



## It's just the Right Thing to do.

For years, Luverne Municipal Utility has brought you clean, economical and reliable power by using hydropower supplied by the Missouri River. Now, Luverne Municipal Utility and its power supplier, Missouri River Energy Services, are proud to offer you an additional source of electricity, home grown wind energy, the fastest growing renewable energy resource.

As part of the *RiverWinds* project, Luverne Municipal Utility is offering you the opportunity to help support the development of regional renewable generation. Wind energy experts selected the Buffalo Ridge area near Worthington, Minnesota because of its unique geographical characteristic.

Your voluntary participation in the *RiverWinds* project can help reduce the amount of traditional fossil fuels used in generating electricity, and help conserve our resources for future generations.

### WHAT IS RIVERWINDS?

*RiverWinds* is a program that allows Luverne Municipal Utilities to offer the customer the option to buy electricity generated from an abundant renewable resource in this region: the wind. These programs are sometimes referred to as "green power or green pricing" programs. River Winds was developed with Luverne Municipal Utility and its power supplier, Missouri River Energy Services.

### WHY IS LUVERNE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES OFFERING A GREEN POWER PROGRAM?

Recently, green power programs have become a popular option for those customers who choose to rely on an environmentally friendly, renewable resource for electricity. Wind energy will provide another clean, renewable resource to Luverne's energy portfolio. In addition, the State of Minnesota mandates that a green power program be offered by each electric utility in Minnesota.

### WILL I HAVE ELECTRICITY WHEN THE WIND DOESN'T BLOW?

Yes. You will have the same reliable power supply when the wind does not blow. Luverne Municipal Utility's investment in other resources "firms up" intermittent resources, such as wind energy, and allows for a constant flow of electricity to your home or business.

### WHAT RESOURCE IS RIVERWINDS BASED UPON?

River Winds is based upon two 900-kW turbines that are under construction two miles west of Worthington, Minnesota and one mile south of Interstate 90.



These structures are as tall as the Statue of Liberty. (Wind fact; Ten people using 100 kWh of wind energy each month is the equivalent to planting 1.2 acres of trees.)

### DOES WIND-GENERATED ELECTRICITY COST MORE?

Yes. The cost to produce wind-generated electricity is decreasing; however, it still costs more than traditional generation. The extra \$200 per 100 kilowatt-hour block will cover those costs.

### WHAT RESOURCES DOES MY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC INVEST IN TO SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO CUSTOMERS?

Luverne Municipal Utility has contracts with Western Area Power Administration (Western) a division of the federal government, and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), a member-owned wholesale power supplier in the region. Western's generations hydroelectric power from dams that are located on the Missouri River. Most of the generation that MRES provides originates from Laramie River Station (LRS) in Wheatland Wyoming. LRS is one of the cleanest coal-fired generators in the United States.

### YES, I WANT RIVERWINDS WIND POWER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to purchase the following amount of *RiverWinds* wind energy.

	<b>100 kWh block @ an additional \$2.00/month</b>
	<b>Two 100 kWh blocks @ an additional \$4.00 /month</b>
	<b>Three 100 kWh blocks @ an additional \$6.00/month</b>
	<b>Other. Please specify an amount of 100 kWh blocks</b>

\*This purchase is in addition to my current monthly energy bill. I understand my commitment is for one year and will continue on an annual basis until I notify the Luverne Municipal Utility in writing to end my participation in the *RiverWinds* program.

