



As Construction Starts in Oregon, Iberdrola Moves Ahead on U.S. Wind Farms

Work has begun at Iberdrola Renewable's 98-MW Star Point wind farm in Oregon, giving the developer a total of 547.7 MW now under construction in the U.S.

Construction is also underway at the Rugby facility in North Dakota (149 MW) and Cayuga Ridge in Illinois (300 MW). Last month Iberdrola dedicated the Lempster facility (24 MW), New Hampshire's first modern wind farm.

Iberdrola now has a presence in 20 states, with 34 wind farms in operation in the U.S. The U.S. is one of the key markets, both present and future, for Iberdrola, which is the No. 2 project owner in the country, behind NextEra Energy Resources (formerly FPL Energy). Iberdrola, which employs more than 800 people in the U.S., has stated the importance of policy support for market growth to continue in this country. Iberdrola is a member of the RES Alliance, a group of almost two dozen renewable energy companies and other organizations that are advocating for a strong national renewable electricity standard.

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