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January 22, 2016

Steve Long
Superintendent
Reagan County Independent School District
1111 12th Street
Big Lake, Texas 76932

Dear Superintendent Long:

On October 26, 2015, the Comptroller issued written notice that Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC (the applicant) submitted a completed application (Application #1103) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313¹. This application was originally submitted on August 27, 2015, to the Reagan County 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 #1103.

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.

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

Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

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 October 26, 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

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC (the project) applying to Reagan County 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 Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC

Applicant	Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Reagan County ISD
Estimated 2014-2015 Average Daily Attendance	804
County	Reagan
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$226,200,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$226,200,000
Limitation Amount	\$25,000,000
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	8*
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	1
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$823
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)B	\$823
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$42,775
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$1,084
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$56,355
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$28,275,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$23,907,851
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$8,315,634
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$15,592,217
* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).	

Table 2 is the estimated statewide economic impact of Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2016	309	325	634	\$15,398,555	\$27,142,245	\$42,540,800
2017	9	48	57	\$398,555	\$5,919,127	\$6,317,682
2018	9	34	43	\$398,555	\$4,717,397	\$5,115,952
2019	9	21	30	\$398,555	\$3,604,446	\$4,003,001
2020	9	14	23	\$398,555	\$2,849,706	\$3,248,261
2021	9	10	19	\$398,555	\$2,367,472	\$2,766,027
2022	9	8	17	\$398,555	\$2,084,824	\$2,483,379
2023	9	8	17	\$398,555	\$1,901,263	\$2,299,818
2024	9	8	17	\$398,555	\$1,808,549	\$2,207,104
2025	9	9	18	\$398,555	\$1,813,668	\$2,212,223
2026	9	9	18	\$398,555	\$1,857,598	\$2,256,153
2027	9	8	17	\$398,555	\$1,605,977	\$2,004,532
2028	9	7	16	\$398,555	\$1,524,168	\$1,922,723
2029	9	7	16	\$398,555	\$1,485,126	\$1,883,681
2030	9	7	16	\$398,555	\$1,476,362	\$1,874,917
2031	9	8	17	\$398,555	\$1,498,449	\$1,897,004

Source: CPA, REMI, Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC

Table 3 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate ¹	Reagan County ISD I&S Tax Levy	Reagan County ISD M&O Tax Levy	Reagan County ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Reagan County Tax Levy	Reagan County Hospital Tax Levy	Reagan County Water District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			0.1000	1.1000	1.2000	0.2100	0.1984	0.1112		
2017	\$226,200,000	\$226,200,000		\$226,200	\$2,488,200	\$2,714,400	\$475,020	\$448,799	\$251,625	\$3,889,844
2018	\$210,366,000	\$210,366,000		\$210,366	\$2,314,026	\$2,524,392	\$441,769	\$417,383	\$234,011	\$3,617,555
2019	\$195,640,380	\$195,640,380		\$195,640	\$2,152,044	\$2,347,685	\$410,845	\$388,166	\$217,630	\$3,364,326
2020	\$181,945,553	\$181,945,553		\$181,946	\$2,001,401	\$2,183,347	\$382,086	\$360,995	\$202,396	\$3,128,823
2021	\$169,209,365	\$169,209,365		\$169,209	\$1,861,303	\$2,030,512	\$355,340	\$335,725	\$188,228	\$2,909,805
2022	\$157,364,709	\$157,364,709		\$157,365	\$1,731,012	\$1,888,377	\$330,466	\$312,224	\$175,053	\$2,706,119
2023	\$146,349,179	\$146,349,179		\$146,349	\$1,609,841	\$1,756,190	\$307,333	\$290,368	\$162,799	\$2,516,691
2024	\$136,104,737	\$136,104,737		\$136,105	\$1,497,152	\$1,633,257	\$285,820	\$270,043	\$151,403	\$2,340,522
2025	\$126,577,405	\$126,577,405		\$126,577	\$1,392,351	\$1,518,929	\$265,813	\$251,140	\$140,805	\$2,176,686
2026	\$117,716,987	\$117,716,987		\$117,717	\$1,294,887	\$1,412,604	\$247,206	\$233,560	\$130,948	\$2,024,318
2027	\$111,831,138	\$111,831,138		\$111,831	\$1,230,143	\$1,341,974	\$234,845	\$221,882	\$124,401	\$1,923,102
2028	\$106,239,581	\$106,239,581		\$106,240	\$1,168,635	\$1,274,875	\$223,103	\$210,788	\$118,181	\$1,826,947
2029	\$100,927,602	\$100,927,602		\$100,928	\$1,110,204	\$1,211,131	\$211,948	\$200,248	\$112,272	\$1,735,599
2030	\$95,881,222	\$95,881,222		\$95,881	\$1,054,693	\$1,150,575	\$201,351	\$190,236	\$106,658	\$1,648,820
2031	\$91,087,161	\$91,087,161		\$91,087	\$1,001,959	\$1,093,046	\$191,283	\$180,724	\$101,325	\$1,566,379
					Total	\$26,081,292	\$4,564,226	\$4,312,281	\$2,417,736	\$37,375,535

