

World's largest planned wind farm one step closer

May 16 -- Mesa Power LLP has taken another step toward building the world's largest wind power facility.

The Dallas-based company placed an order with General Electric Co. for 667 wind turbines that will generate up to 1,000 megawatts of electricity. It is the first phase of the four-phase Pampa Wind Project in Texas, which will have more than 4,000 megawatts of capacity when completed in 2014, enough to power 1.3 million homes. The largest U.S. wind farm currently is 736 megawatts.

The first phase will cost about \$2 billion and will start generating electricity in early 2011, said T. Boone Pickens, founder of Mesa Power. The wind farm will be located in the Texas counties of Carson, Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler.

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