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Duke Energy picks 3 S.C. sites for development study

Staff Report

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Three sites in South Carolina have been picked to participate in Duke Energy Progress' 2013 [Site Readiness Program](#) aimed to prepare locations for industrial development.

The largest site consists of 500 acres close to Interstate 20 and near the town of Lugoff in Kershaw County. The second location is a 48-acre site in Anderson County, off Interstate 85 and near the Georgia-South Carolina border. The third is a 162-acre site in York County known as Lakemont Business Park. It's behind the S.C. welcome center and near the Carowinds amusement park on Interstate 77.

The Kershaw property, which is known as the Emanuel Site for the family that owns it, is less than five miles from Interstate 20.

"The Site Readiness Program offers our area an outstanding opportunity to assist in diversifying our economy and adding jobs," said Peggy McLean, director of [Kershaw County economic development](#). "It strengthens our ongoing efforts to attract industry and investments."

[York County economic development](#) director Mike Farris said the Duke Energy program "is a progressive effort" toward making the site more competitive and attractive for new industry and jobs.

"It works in sync with our strategy to diversify York County's economy," Farris said.

Duke Energy's selection of the Anderson County site "puts this area on a fast track for marketing," said Burriss Nelson, president and CEO of [Anderson County Economic Development Corp.](#)

Duke Energy has hired Greenville-based [McCallum Sweeney](#), an economic development consulting firm, to conduct a four-month assessment of the three sites.

The utility also will work with professional land-use planners to develop conceptual plans for the site. Duke Energy, McCallum Sweeney and the planners will later present recommendations in a final report to county officials.

The recommendations can cover a range of issues from transportation infrastructure to utilities.

After the sites' state of readiness has advanced, the company's Energy's Business Development Team will market the property to companies looking to expand or relocate their operations.

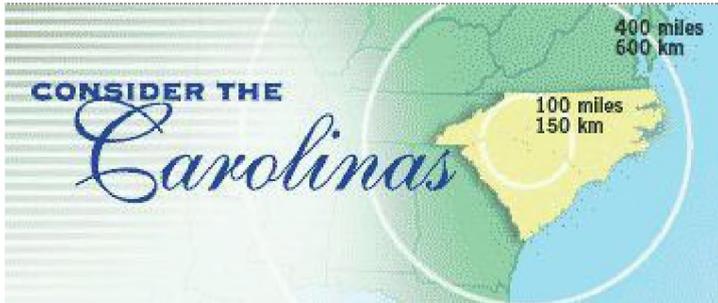
"Our competitive edge comes from offering our customers affordable and reliable electricity," said Stu Heishman, Duke Energy's vice president of economic and business development. "The cost of electricity is a big part of an industry's budget. Not only are our prices competitive in the Southeast, they are below the national average."

About three dozen counties in North Carolina and South Carolina applied for the site program, Duke said. In the first round of picks, announced May 28, Duke Energy selected these sites in South Carolina:

- The CW Love Industrial Park, 200 acres of former farmland located in Marlboro County, southwest of McColl, four miles from the North Carolina state line.
- The Tech Foundation Park site, 143 acres of woodlands in Darlington County, halfway between the cities of Darlington and Florence, close to Interstate 95 and U.S. Highway 52. The site includes a short line rail.
- The Jeff Price Industrial Site in Dillon County, 170 acres of undeveloped land between the towns of Dillon and Little Rock. The parcel has access to electricity, gas, and telecommunications.

- The McLendon Young site, 215 acres of undeveloped land in Florence County, 10 miles south of Florence. The site fronts I-95 near the Honda manufacturing plant, making it an ideal location for an automotive supplier or manufacturing facility.
- The Howard B. Smith site in Marion County, a 250-acre piece of property located north of the town of Marion, near U.S. Highway 501 and I-95.

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- ⊙ Site visits, along with state, regional and local community meeting coordination

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