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TUESDAY AFTERNOON—JAN. 20, 2009

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Optional Primer—please select on registration form; additional fee.

Presiding Officer:

John Moore, Navigant Consulting, Inc.,
Austin, TX

12:30 p.m. Registration Opens

Includes light refreshments.

1:00 p.m.

Texas Wind Farms: A Tour from Turbines to Market (video)

This short documentary takes you onto working wind farms in the Sweetwater, TX region from ground operations to the top of the turbines, to explain construction, generation, operation, and interconnection.

1:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Wind 101: A Primer on Wind Energy and Development

This session picks up from where the short film leaves off and previews many of the topics to be covered in more detail throughout the program, starting with a big-picture look at meteorology, technology, economics, siting issues, and transmission, as well as the role of wind in relation to other forms of power generation. If CREZ, ERCOT, PPAs, ISOs/RTOs nodal market, met tower, and RECs are unfamiliar terms you won't want to miss this primer.

Shari Heino, Mathews & Freeland LLP, Austin, TX

William H. Holmes, Stoel Rives LLP, Portland, OR

John Moore, Navigant Consulting, Inc.,
Austin, TX

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. 1.00 hr

Issues for Land Owners and Ranchers

This session is designed to provide land owners with the basic information about wind

development from the land owner perspective including, wind studies, site construction, operation, leasing, property transfers, and estate planning.

H. Alan Carmichael, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP,
Sweetwater, TX

Raymond McDaniel, Elm Cattle Company,
Abilene, TX

Allen L. Price, Smith, Rose, Finley, Harp & Price,
San Angelo, TX

Kevin R. Prohaska, Stoel Rives LLP,
Minneapolis, MN

COMMUNITY, DISTRIBUTED AND SMALL SCALE WIND: GETTING TO THE GRID

4:00 p.m. .75 hr

Small and Community Wind: Business Models and Projects

A discussion of the challenges, pitfalls, and new business models for small and community wind.

Moderator: William H. Holmes, Stoel Rives LLP,
Portland, OR

Paul Thompson, Soaring Wind Energy, Inc.,
Dallas, TX

John Deere Speaker TBD

4:45 p.m. .75 hr

Distributed and Small Scale Wind

This is a session for homeowners, landowners, ranchers, businesses and municipalities interested in reducing energy costs by deployment of very small wind turbines. Key issues, costs, and benefits will be outlined.

Andy Kruse, Southwest Windpower,
Flagstaff, AZ

Commentator: William H. Holmes,
Stoel Rives LLP, Portland, OR

5:30 p.m. Adjourn



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WEDNESDAY MORNING—JAN. 21, 2009

WIND ENERGY INSTITUTE

Presiding Officer:

Lisa Chavarria, Stahl, Bernal & Davies, L.L.P.,
Austin, TX

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. .50 hr

The Role of Wind: Opportunities and Obstacles to Meeting Future Energy Needs

An overview of the role and future of wind—nationally and in Texas—in meeting the demand for energy, including the relative competitiveness of wind to both traditional and renewable energy generation in light of lower oil prices and likely carbon regulations.

Pat Wood III, Wood3 Resources, Houston, TX

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

The Challenges and Promise of the Transmission Super Highway

Many of the areas and indeed states that are ideal for wind development are lightly populated; a robust national or interregional transmission system would allow for the movement and export of power to high-demand areas, particularly on the East and West coasts. This session explores the options, proposals, challenges and timelines for developing a robust national transmission system.

Moderator: Pat Wood III, Wood3 Resources, Houston, TX

Jimmy Glotfelty, ICF International, Houston, TX

Carl A. Hustlig, ITC Great Plains, Topeka, KS

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .50 hr

Follow the Money: Financial Anatomy of a Wind Deal

A non-technical discussion of the role of the revenue streams in a typical wind deal, including power sales (PPA and merchant) and the impact of federal tax credits, state renewable energy credits, turbine deposits, interconnection agreements and other related economic considerations in wind deals.

David Berry, Horizon Wind Energy, Houston, TX

11:00 a.m. .75 hr

Power Markets and the Price of Energy: The Impact of New Texas Rules on Wind Development

This session opens with a short primer on how power is priced, bought and sold in the Texas market and continues with a discussion of the impact of the new Texas rules (i.e., Nodal) on wind development and projects.

