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**WESTAR ENERGY'S GREEN TEAM HELPS BRING WIND ENERGY
TO SMOKY VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 22, 2010 — Westar Energy's Green Team will help erect a Skystream 1.8 kilowatt wind turbine at Smoky Valley High School, Viking Blvd., Lindsborg, KS, on Monday, Oct. 25, starting at 10 a.m. Lindsborg is about 20 miles south of Salina in McPherson County.

The wind turbine at Smoky Valley High School is part of Kansas State University's Kansas Wind for Schools program. The program selects Kansas schools to receive a small wind turbine for educational and outreach purposes. To be selected, school leaders must agree to incorporate wind energy into their science curriculum. The turbine at Smoky Valley High School will be located just north of the school and help supply electricity to the district's bus/maintenance shop.

The Green Team has assisted with erecting turbines at Walton Elementary School in Walton and Ell-Saline High School in Brookville in 2008, Pretty Prairie High School in Pretty Prairie and Blue Valley High School in Randolph in 2009, and Hope Academy in Topeka in 2010.

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