

University In Oklahoma Totally Powered By Wind Energy

The University of Central Oklahoma has taken advantage of a lower surcharge on wind energy to become the first university in Oklahoma to be powered totally by wind energy. Officials decided to buy the university's 26 million to 27 million kW hours per year in the form of wind power given the surcharge is 1.8US cents per kW hour, compared with a 2.8US cents surcharge on electricity. "That used to be the other way around," says UCO Executive Vice President Steve Kreidler. But he says the price for wind power may not stay lower than electricity from other sources. "It does the right thing for the environment, and the more wind power we buy the higher the demand. That's actually a natural resource that Oklahoma has plenty of."

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