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The major benefits of the project include:

- Improved stability in the National Grid by reducing the dependency on imported oil-based fuels.
- Due to the limited ground space necessary for the deployment of the turbines, other activities such as agriculture can be carried out on the site.
- Minimal impact due to the previous use of the Project site, which means there is no need to clear forests or engage in other activities which disrupt the local flora and fauna.
- The protected forest areas in the vicinity of the project will receive additional protection from the project developer.
- By helping build additional capacity necessary to meet Costa Rica's growing need for electricity, Cooperativa de Electrificación Rural Los Santos (COOPESANTOS)will carry some of the burden that ICE would otherwise have to assume and thereby shielded itself as well as other ratepayers from some, though not all, of the need to increase ICE's tariffs.
- Reduced dependency on ICE for energy supply which alleviates some of the pressure on ICE and helps Cooperativa de Electrificación Rural Los Santos (COOPESANTOS)guarantee a stable energy supply for their clients.
- Development of rural tourism aimed at people interested in the wind power project.
- Support for local community development through the Comunal Participation Program (Programa de Participacion Comunal), which is made up of Coordination Committees comprised of inhabitants from each of the communities and which will be advising the Program on the needs and support opportunities of each community as well as being tasked with supervising the deployment of the agreed upon activities. Activities include support for local infrastructure, education and sustainability development initiatives.
- Direct and indirect job creation.