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September 11, 2015

Bill Alcorn
Superintendent
Haskell Consolidated Independent School District
605 N. Avenue E
Haskell, TX 79521

Dear Superintendent Alcorn:

On June 18, 2015, the Comptroller issued written notice that Horse Creek Wind, LLC (the applicant) submitted a completed application (Application #1065) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313¹. This application was originally submitted on March 26, 2015, to the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District (the school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

Determination required by 313.025(h)

Sec. 313.024(a)	Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.
Sec. 313.024(b)	Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.
Sec. 313.024(d)	Applicant has requested a waiver to create the required number of new qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.
Sec. 313.024(d-2)	Not applicable to Application #1065.

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

¹ All statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period. See Attachment B.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. See Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

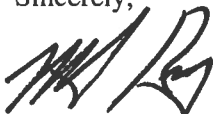
The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-286) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement within a year from the date of this letter.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of September 11, 2015, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Korry Castillo, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at korry.castillo@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-3806, or direct in Austin at 512-463-3806.

Sincerely,



Mike Reissig
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Korry Castillo

Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

This following tables summarizes the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Horse Creek Wind, LLC (the project) applying to Haskell Consolidated Independent School District (the district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

Table 1 is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Horse Creek Wind, LLC.

Applicant	Horse Creek Wind, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Haskell CISD
2011-12 Enrollment in School District	612
County	Haskell
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$195,386,750
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$188,886,750
Limitation Amount	\$20,000,000
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	5*
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$711
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(A)	\$708
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$37,000
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$616
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$32,045
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$39,077,350
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$17,322,290
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$5,311,956
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$12,010,333
<i>* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).</i>	

Table 4 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Haskell County, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with the county and Haskell Hospital District.

The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate ¹	Haskell ISD I&S Tax Levy	Haskell ISD M&O Tax Levy	Haskell ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Haskell County Tax Levy	Haskell Hospital District Tax Levy	Haskell Water District #1	Rolling Plains GCD Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
				0.04180	1.0814		0.8205	0.2634	0.1800	0.0198	
2016	\$ 4,722,169	\$4,722,169		\$1,974	\$51,064	\$53,038	\$38,745	\$12,438	\$12,438	\$935	\$117,595
2017	\$ 185,116,722	\$20,000,000		\$77,379	\$216,274	\$293,653	\$0	\$487,597	\$0	\$36,653	\$817,903
2018	\$ 170,362,300	\$20,000,000		\$71,211	\$216,274	\$287,485	\$0	\$448,734	\$0	\$33,732	\$769,951
2019	\$ 156,786,200	\$20,000,000		\$65,537	\$216,274	\$281,811	\$0	\$412,975	\$0	\$31,044	\$725,829
2020	\$ 144,294,700	\$20,000,000		\$60,315	\$216,274	\$276,589	\$0	\$380,072	\$0	\$28,570	\$685,232
2021	\$ 132,801,800	\$20,000,000		\$55,511	\$216,274	\$271,785	\$0	\$349,800	\$0	\$26,295	\$647,880
2022	\$ 122,226,400	\$20,000,000		\$51,091	\$216,274	\$267,365	\$0	\$321,944	\$0	\$24,201	\$613,510
2023	\$ 112,496,600	\$20,000,000		\$47,024	\$216,274	\$263,298	\$0	\$296,316	\$0	\$22,274	\$581,888
2024	\$ 103,543,300	\$20,000,000		\$43,281	\$216,274	\$259,555	\$0	\$272,733	\$0	\$20,502	\$552,790
2025	\$ 95,305,600	\$20,000,000		\$39,838	\$216,274	\$256,112	\$0	\$251,035	\$0	\$18,871	\$526,017
2026	\$ 87,725,400	\$20,000,000		\$36,669	\$216,274	\$252,943	\$0	\$231,069	\$0	\$17,370	\$501,382
2027	\$ 80,750,700	\$80,750,700		\$33,754	\$873,214	\$906,968	\$662,559	\$212,697	\$212,697	\$15,989	\$2,010,910
2028	\$ 74,332,500	\$74,332,500		\$31,071	\$803,809	\$834,880	\$609,898	\$195,792	\$195,792	\$14,718	\$1,851,080
2029	\$ 68,426,800	\$68,426,800		\$28,602	\$739,947	\$768,549	\$561,442	\$180,236	\$180,236	\$13,549	\$1,704,012
2030	\$ 62,992,500	\$62,992,500		\$26,331	\$681,182	\$707,513	\$516,853	\$165,922	\$165,922	\$12,473	\$1,568,683
					Total	\$5,981,544	\$2,389,498	\$4,219,362	\$767,086	\$317,173	\$13,674,662
					Diff	\$12,010,333	\$10,753,957	\$0		\$0	\$26,216,567

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatements with Haskell County and Haskell County Hospital District.