Source: CPA, Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC

¹Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Attachment B – Tax Revenue over 25 Years

This represents the Comptroller’s determination that Santa Rita Wind energy, 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 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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Limitation Period (10 Years)	2017	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$2,213,200	\$2,213,200
	2018	\$275,000	\$550,000	\$2,039,026	\$4,252,226
	2019	\$275,000	\$825,000	\$1,877,044	\$6,129,270
	2020	\$275,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,726,401	\$7,855,671
	2021	\$275,000	\$1,375,000	\$1,586,303	\$9,441,974
	2022	\$275,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,456,012	\$10,897,986
	2023	\$275,000	\$1,925,000	\$1,334,841	\$12,232,827
	2024	\$275,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,222,152	\$13,454,979
	2025	\$275,000	\$2,475,000	\$1,117,351	\$14,572,331
	2026	\$275,000	\$2,750,000	\$1,019,887	\$15,592,217
Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)	2027	\$1,230,143	\$3,980,143	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2028	\$1,168,635	\$5,148,778	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2029	\$1,110,204	\$6,258,982	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2030	\$1,054,693	\$7,313,675	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2031	\$1,001,959	\$8,315,634	\$0	\$15,592,217
Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)	2032	\$971,900	\$9,287,534	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2033	\$942,743	\$10,230,277	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2034	\$914,461	\$11,144,737	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2035	\$887,027	\$12,031,764	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2036	\$860,416	\$12,892,180	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2037	\$834,604	\$13,726,784	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2038	\$809,565	\$14,536,350	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2039	\$785,279	\$15,321,628	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2040	\$761,720	\$16,083,348	\$0	\$15,592,217
	2041	\$738,869	\$16,822,217	\$0	\$15,592,217
		\$16,822,217	is greater than	\$15,592,217	
Analysis Summary					
Is the project reasonably likely to generate M&O tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?					Yes

Source: CPA, Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC

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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 is able to determine that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC’s 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:

- Per the applicant, its parent company Invenergy maintains a large portfolio of wind developments across the country, including in the nearby states of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, with similar wind resources and competitive regulatory environments.
- Per the applicant – Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC is in the early stage of exploring the possibility of constructing a wind facility at this site.
- Per the applicant, the land upon which the proposed project may be constructed has no existing improvements.
- Per the applicant, the economic return of this project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside Texas.
- Per the applicant, the project requires to receive a value limitation to be financially competitive and to allow it the best possibility of moving forward.
- On July 01, 2015 and July 29, 2015, articles in the *Big Lake Wildcat* reported that Santa Rita Wind, LLC project is in the early stages of development. Courtney Timmons, manager of business development told the Reagan County Commissioners Court that their project is currently scheduled to begin construction early 2016.
- On October 14, 2015, an article in the *Big Lake Wildcat* reported that the Reagan County Commissioners Court discussed accepting a tax abatement application from Santa Rita Wind Energy, LLC. According to the article, three of the county commissioners indicated they were not inclined to enter into an abatement agreement with the company.

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**



Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

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 (complete Section 13)
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of existing operation on the land (complete Section 13)	<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
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



Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC
Chapter 313 Application to Reagan County ISD

CHECKLIST ITEM #5

Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor

Section 8, #2: Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?

Santa Rita has begun typical due course, early stage due diligence to explore feasibility of constructing a wind facility at this site. As such, certain contracts have been executed, including agreements to site and install meteorological monitoring equipment, lease and easement agreements with landowners, contracts with environmental contractors to explore environmental impacts of the proposed project, and an Interconnection Agreement with the transmission provider. None of these contracts obligate Santa Rita to construct the project.

