



This resource map shows wind speed estimates at 50 meters above the ground and depicts the resource that could be used for utility-scale wind development. As a renewable resource, wind is classified according to wind power classes, which are based on typical wind speeds. These classes range from Class 1 (the lowest) to Class 7 (the highest). In general, at 50 meters, wind power Class 4 or higher can be useful for generating wind power with large turbines. Class 4 and above are considered good resources. Particular locations in the Class 3 areas could have higher wind power class values at 80 meters than shown on the 50 meter map because of possible high wind shear. Given the advances in technology, a number of locations in the Class 3 areas may be suitable for utility-scale wind development.

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Photo: Located in Saint Paul Island, Alaska, this 225 kW Vestas turbine installed by Northern Power Systems, provides a portion of the Island's electricity. PIX10596