### **Fact Sheet:**

# SAN ROMAN WIND FARM



## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The San Roman Wind Farm consists of 31 wind turbines located on private land in Cameron County. The wind farm will generate enough clean energy to power 30,000 homes. San Roman is under construction and expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

The San Roman Wind Farm will be owned and operated by ACCIONA Energy, a global leader in renewable energy development. ACCIONA owns seven other wind farms across the U.S. and over 200 wind farms worldwide.

## PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Generating electricity with wind power benefits the environment by reducing air pollution and conserving our natural resources. Protecting wildlife and habitat is a central consideration when we plan, build, and operate wind farms.

Planning for the San Roman Wind Farm included years of study about the wildlife and habitat in the area to determine if the site was appropriate for wind farm development.

We used these studies to determine the optimal size and layout of the wind farm in order to minimize our environmental impact.

All of the personnel who will build and operate the San Roman Wind Farm are required to follow our strict wildlife protection plans, and the project has employed independent professional biologists to monitor certain construction activities and further protect wildlife in the area.

#### RELIABLE HOMEGROWN ELECTRICITY

The power from the San Roman Wind Farm will create a more reliable supply of electricity for the Rio Grande Valley, an area that has suffered rolling blackouts in recent years due to a lack of local electric generation resources.

Like all power plants, the electricity from wind farms feeds into the electric grid, but without any of the air pollution and wasted water that comes with gas- or coal-fired power plants.

#### **INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY**

The San Roman Wind Farm will create roughly 80 full-time jobs during construction and seven permanent jobs during the operations phase.

Over its 25-year lifespan, the project is expected to pay more than \$30 million in local taxes to benefit entities such as the Cameron County schools, water districts and hospitals and is expected to generate more than \$25 million in lease payments to local landowners.

ACCIONA will also establish a scholarship fund and a community benefit fund to support the community.

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