

# Apple Files Plan To Build Silent Power Plant In NC

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Apple has filed plans with the N.C. Utilities Commission to build what is being touted as the nation's largest private fuel cell energy project, a silent power plant that will generate electricity from hydrogen.

The News & Observer of Raleigh reports (<http://bit.ly/HMd17X>) that Apple filed plans last week to build the 4.8-megawatt project in Maiden, about 40 miles northwest of Charlotte. That's where Apple has built a data center to support its iCloud online data storage system and its Siri voice-recognition software.

The fuel cell project will be developed this year, and located on the same data complex that will host a planned 20-megawatt solar farm.

A report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration says fuel cells are among the world's most expensive forms of electricity, costing \$6.7 million per megawatt.

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