

## Meeting a Need

The **Wolverine Clean Energy Venture** addresses the power supply needs of our members. It will benefit our state as well. New base load capacity is needed in Michigan because:

- A majority of the base load power plants in our state were built nearly 50 years ago. These plants will soon need to be retired and replaced.
- Technologies for generating electricity have greatly improved since power plants of any scale were constructed in our state. Today's technologies allow for cleaner, more efficient power production.
- Michigan is currently a net importer of power. Our new power plant will make the state more self-sufficient and create much-needed jobs.

New, clean power plants are needed in our state, and because power plants require five to 10 years to build, the time to start building is now.

## Addressing a Growing Interest

Wolverine Power Cooperative also recognizes the growing interest in renewable energy in Michigan and is active in the development of renewable energy projects.

We installed a meteorological tower near Rogers City to collect wind speeds, directional data and temperatures to determine the feasibility of a wind farm at the site.

We also have a long-term agreement with the Harvest Wind Farm to purchase wind power from the project. The Harvest Wind Farm's 52.8 megawatts is enough electricity to serve the ongoing needs of more than 15,000 Michigan homes.

We see great potential in our state to use natural, renewable resources to generate clean electricity.