Section 8, #7 & 10: Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?

Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicants decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?

Invenergy maintains a large portfolio of wind developments across the country, including in the nearby states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, all with similar wind resources and competitive regulatory environments. While the project entity, Santa Rita Wind Energy LLC, is specific to this location in Texas, the economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. Invenergy has limited capital, human, and turbine resources, and must pick the best projects to advance as a company each year. The economic return is a primary input for this decision, and state and local incentives contribute to increase that economic return.

Invenergy has other projects in similar stages of development in locations such as; Arriba, CO; Upstream, NE; Monument, KS; Red Plains, OK; Horn Mountain, NM. Many of these states mentioned offer other various tax incentives that require this project to receive a value limitation agreement to be financially competitive and allow it the best possibility of moving forward.

Supporting Information

Additional information
provided by the Applicant or
located by the Comptroller



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The Reagan County skyline over the next several years could change drastically. In a place where towering rigs are a mainstay, residents could begin seeing large wind turbines with their synchronized red lights stretching between Reagan and Irion County.

"The Santa Rita Wind Project ("Santa Rita") is proposed for Reagan and Irion Counties," Courtney Timmons, business development with Invenergy said. "With an excellent wind resource and strong community support, the area is an optimal location for a successful power generation project."

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Project Promises to Bring Jobs, Diversify Tax Base

Big Lake's skyline is in for a major change in the coming year if Invenergy's Santa Rita Wind Project gets off the ground.

Courtney Timmons, manager of business development with Invenergy LLC, told Reagan County Commissioners Monday that their project is currently scheduled to

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begin construction in early 2016.

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Man Charged with Sexual Assault of a Child & Assault Family Violence



Omar Riquetty-Castillo

Omar Alejandro Riquetty-Castillo, 22, was arrested Sunday on an indictment for Sexual Assault of a Child and two warrants for Assault to Cause Bodily Injury - Family Violence.

According to the indictment, Riquetty-Castillo is accused of sexual assault of a child younger than 17 years old on or around February 14, 2014.

That indictment was handed down

in September of this year.

If convicted, the charge is a Second Degree Felony that carries a punishment of 2 to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00.

According to two separate arrest warrant affidavits of probable cause, Riquetty-Castillo is also charged with Assault to Cause Bodily Injury - Family Violence for two incidents that happened in 2014.

The first, on July 27, 2014,

happened when a deputy was informed that Riquetty-Castillo allegedly assaulted his girlfriend after an argument.

The report states Riquetty-Castillo struck her multiple times on the back, and that she had visible bruises.

The second, on August 3, 2014, happened when Riquetty-Castillo allegedly approached the victim on the street and began to argue with her.

The victim was bit on the cheek, and also physically dragged down the street causing pain. Riquetty-Castillo reportedly fled the scene on foot before deputies arrived.

Both charges are Class A Misdemeanors and if convicted carry a punishment of jail not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$4,000.00.

OMAR RIQUETTY-CASTILLO, 5

A GUTSY WIN

Against All Odds,
 Reagan County
 Pulls Off 28-20
 Win in Alpine

— PAGE 3

Reagan County Senior Jake Myers praises God after catching a touchdown pass from L.J. DeLeon. The touchdown pushed the Owls ahead 20-13 with 6:53 left in the fourth quarter. The Owls overcame a lot of adversity in the game to pull off the 28-20 win. Myers accounted for three Reagan County touchdowns (the reception, a 90-yard kick return, and a rushing TD), one two-point conversion, and was forced into action at the quarterback position for the majority of the first half. The victory puts the Owls at 1-0 in district play. The team travels to San Angelo to take on TLCA at the old Lakeview Stadium Friday at 7:30 p.m.

J.L. MANIKIN | BIG LAKE WILDCAT



Reagan County Elementary is proud to announce its 2015-2016 RCES Student Council members. Each member had to give a speech to their class and then their classmates voted them in. Fifth grade officers are President Jaydyn Reyes, Vice President Isidro Rodriguez, Secretary Angel Ramirez, and Treasurer Raquel DeLeon. Fourth grade officers are Emily Salinas, Jayselyn Reyes, Ethan Andrews, and Makayla Smith. Third grade class representatives are Addison Hodge, Analisee Esquivel, Larissa Fraga, and Magaly Castillo. Back row left to right: Ethan Andrews, Makayla Smith, Isidro Rodriguez, Angel Ramirez, Raquel DeLeon, Jaydyn Reyes. Front row left to right: Addison Hodge, Jayselyn Reyes, Larissa Fraga, Magaly Castillo, Emily Salinas, and Analisee Esquivel.

