

Start Managing Your Energy Costs Today!



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - GREEN (Residential)

Where does the energy come from?

Wind farms located primarily in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. More farms are currently under construction in these and other areas in the mid-Atlantic region.

Why is this kind of “local wind” important?

Since the source of your wind is in the region, you’ll be helping to reduce regional smog, acid rain and air pollution. Other suppliers and brokers offer “national wind,” which is generated in areas outside of the mid-Atlantic. While this form of energy is “green,” it doesn’t have a direct impact on our local area.

What are my local wind options?

You may buy a local wind product that contains either 50% or 100% wind power, from the CleanStepsSM Windpower program offered by Washington Gas Energy Services (WGES).

How do I buy this power?

Through our Web site, at <http://electricadvisors.com>. You can use the “Residential Sign-Up Steps” document to guide you through the easy process. This guide is available in the Downloads area of the About section at the site.

Does this wind power actually make its way to my home for use?

Not directly, no. Here’s what actually happens:

- Electricity from **regional** wind farms is fed into the “power pool” supplying the regional electrical grid
- WGES buys Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from **regional** wind farms equal to the customer’s -- your -- energy demands, for its CleanStepsSM Windpower program
- After you sign up with WGES through EA, you’ll receive a confirmation with the percentage of wind power you buy, after your WGES enrollment is submitted and your account is accepted
- Your utility bill will then show your WGES CleanStepsSM Windpower purchase of 50% or 100% on a single line.

How else does wind power help the environment?

In two other major ways:

- **Renewable Energy Source:** Wind is an unlimited resource with inexhaustible supply
- **Improves Overall Fuel Mix and Promotes Energy Independence:** Choosing wind displaces power generated from “conventional” sources of electricity such as coal and oil with a cleaner, domestic “renewable” energy source

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - GREEN (Residential - cont'd)

Why does wind (and other forms of green energy) cost more than non-renewable?

Put simply, green energy is more expensive because there's not enough of it. Coal and other forms of non-renewable energy are cheaper to produce because they are plentiful. The problem is, though, they pollute and are a limited resource.

While local wind does cost more than our standard residential electricity rates, it may be about the same as what you are currently paying your utility for energy supply. In several cases, we've seen "green" electricity rates that are *less expensive* than a utility's Cost to Compare rate. So the potential to see a lower rate, as compared to what you are currently paying your local utility for non-renewable energy, still exists!

Do I have to buy CleanStepsSM Windpower when I first sign up with WGES through EA?

No. You can buy CleanStepsSM Windpower as an "add on" at a later date. This will not change or extend the term of the contract you first signed with WGES. If you do purchase an add-on, it will show up on a separate line of your utility bill.

Make the commitment to a cleaner environment -- TODAY!

Sign up for CleanSteps Windpower from WGES

Go to <http://energizedchoice.com>, and click on "Sign Up"

to get started!

*All standard WGES residential electricity offers have 5% CleanStepsSM Windpower automatically included.