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## ENEL GREEN POWER BRINGS ONLINE TWO NEW U.S. WIND FARMS, INCLUDING ITS LARGEST RENEWABLE PLANT IN OPERATION WORLDWIDE

- Enel Green Power North America has begun operating a 199 MW expansion to the Cimarron Bend wind farm in Kansas, increasing the facility's total capacity to 599 MW as the largest operational renewable plant owned by the Enel Group
- The company's 236.5 MW White Cloud wind farm has also begun operations in Missouri
- With the two new facilities, Enel Green Power has brought a total of 865 MW of new renewable capacity online in the US and Canada in 2020

**Rome/Boston, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020** – Enel, through its US renewable subsidiary Enel Green Power North America, has begun operating a 199 MW expansion of the Cimarron Bend wind farm in Clark County, Kansas, making the overall 599 MW facility the largest renewable plant owned by the Enel Group currently in operation worldwide. The 236.5 MW White Cloud wind farm also began operations in Nodaway County, Missouri. The two wind farms bring Enel's total renewable capacity added in 2020 across the US and Canada to 865 MW. The investment in the construction of White Cloud amounts to around 380 million US dollars, while that of the Cimarron Bend expansion amounts to over 281 million US dollars.

"We are progressing at full speed towards a sustainable energy future," said **Salvatore Bernabei**, Enel Green Power CEO. "In a challenging year across all sectors, our teams have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the achievement of our business goals while continuing to prioritize health and safety. These milestones further prove our track record in the development, construction and operation of high-quality generation assets, enabling the accomplishment of sustainability targets by us and our renewable energy offtakers."

The start of operations at the Cimarron Bend expansion, on which construction began in the second quarter of 2020, further cements Enel Green Power's status as the largest wind operator in Kansas by managed capacity. The overall 599 MW facility is expected to generate a total of more than 2.7 TWh per year, equivalent to avoiding around 1.7 million tons of  $CO_2$  emissions. Enel will sell the facility's energy output through a 150 MW power purchase agreement (PPA) with Evergy, an investor-owned utility based in Kansas City (Missouri), and a 30 MW PPA with the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC), a joint action agency<sup>1</sup> of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA)<sup>2</sup>.

White Cloud, on which construction began in summer 2019, is due to generate around 950 GWh annually while avoiding the emission of more than 621,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. Enel Green Power North America

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joint action agencies are used by municipal utilities with the aim to effectively supply reliable, safe and low-cost energy, alongside other services, to their communities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MPUA is a not-for-profit service organization representing municipally-owned utilities.



signed a PPA with Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. (AECI) in which the Springfield (Missouri)-based electric cooperative will purchase the entire energy output from the plant.

In Missouri, Enel also operates the 300 MW Rock Creek wind farm in Atchison County which sells its entire output to Evergy.

The construction process for Cimarron Bend and White Cloud followed Enel Green Power's Sustainable Construction Site model, a collection of best practices aimed at minimizing the impact of plant construction on the environment. The Cimarron Bend construction site team adopted a recycling program and is set be donating office supplies as well as equipment to local schools in need with the aim to extend the products' useful lives alongside diverting them from landfills. The White Cloud operations and maintenance (O&M) building is a refurbished and repurposed space, an approach adopted to reduce the costs and environmental impact from construction of new O&M buildings.

In the final stages of construction, Enel closely monitored the emergent COVID-19 pandemic and responded to protect the health of its workers and the community. While abiding by the guidance of public officials, the company implemented strict travel guidelines and enhanced sanitation, as crews implemented safe working habits and physical distancing instructions. Furthermore, Enel North America announced over 1.3 million US dollars in contributions to relief efforts across the US and Canada.

Enel Green Power has three projects under construction in the United States: the 299 MW Aurora wind farm in North Dakota and two solar + storage projects in Texas: Lily (181 MW) as well as Azure Sky (284 MW). As part of the Enel Group's <u>three-year strategic plan</u> announced in November, the company is planning to bring an additional 3 GW of renewable capacity online in North America by 2023.

**Enel Green Power North America** is a leading developer, long-term owner and operator of renewable energy plants in North America, with a presence in 18 US states and one Canadian province. The company operates over 70 plants with a managed capacity of over 6 GW powered by renewable wind, hydropower, geothermal and solar energy.

**Enel Green Power**, within the Enel Group, is dedicated to the development and operation of renewables across the world, with a presence in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Enel Green Power is a global leader in the green energy sector with an installed capacity of over 47 GW across a generation mix that includes wind, solar, geothermal and hydropower, and is at the forefront of integrating innovative technologies into renewable power plants.