COURTESY PHOTO

County Not Interested in Windmill Project Tax Abatement

Representatives from Invenergy and Ryan, LLC were told Monday that Reagan County is not interested in granting Invenergy a tax abatement for the Santa Rita Wind Project.

The discussion began after Ryan's Evan Horn presented the group with a tax abatement application.

"I'm just one vote here," County Judge Larry Isom said. "What happens to this project if we don't approve the abatement?"

Horn said that there currently isn't one wind project in Texas operating without a tax abatement agreement with the local county.

"If it is up to me then this will be the first," Isom said. Commissioner Tommy Holt echoed Isom's sentiment.

"I'm not in favor of giving a tax abatement," Holt said. "Oil and gas companies have been operating here forever, footing 95 percent of the tax bill. They aren't here asking for tax abatements."

Horn said that it is true those companies don't ask for tax abatements, but it is mainly because it is not legal for a county to grant a tax abatement on mineral values.

Commissioner Tim Sellman also said he is against the idea.

"I've never been in favor of incentives," Commissioner Sellman said. "No one ever gave me one. I'm not going out looking for one either. I just don't see the need."

According to their abatement application, Invenergy is looking to create a 200MW project with 100 wind turbines between Big Lake and Irion County.

The project, named the Santa Rita Wind Project, will create 500 jobs during construction and 10 full-time jobs once complete.

The project has a value of \$192 million, and Invenergy is requesting a 100 percent abatement for 10 years from

SANTA RITA WIND PROJECT, 6

Hospital District Takes Loan to Bridge Gap to Tax Money

Reagan Hospital District CEO Kyle Rockwell notified the board Monday night that the district had to take out a \$380,000 loan to make ends meet.

Rockwell said the loan, taken from the district's \$1.5 million line of credit at Security Bank, will be used to pay some large bills the district received at the beginning of October.

"We had large payments for two service organizations come due," Rockwell said. "We also had insurance come due along with other operating expenses."

The first service organization payment was for \$130,000.00. It is to a Concho Valley service organization the district previously used to pay physicians.

"We have ended our agreement with that group," Rockwell said. "The last payment was for \$500,000.00, but we negotiated that down to \$130,000.00. After that

payment we are completely done with that group."

The second service organization is for the Care Center. Rockwell said that their payment was for \$100,000.00, and the district should receive \$190,000.00 on the back end.

Rockwell said the rest of the \$380,000.00 loan (totaling \$150,000.00 after the two service organization payments) will be used to make insurance payments along with other operating expenses including payroll.

"We knew this was a possibility for some time," Board President Linda Rees said. "Interim CEO Kleth Butler was telling us borrowing more money was a real possibility. He told us as early as June that it would be close. Every meeting he would tell us how we narrowly made it without another loan. It is no surprise especially with these large payments."

HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 5



BURN BAN LIFTED

Call Dispatch at 884-2424 with time & location of planned burns. Burn Ban will be back in effect in a couple of weeks.

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7 Day at a glance...



MONTHLY WEATHER	
July Total	0.16 in.
Aug Total	0.00 in.
Sept Total	2.80 in.
2015 YEAR TOTAL	14.82 in.
Remainder of 2015	0.00 in.
Remainder of 2016	0.00 in.

