

Le Sueur Energy Park Community Update

Minnesota Renewable Energy Standards and Le Sueur

Development efforts continue for the Le Sueur Energy Park. This project will supply 6 MW of electricity to MMPA's renewable energy portfolio and will assist in meeting Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard that requires 12 percent of electricity sales to be from renewable sources by 2012. The Renewable Standard increases to 25 percent by the year 2025.



More than 30 states, Minnesota included, have enacted renewable or alternative energy legislation. As a leader in renewable development, Minnesota has among the nation's highest renewable energy standards. The Standard was created to foster energy independence, create new jobs and to improve the environment.

As an Agency committed to sustainable energy, MMPA already provides a portion of our energy supply from renewable resources. In an effort to meet the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard and provide price stability for its member communities, MMPA has multiple renewable power generation projects under development. MMPA renewable projects include:

- Oak Glen Wind Farm (near Blooming Prairie), 44 MW
- Shell Rock Wind Farm (near Albert Lea), 44 MW
- Le Sueur Energy Park, 6 MW

Le Sueur Energy Park will supply reliable electricity directly into the city of Le Sueur system. Unlike wind power, electricity produced from biomass isn't reliant on the weather and can be scheduled to meet peak demand. MMPA believes it is important to balance its renewable portfolio with both types of resources.

MMPA and Avant are proud to develop a project that helps reach both state and local energy goals.