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

Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC (Orion) have been pioneers in expanding the use of wind energy for over 20 years. Nearly 4,000 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable energy projects currently in operation worldwide have been developed by Orion's management team. These projects generate enough electricity to supply a million households. Orion's track record of successfully completing projects stems from expertise in siting, development, origination, finance, construction, and operations.

In the U.S. alone, over 3,300 MW of operating wind energy projects have been developed by Orion's principals.

While Orion is keen to develop and build the proposed Castro County Wind Project as described in this application, this Project is still in the early stages of development and further investment could be, if necessary, redeployed to other counties and states competing for similar wind energy projects. Orion is active in various states throughout the U.S., where each project competes for a finite pool of capital investment. State and local tax incentives contribute to the lowering of the cost of power sold to customers and making our investment more viable and marketable. We have many other wind sites in development throughout the country and are continually comparing investment opportunities and market viability of each project based upon project financial metrics.

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 funds. These other projects are located in Indiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon and Wyoming. Due to the various tax incentives offered in those states this project needs to secure the 313 value limitation with Dimmitt ISD to move forward as proposed. If the project was unable to secure the 313 value limitation then the project would not move forward.