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Church Services

DIRECTORY

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

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| <p>APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY CHURCH
201 S. Main
Jesus Sells, Pastor</p> | <p>BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
12th & Ohio
Ron Warren, Pastor</p> | <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
501 S. California
Rev. Gerry L. Henderson
325-277-8832
Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship @ 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study @ 7 p.m.</p> |
| <p>CATHOLIC CHURCH
First & Main Street
Rev. Fr. Thomas
Saturday Mass 7:00 pm
Sunday Mass 11:30 am</p> | <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
902 W. Main
Services begin at 1:00 pm
Branch President, Arnaldo V. Gomez</p> | <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST
400 E. Main St.
Charles Lindley</p> |
| <p>COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Just outside of Stiles
John Sanders, Pastor
(325) 397-2303</p> | <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
601 N. Plaza Ave
Phone: 325-884-2758
Sunday and Children's Church: 10-30
Wednesday Study and Devotion: 6:00pm
Pastor Mark A. Jones</p> | <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Seventh & Maryland
Gerald Bastin, Pastor</p> |
| <p>CELEBRATION CHURCH
1016 E. 6th Street
Service at 11 a.m.
Nathan Bosworth, Pastor</p> | <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
501 California
Larry Young, Pastor
Worship Service: 10:50 a.m.</p> | <p>HOPE IN CHRIST COWBOY CHURCH
1100 N. Utah - Family Life Bldg
Leticia Davidson, Pastor</p> |
| | | <p>TEMPLO ROCA ETERNA
302 First Street
Rev. Olmedo Trione</p> |

Santa Rita Wind Project

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the county. "We aren't asking for you to decide anything today," Horn said. "We are just asking that you accept the application. That starts a 60 day clock for you to review the application, and negotiate new terms. We can do different things including a payment in lieu of taxes. That would allow the county to know exactly how much money is coming in each year without having to worry about values." Commissioner Jim O'Bryan said he is in favor of accepting the application

to see what else Invenery can come up with. "I think we can come to the table and see what you are willing to do," O'Bryan said. "I don't see a problem with taking this first step. We don't have to knock this thing in the head today." Invenery's Courtney Timmons said the benefit of the tax abatement to Invenery would lie in its ability to get contracts lined up with buyers of the electricity. "Anything we can get lined up now will benefit the project long term," Timmons said. "It is a very competitive market, and

tax abatements are an important part of keeping these kinds of projects in the mix." Timmons said the project currently has enough land under lease to place a 160MW project right now, and that the other land agreements should be finalized within the coming months. Currently, the project has 87 turbines in Reagan County with 17 being in Irion County. Reagan County ISD has accepted Invenery's application, and that application is currently in front of the State Comptroller's office for approval.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Reagan County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS - 3

- October 6** - Thomas Auden Clemens, 49 year old male. Charge - Warrant # CC-0608 - Assault bodily injury to a family member. Jailed in Upton County.
- October 9** - Charles Edwards Metcalf, 53 year old male. Charge - Warrant # M4150313 Midland County - Assault bodily injury family violence. Jailed in Upton County.
- October 11** - Omar Alejandro Riquetty Castillo, 22 year old male. Charge - Capias assault bodily injury family violence, sexual assault of a child, assault family violence. Jailed in Upton County.

INCIDENTS

- October 6** - 6:31 a.m. - Caller advised that a truck with a pipe trailer had no lights. Officer advised.
- 7:03 a.m.** - Caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to making a statement regarding an incident that had occurred the night before. Officer advised.
- 2:50 p.m.** - Caller advised that they were missing property. Officer advised.
- 3:20 p.m.** - Caller reported a two vehicle accident on Hwy 1357. Emergency personnel responded.
- 5:08 p.m.** - Caller advised that 14 and 15 year old girls have black eyes. Officer advised.
- 6:12 p.m.** - Caller advised that a toddler was walking around in the street. Officer advised.
- 7:03 p.m.** - Caller advised that fire units were needed for mutual aid. BLVFD responded.
- 10:18 p.m.** - Caller requested a deputy call them in reference to a disturbance with an ex employee. Officer advised.
- October 7** - 5:21 a.m. - Caller advised of a one vehicle accident on Best Lane. EMS responded.
- 12:33 p.m.** - Caller advised that there was a mobile home blocking traffic. Officer advised.
- 2:02 p.m.** - Caller reported a residential fire alarm. BLVFD responded.

