

## Finavera plans Alberta wind project

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A Vancouver-based company is seeking approval for a \$150 million wind farm near Trochu in central Alberta, while another company has signed a \$152 million deal for construction of a wind farm near Dawson Creek, B.C.

Finavera Renewable's Ghost Pine project would involve about 45 windmills on just over 3,200 hectares. They would provide 75 megawatts of power, enough for 26,000 homes, that would be sold to Alberta's power grid for distribution.

Myke Clark, company vice-president of policy and public relations, said the area near Trochu is attractive because of consistent high winds.

Finavera has secured options for some of the needed land with small payments to landowners.

The project will also require review by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board.

AltaGas Income Trust, meanwhile, signed a \$152 million deal yesterday with Germany's Enercon to supply, install and maintain turbines for the Canadian company's Bear Mountain Wind Park near Dawson Creek, B.C.

The Bear Mountain project is made up of 34 turbines with a total capacity of about 100 megawatts of electricity.

Enercon will provide and install the turbines under a fixed-price contract and will operate and maintain the equipment under a long-term service agreement.

The total cost of the Bear Mountain project is expected to be \$190 million, about 80 per cent of which – about \$152 million – is represented by the Enercon deal.

Construction of the Bear Mountain Wind Park is scheduled to start in the next few weeks with production set for November 2009.