Wind-based energy provides many benefits. Given today’s economy, one of the most commonly criticized elements of wind energy is its start up cost, but according to NRG systems, a company in the wind energy industry, “its low operating costs and short construction lead times mean it can provide low cost, clean energy quicker and more conveniently than traditional power plants” (“Benefits of Wind Energy”). Some also criticize the fossil fuel footprint of creating a wind power farms. However, states the American Wind Energy Association, wind energy helps “keep electric rates low and provides a hedge against fossil fuel price volatility once wind projects come on-line” (“Utilities and Wind Power”). These benefits would be great to the average energy consumer in America, especially since most energy in America in 2010 was tied to coal, natural gas, and petroleum, the prices of which have been rising (Stark).

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