Frank A. Felder, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ

Daniel Jones, Potomac Economics, Austin, TX

11:45 a.m. .50 hr

CREZ Overview: The PUC's Final Order and the Road to Implementation

In what has been described as the largest renewable energy project in the nation's history, the Texas Public Utility Commission issued an order designating Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) and approving a multi-billion dollar transmission plan to deliver renewable energy to customers in Texas. This session reviews the matters decided in the CREZ order and previews the issues and challenges of its implementation.

Steven Baron, Consulting and Legal Services, Austin, TX

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:
Steven Baron, Consulting and Legal Services, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:15 p.m. **Pick up Box Lunch**
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12:30 p.m. .75 hr

Solar, Renewables and Storage: Current Developments, New Technologies and Competitiveness

Moderator: Andy Bowman, Austin, TX

Roy Daniel, Energy Storage and Power LLC, Newark, NJ

Richard Gruber, First Solar, Inc., Austin, TX

Brewster McCracken, Austin City Council, Austin, TX

Additional Speaker TBD

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. .75 hr

Who Will Build the CREZ Transmission: Selection Process and Criteria

The PUC has taken the novel approach of inviting new companies to compete to build CREZ transmission facilities. This session will provide a discussion of the Texas PUC rule that establishes the criteria and procedures for the selection of companies to build the CREZ transmission facilities approved in the PUC's CREZ order, and the proceeding the PUC has initiated to select the companies that will build these transmission projects. A hearing in that proceeding is scheduled for December 2008.

Moderator: Jess K. Totten, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, TX

J. Jolly Hayden, Lone Star Transmission, LLC, Houston, TX

Allen Nye, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Dallas, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Integrating and Managing Wind Generation: The European and ERCOT Experiences

One of the major challenges to integrating additional wind generation to the overall mix of supply is managing abrupt changes in the available power flowing from wind farms to the grid. The Europeans, in particular Spain and Germany, have taken a leadership role in managing wind integration, and have pushed their use of wind power to levels that far exceed what is being done in the U.S. generally, and even in ERCOT. This session includes a special presentation from RED ELÉCTRICA de España, the Spanish grid operator, on their approach to wind integration (with opportunities for Q&A); updates from ERCOT on this issue; and discussion of how the Spanish experience might inform the integration of higher levels of wind power in Texas.

Michael G. Grable, The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Austin, TX

Miguel de la Torre Rodríguez, RED ELÉCTRICA de España, S.A., Madrid, Spain

Christine Wörlen, Ph.D., German Energy Agency Berlin, Germany

3:15 p.m. .50 hr

When Will the CREZ Transmission Get Built?

Completing the regulatory approval process and constructing the CREZ transmission will be a major undertaking. It may not be possible to complete all facilities at the same time such that priorities must be set. This session will address issues affecting timing, including recommendations and decisions on processing the numerous applications for transmission CCNs (certificates of convenience and necessity) and sequencing the order of build-out for the many transmission projects.

Dan Woodfin, The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Taylor, TX

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. .50 hr

ERCOT Transmission: How Much is There, Who Gets It, and What Do You Have When You Get It?

The wind generation in West Texas has grown to over 6,000 MW while the addition of major transmission has not kept up. CREZ lines are coming, but when? Wind generator developers participating in the CREZ process expect some sort of preferred access to the transmission. Other generation technologies that don't emit greenhouse gases also want some sort of preference. ERCOT has a dramatically different transmission access policy. Put it all together and what comes out?

Walter J. Reid, Austin, TX

4:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

Legal Issues Facing Wind Leases and Wind Development

This session will cover standard lease terms and special issues related to wind leases including the severance of wind rights and the acquisition of transmission easements. The panel will also discuss special drafting challenges presented by landowner concerns and statutory provisions related to wind development in other states.

Moderator: Lisa Chavarria, Stahl, Bernal & Davies, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Gregory S. Friend, McElroy, Sullivan & Miller, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Roderick E. Wetsel, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP, Sweetwater, TX

Robert P. Wright, Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, TX

5:30 p.m. Adjourn to Sponsored Reception

THURSDAY MORNING—JAN. 22, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Paul Sadler, The Wind Coalition, Austin, TX

8:30 a.m. .50 hr

Tax Abatement

Learn the ins and outs of county tax abatements, including process, practical considerations, as well as an update on recent Attorney General opinions and possible legislative action during the 2009 session of the Texas Legislature.

