplying Public Service Company of Colorado included: coal (57%), natural gas (37%), wind (5%), hydro (1%) and other (<1%).

The Green-e Program certifies that Windsorce meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.

¹ New Renewables are generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1997.

² These figures reflect the power that we expect to generate or have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you



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There's a reason why Windsource is the nation's largest voluntary renewable energy program – it's because of you.

Every day customers like you are reducing their carbon footprint through renewable energy. Because you care about the environment, because you care about future generations and because together, we are making a difference.

For a small premium you can choose how much renewable energy you would like to use by purchasing 100 kWh blocks or choosing 100% Windsource.

You can feel proud that by being a part of the Windsource family, you are helping to increase wind energy production in New Mexico. The increase of wind energy has real environmental and economic benefits and is setting the stage to meet future energy needs:

The typical home uses between 600 and 1,000 kWh of electricity per month. You choose how much of your power you want supplied by wind by selecting a number of blocks or by choosing the 100% Windsource option. It will cost you less than \$25 per month to power your home with 100% Windsource.

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Residential

The cost of all the Windsource energy you purchase, whether you chose to purchase blocks or 100% Windsource, will be based on your actual metered electricity usage.

The current Windsource rate is \$2.29 per block. An average residential customer using 675 kWh per month and signing up for 100 percent Windsource should expect an average increase of around \$15 on their monthly bill.

Terms and Conditions

For our residential electric customers, there's a minimum one-year purchase requirement and for larger customers it is a three-year minimum purchase. You will continue to participate in Windsource on a month-to-month basis after the one-year period unless you notify us of a change in your commitment. Please allow 30 days for your change to be effective. If you move before completing your minimum term your Windsource commitment will terminate automatically.

You may cancel this agreement with Xcel Energy after the minimum term by calling their customer service number or writing to the billing address listed below.

- Sign up online now and make a powerful choice for our energy future.
- Call 1-800-895-4999 anytime.

To get more information or cancel

- Call: 1-800-895-4999
- Write: Xcel Energy – Windsource (CO)
- P.O Box 840, Denver, CO 80201-0840

How will the charge appear on my bill?

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100% Wind Energy

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Downloadable Documents

- [Residential Pricing Structure Letter](#) (983 KB PDF)



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