Source: CPA, Horse Creek Wind, LLC

¹Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Disclaimer: This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

Attachment B – Tax Revenue over 25 Years

This represents the Comptroller’s determination that Horse Creek Wind, LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy and direct, indirect and induced tax effects from project employment directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
Limitation Pre-Years	2014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2016	\$51,064	\$51,064	\$0	\$0
Limitation Period (10 Years)	2017	\$216,274	\$267,338	\$1,785,523	\$1,785,523
	2018	\$216,274	\$483,612	\$1,625,973	\$3,411,495
	2019	\$216,274	\$699,886	\$1,479,165	\$4,890,660
	2020	\$216,274	\$916,160	\$1,344,086	\$6,234,746
	2021	\$216,274	\$1,132,434	\$1,219,805	\$7,454,551
	2022	\$216,274	\$1,348,708	\$1,105,446	\$8,559,996
	2023	\$216,274	\$1,564,982	\$1,000,230	\$9,560,227
	2024	\$216,274	\$1,781,256	\$903,412	\$10,463,639
	2025	\$216,274	\$1,997,530	\$814,332	\$11,277,971
	2026	\$216,274	\$2,213,804	\$732,362	\$12,010,333
Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)	2027	\$873,214	\$3,087,018	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2028	\$803,809	\$3,890,827	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2029	\$739,947	\$4,630,774	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2030	\$681,182	\$5,311,956	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2031	\$627,116	\$5,939,072	\$0	\$12,010,333
Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)	2032	\$577,358	\$6,516,429	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2033	\$531,573	\$7,048,003	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2034	\$489,438	\$7,537,441	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2035	\$450,670	\$7,988,110	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2036	\$414,988	\$8,403,098	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2037	\$382,154	\$8,785,252	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2038	\$351,942	\$9,137,193	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2039	\$324,134	\$9,461,328	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2040	\$298,536	\$9,759,864	\$0	\$12,010,333
	2041	\$274,986	\$10,034,849	\$0	\$12,010,333

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is less than

\$12,010,333

Analysis Summary

Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?

No

NOTE: The analysis above only takes into account this project's estimated impact on the M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project.