H. Alan Carmichael, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP, Sweetwater, TX

Shannon H. Ratliff II, Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP, Austin, TX

9:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Developers' Panel

A discussion of market issues and trends for wind development in Texas: challenges, opportunities and approaches to future development from a panel of leading market participants—with varying perspectives.

Moderator: John Moore, Navigant Consulting, Inc., Austin, TX

J. Scott Caldwell, RES Americas Inc., Austin, TX

David Herrick, FPL Energy, LLC, Juno Beach, FL

Glenn Allen Hodges, Babcock & Brown, Austin, TX

Heather Otten, Invenergy LLC, Austin, TX

Patrick Woodson, E.ON Climate & Renewables, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. 1.00 hr

Turbine Technology and Availability

Panelists will discuss recent developments in the U.S. market and the likely impact on turbine availability in 2009 and beyond, as well as recent developments in wind turbine technology.

Moderator: Adam S. Umanoff, Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Leif Anderson, Suzlon Wind Energy Corp., Indian Wells, CA

Ralf Sigrist, Nordex USA, Inc., Chicago, IL

Dany St-Pierre, Siemens Energy Inc., Orlando, FL

11:15 a.m. .25 hr

Analysis of Interconnection Processes and Obstacles Outside of ERCOT, or Why Developers Like Texas

This session highlights differences in interconnection rules and obstacles in non-ERCOT jurisdictions and the ease of interconnection in Texas. This session includes detailed written materials to supplement the presentation.

John K. Arnold, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Houston, TX

11:30 a.m. .75 hr

Opportunities for Wind Development: What's Happening in Other States

Texas leads the nation in wind development, but it's not the only game in town. Learn what's happening in other major wind markets.

Moderator: Paul Sadler, The Wind Coalition, Austin, TX

Joshua Svaty, Kansas House of Representatives, Ellsworth, KS

Lisa Szot, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority, Santa Fe, NM

Additional Speaker TBD

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Ned Ross, FPL Energy, LLC, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

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12:30 p.m. .75 hr

View from the Capital: Policymaker Luncheon

Introduction: Chairman Barry T. Smitherman, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, TX

Phil King, Texas House of Representatives, Weatherford, TX

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. .75 hr

Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), Federal RPS and Carbon Taxes: What's Ahead at the State and Federal Level

This session looks to the (near) future and how proposed Federal RPS and the structure of likely carbon regulation will affect the market for wind and renewables, in particular, how wind will be treated relative to solar, "clean coal", sequestration, and other renewables. This session will also examine related state developments.

Karl R. Rabago, AES Wind Generation, Arlington, VA

Tom "Smitty" Smith, Public Citizen, Austin, TX

2:15 p.m. .75 hr

Siting Issues for Wind Development

A discussion of some of the most frequently encountered environmental and wildlife issues—both statutory and regulatory—in wind projects, with commentary on how such disputes can play out in practice, plus a note on possible legislative or regulatory changes.

M. Benjamin Cowan, Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, Houston, TX

Carter Smith, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m. .33 hr

Wind Litigation Update: Siting and Nuisance Issues

This session provides a current update on litigation involving wind development in Texas, with particular focus on nuisance claims. The session will discuss best practices for managing such litigation, including conflict resolution strategies and ways in which a developer can minimize the risk of such lawsuits.

Trey Cox, Lynn Tillotson Pinker & Cox, L.L.P., Dallas, TX

3:20 p.m. Adjourn

MOVIE AND DVD

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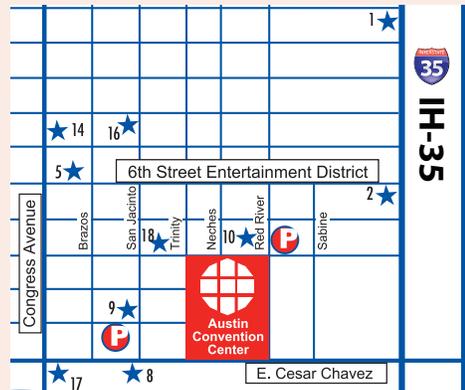
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