



# Green Mountain Texas Fact Sheet

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**Green Mountain Energy Company's Mission:** *To Change the Way Power is Made.*

- Green Mountain has been serving Texas residential and business customers for nine years with electricity that is significantly cleaner than typical system power in Texas.
- Green Mountain was the first renewable energy provider in Texas to offer cleaner electricity when the state opened the retail electric market to competition in 2001.

## Green Mountain Energy Company – Texas Products

- Green Mountain offers residential, business and industrial customers cleaner electricity products in Texas. The following are the different products the company offers to Texas customers:

### *Residential*

- **Pollution Free<sup>SM</sup>** – The *Pollution Free* product is clean electricity generated from wind and water. A customer on this product, with an average monthly usage of 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) over one year, could help avoid over 2,300 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, equivalent to not driving over 2,600 miles in a year. There are also fixed rate versions of the *Pollution Free* product, with varying term lengths, for customers interested in locking in their rate.<sup>1</sup>
- **100% Wind** – The *100% Wind* product is clean electricity generated completely from wind power. A customer who purchases this product, with an average monthly usage of 1,000 kWh over one year, could help avoid nearly 16,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, equivalent to recycling more than 6,000 pounds of newspaper in a year.

### *Commercial*

- Green Mountain's Commercial (C&I) division *sells a variety* of cleaner electricity products with multiple pricing and environmental impact options to meet the needs of commercial, industrial and institutional customers.
- In 2009 was ranked the "Highest in Business Customer Satisfaction with Retail Electric Service" by J.D. Power and Associates.<sup>2</sup>

### *Service Areas*

Green Mountain Energy® electricity products are offered in the Oncor, CenterPoint, TNMP, AEP Texas North, and AEP Texas Central utility service areas. A partial list of Texas cities in the areas Green Mountain serves includes: Dallas and Fort Worth Metropolitan areas; Arlington; Houston Metropolitan area; Corpus Christi; several markets in the Rio Grande Valley including Harlingen and McAllen; Waco, Killeen, Tyler, Round Rock, and Pflugerville.

### *Environmental Impact*

Since 2002, Green Mountain's Texas customers have helped offset more than 4.1 billion pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This is equivalent to not driving more than 4.6 billion miles. It would take over 274 million trees to remove that much CO<sub>2</sub> from the air in one year.

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## *Texas Renewable Facilities*

Since 2001, Green Mountain and its Texas customers have helped spur the development of 21 solar and wind pollution-free renewable energy facilities within Texas.

- **The Wind Farm at Brazos, Borden & Scurry Counties** – this 160-MW wind farm in West Texas was the first and largest wind farm built after Texans were given the option to choose their retail electric provider (REP) in January 2002. When the facility began operating, it was tied for the second largest in the state of Texas and one of the top 10 nationwide.
- **The Big Texas Sun Club® Program** – has helped build 20 solar arrays in Texas, with a total capacity of nearly 185 kW. These include the first-ever installation of a solar array on a Habitat for Humanity home in both Dallas and Houston (both at 1.2 kW) and the nation's first installation of a solar array on a Ronald McDonald House (Austin). For more information, visit <http://www.greenmountain.com/texas/btsc>.

## *Solar Facilities Made Possible by the Big Texas Sun Club Program:*

- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at the Winston School (58 kW) – 2002
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Upper Kirby (43 kW) – 2002
- Alvin High School (1kW) – 2003
- Seabrook Intermediate School (1kW) – 2003
- Houston Habitat for Humanity (1.2 kW) – 2003
- Dallas ISD Environmental Education Center (1 kW) – 2004
- Dallas Habitat for Humanity (1.2 kW) – 2005
- Heard Museum (6 kW) – 2005
- Lake Sheldon (6 kW) – 2005
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at the Ronald McDonald House (10.8 kW) – 2007
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at the Museum of Nature & Science – Dallas (640 watts) – 2008
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at the Houston Zoo (6.4 kW) – 2008
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at the Waco Chamber of Commerce (9.6 kW) – 2008
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Workshop Houston (2.26kW) - 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Satori Elementary School – Galveston (2.8 kW) – 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Ballroom Marfa (5.25 kW) – 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Eastfield College – Mesquite (4.4 kW) – 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Texas State Technical College - Harlingen (10.08 kW) – 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council – Houston (10.08 kW) – 2009
- Green Mountain Energy® Solar at Chinquapin School – Highlands, Texas (3.2 kW) – 2009

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<sup>1</sup> The per kilowatt-hour energy charge is a fixed rate that will not change for the initial term of the agreement, except as a result of changes in laws or regulatory or Electric Reliability Council of Texas charges or fees.

<sup>2</sup>Green Mountain Energy Company received the highest numerical score among business electric service retailers in Texas in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Texas Business Retail Electric Provider Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>. Study based on responses from 2,231 businesses measuring 7 retailers and measures opinions of businesses with their electric service provider. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed May-June and September-October 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit [jdpower.com](http://jdpower.com)