Source: CPA, Horse Creek Wind, LLC

Year	Employment			Personal Income			Revenue & Expenditure		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Tax Effect
2015	5	12	17	\$200,000	\$776,563	\$976,563	\$83,923	-\$15,259	\$99,182
2016	125	212	337	\$5,000,000	\$14,287,109	\$19,287,109	\$1,647,949	-\$564,575	\$2,212,524
2017	5	25	30	\$185,000	\$3,232,969	\$3,417,969	\$297,546	\$221,252	\$76,294
2018	5	15	20	\$185,000	\$2,256,406	\$2,441,406	\$244,141	\$236,511	\$7,630
2019	5	9	14	\$185,000	\$1,646,055	\$1,831,055	\$221,252	\$244,141	-\$22,889
2020	5	5	10	\$185,000	\$1,401,914	\$1,586,914	\$198,364	\$244,141	-\$45,777
2021	5	5	10	\$185,000	\$1,035,703	\$1,220,703	\$167,847	\$190,735	-\$22,888
2022	5	1	6	\$185,000	\$791,563	\$976,563	\$144,958	\$167,847	-\$22,889
2023	5	1	6	\$185,000	\$669,492	\$854,492	\$129,700	\$160,217	-\$30,517
2024	5	1	6	\$185,000	\$669,492	\$854,492	\$152,588	\$137,329	\$15,259
2025	5	7	12	\$185,000	\$669,492	\$854,492	\$137,329	\$137,329	\$0
2026	5	3	8	\$185,000	\$425,352	\$610,352	\$122,070	\$114,441	\$7,629
2027	5	(1)	4	\$185,000	\$303,281	\$488,281	\$76,294	\$68,665	\$7,629
2028	5	(1)	4	\$185,000	\$59,141	\$244,141	\$76,294	\$45,776	\$30,518
2029	5	(5)	0	\$185,000	\$59,141	\$244,141	\$68,665	\$76,294	-\$7,629
2030	5	(3)	2	\$185,000	-\$185,000	\$0	\$53,406	\$45,776	\$7,630
2031	5	(7)	-2	\$185,000	-\$429,141	-\$244,141	\$15,259	\$22,888	-\$7,629
2032	5	(9)	-4	\$185,000	-\$673,281	-\$488,281	\$7,629	\$15,259	-\$7,630
2033	5	(7)	-2	\$185,000	-\$673,281	-\$488,281	\$15,259	-\$45,776	\$61,035
2034	5	(9)	-4	\$185,000	-\$1,161,563	-\$976,563	-\$38,147	-\$61,035	\$22,888
2035	5	(13)	-8	\$185,000	-\$1,405,703	-\$1,220,703	-\$53,406	-\$76,294	\$22,888
2036	5	(13)	-8	\$185,000	-\$1,649,844	-\$1,464,844	-\$106,812	-\$129,700	\$22,888
2037	5	(13)	-8	\$185,000	-\$1,649,844	-\$1,464,844	-\$99,182	-\$175,476	\$76,294
2038	5	(13)	-8	\$185,000	-\$1,893,984	-\$1,708,984	-\$106,812	-\$190,735	\$83,923
2039	5	(15)	-10	\$185,000	-\$1,649,844	-\$1,464,844	-\$122,070	-\$213,623	\$91,553
2040	5	(17)	-12	\$185,000	-\$2,870,547	-\$2,685,547	-\$167,847	-\$251,770	\$83,923
2041	5	(15)	-10	\$185,000	-\$2,382,266	-\$2,197,266	-\$167,847	-\$274,658	\$106,811
							\$2,998,350	\$129,700	\$2,868,650
							\$12,903,499	is greater than	\$12,010,333

Analysis Summary

Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?

Yes

Attachment C – Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that “the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.” This represents the basis for the Comptroller’s determination.

Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

Determination

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Horse Creek Wind, LLC decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

**Note: This project was originally submitted to the Comptroller on November 10, 2014 and assigned application number 1039. Application 1039 was owned by New Generations Power Texas, LLC. In mid-December 2014 the Comptroller’s office was notified of the sale of the project to Lincoln Clean Energy and application 1039 was withdrawn. Lincoln Clean Energy submitted a new application January 13, 2015 under Horse Creek Wind, LLC.*

- Horse Creek Wind, LLC has entered into a number of contracts related to the project, including long-term lease options agreements with area landowners, a limited-notice-to-proceed contract with a construction contractor, and environmental consultants to assess the suitability of the site, and a request for studies leading to an interconnection agreement with the transmission provider.
- In order for the project to qualify for the federal income tax Production Tax Credit (PTC), the Applicant was required to complete a minimum amount of PTC qualification work before the statutorily imposed deadline of December 31, 2014. The amount of PTC qualification work completed prior to December 31, 2014, constitutes less than 0.04% of total estimated investment for the project. The work was done in the Munday CISD portion of the project area.
- Per the applicant, the completion of this minor amount of PTC qualification work does not legally or financially commit it to construction of the project.
- The applicant is a national wind developer with the ability to locate projects of this type in other states within the United States and other regions within Texas with favorable wind characteristics.
- Per the applicant, the appraised value limitation is critical to the ability of the Project to move forward as currently sited.
- A National Electric Contractors Association article dated March 26, 2014 notes construction for the two-phase project began December 11, 2013, making the wind farm eligible for a Federal Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit.

Supporting Information

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value

b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value

c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

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Supporting Information

Section 8 of the Application for
a Limitation on Appraised Value

SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024

1. Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171? Yes No
2. The property will be used for one of the following activities:
 - (1) manufacturing Yes No
 - (2) research and development Yes No
 - (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code Yes No
 - (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code Yes No
 - (5) renewable energy electric generation Yes No
 - (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology Yes No
 - (7) nuclear electric power generation Yes No
 - (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) Yes No
 - (9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051 Yes No
3. Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment? Yes No
4. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease? Yes No
5. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease? Yes No
6. Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant? Yes No
7. Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? Yes No

SECTION 7: Project Description

1. In Tab 4, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.
2. Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land has no existing improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Land has existing improvements (<i>complete Section 13</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of existing operation on the land (<i>complete Section 13</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation within Texas

SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor

1. Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur? Yes No
2. Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project? Yes No
3. Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur? Yes No
no business activity, but have leased land for wind rights
4. Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location? Yes No
5. Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site? Yes No
6. Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site? Yes No
7. Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project? Yes No
8. Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison with other alternative investment opportunities? Yes No
9. Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project? Yes No
10. Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas? Yes No

Chapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirmative determination under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.

Supporting Information

Attachments provided in Tab 5
of the Application for a
Limitation on Appraised Value

TAB 5

Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor.

Horse Creek Wind, LLC ("Horse Creek") is a Delaware limited liability company. Horse Creek has one member with 100% ownership, Lincoln Clean Energy, LLC ("LCE"). LCE has successfully developed projects involving almost \$1 billion in capital investment in some of the largest electricity markets in the United States (including Texas, California and New Jersey).

Horse Creek has entered into a number of contracts related to the project, including long-term lease option agreements with area landowners, a limited-notice-to-proceed contract with a construction contractor, and environmental consultants to assess the suitability of the site, and a request for studies leading to an interconnection agreement with the transmission provider.

In order for the project to qualify for the federal income tax Production Tax Credit (PTC), the Applicant was required to complete a minimum amount of PTC qualification work before the statutorily imposed deadline of December 31, 2014. In order to complete this minimum amount of PTC qualification work, the Applicant received a TPDES General Permit TXR150014869 and completed the amount of PTC qualification work required for the project to qualify for the federal income tax PTC, which expired on December 31, 2014 and has not been renewed at the time this application was submitted. The amount of PTC qualification work completed prior to December 31, 2014, constitutes less than 0.04% of total estimated investment for the project. This work was done in the Munday CISD portion of the project area. The Applicant's completion of this minor amount of PTC qualification work does not legally or financially commit it to constructing the project.

The Applicant is a national wind developer with the ability to locate projects of this type in other states within the United States and other regions within Texas with favorable wind characteristics. The Applicant is actively assessing and developing other projects that are competing for limited investment funds. This appraised value limitation is critical to the ability of the Project to move forward as currently sited.

Supporting Information

Additional information
provided
by the Comptroller



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NECA Member Working as EPC Contractor on Large-Scale Project

Renewable energy company New Generation Power Texas, LLC (NGP Texas), the newly formed subsidiary of Chicago-based New Generation Power, has begun the first phase of a 400 MW wind farm in Haskell County, Texas. Rosendin Electric is coordinating engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) for this large-scale project.

Construction for the two-phase project began on December 11, 2013, making the wind farm eligible for a Federal Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC).

Located just northwest of Dallas, Texas, in Haskell County, the project is estimated to cost between \$650-700 million. Excellent wind speed and wind consistency have been verified by three meteorological towers or met towers, which are used to gather wind data necessary for site evaluation and development of wind energy projects, and have been in the process of collecting wind data for several years, showing a 50.5% capacity factor for the project.

In order to qualify for the PTC Credit, which expired at the end of 2013, NGP Texas has completed milestones of significant nature that included: pre-construction development, early investments, environmental considerations, permitting, an interconnection agreement, excavated WTG foundations and mud mat placements.

NGP Texas brought together a team of industry leaders to help successfully complete all elements of this fast-tracked project. The Prime EPC Contractor for the 400MW Texas wind farm is Rosendin Electric, Inc. Since Rosendin entrance into the wind industry in 2003, they have participated in the design, procurement, and construction of more than 10GW of wind

NECA Member Working as EPC Contractor on Large-Scale Project

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Construction for the two-phase project began on December 11, 2013, making the wind farm eligible for a Federal Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC).

Located just northwest of Dallas, Texas, in Haskell County, the project is estimated to cost between \$650-700 million. Excellent wind speed and wind consistency have been verified by three meteorological towers or met towers, which are used to gather wind data necessary for site evaluation and development of wind energy projects, and have been in the process of collecting wind data for several years, showing a 50.5% capacity factor for the project.

In order to qualify for the PTC Credit, which expired at the end of 2013, NGP Texas has completed milestones of significant nature that included: pre-construction development, early investments, environmental considerations, permitting, an interconnection agreement, excavated WTG foundations and mud mat placements.

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