- 6:09 p.m.** - Caller advised that kids were riding on four-wheelers. Officer advised.
- 7:48 p.m.** - Caller advised that they would be burning brush piles.
- 7:49 p.m.** - Caller advised that 2 boys were harassing another boy and would not leave his residence. Officer advised.
- 8:02 p.m.** - Caller requested an officer to unlock a vehicle. Officer advised.
- 10:11 p.m.** - Caller advised that their neighbor was beating up their dog. Officer advised.
- 10:56 p.m.** - Caller requested an officer advised that a rattlesnake was trying to bite an employee by a dumpster. Officer advised.
- 11:44 p.m.** - Caller requested an officer for lift assistance. Officer advised.
- 11:53 p.m.** - Caller advised that a male had fallen from a compressor and hurt his right leg and arm. EMS responded.
- October 8** - 12:23 a.m. - Caller reported loud music. Officer advised.
- 7:28 a.m.** - Caller advised of a rollover on County Road 208. EMS responded.
- 7:33 a.m.** - Caller advised that they needed a civil standby. Officer advised.
- 1:05 p.m.** - Caller reported a tank battery fire. BLVFD responded.
- 6:30 p.m.** - Caller advised they needed help jumping a vehicle. Officer advised.
- 8:29 p.m.** - Caller inquired if she could shoot a skunk. Officer advised to call animal control.
- October 9** - 12:07 a.m. - Caller advised that her husband should have been home by 7:00 p.m. and had not made it home yet and requested to see if a deputy could locate him on Best Lane. Officer advised.
- 12:17 a.m.** - Caller advised that they thought they heard someone open the tailgate to their pickup and would like an officer to make sure that there was no one out there. Officer advised.
- 8:19 a.m.** - Caller advised that they had locked themselves out of their house and she was unsure if she left something on the stove cooking. Officer advised.
- 12:00 p.m.** - Caller advised that a customer needed help. Officer advised.
- 1:38 p.m.** - Caller requested a civil standby. Officer advised.
- October 7** - 5:21 a.m. - Caller advised of a one vehicle accident on Best Lane. EMS responded.
- 12:33 p.m.** - Caller advised that there was a mobile home blocking traffic. Officer advised.
- 2:02 p.m.** - Caller reported a residential fire alarm. BLVFD responded.

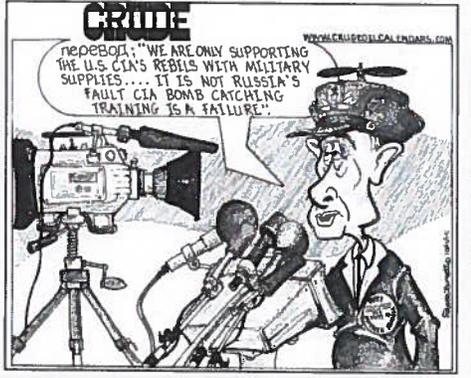
- October 10** - 12:22 a.m. - Caller advised that their neighbors were having a loud party. Officer advised.
- 5:38 a.m.** - Caller advised that there was a small white vehicle behind Josh Mitchell Park unknown if it was occupied but it looks like they had been there all night. Officer advised.
- 6:00 a.m.** - Caller advised of a two vehicle accident. Emergency personnel responded.
- 10:40 a.m.** - Caller advised that they would like to speak to an officer in reference to a lost/stolen wallet. Officer advised.
- 11:27 a.m.** - Caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to child custody.
- 2:08 p.m.** - Caller requested an officer to unlock a vehicle. Officer advised.
- 3:19 p.m.** - Caller advised of a possible drunk driver. Officer advised.
- 3:37 p.m.** - Caller advised that two guys were in a company truck and they were not supposed to be in it. Officer advised.
- 10:08 p.m.** - Caller advised of loud music. Officer advised.
- October 11** - 12:07 a.m. - Caller advised that two trucks were parked in the roadway and were flagged down by the driver. Officer advised.
- 12:20 a.m.** - Caller advised that her and her children were going home and their neighbor threw a beer can at her vehicle. Officer advised.
- 12:58 a.m.** - Caller advised that she had seen two males standing by her bedroom window advised that they had left to the alley. Officer advised.
- 9:35 a.m.** - Caller requested a welfare check on an 80 year old female. Officer advised.
- 8:12 p.m.** - Caller advised that her child's father was leaving town with their three year old daughter.
- October 12** - 8:02 a.m. - Caller requested an officer to unlock a vehicle. Officer advised.
- 10:16 a.m.** - Caller advised of a two vehicle accident. Emergency personnel responded.
- 5:53 p.m.** - Caller requested help moving farm equipment on Schwertner Blacktop.
- 6:21 p.m.** - Caller advised that their Yeti cooler had been stolen. Officer advised.
- 8:24 p.m.** - RMH requested road block for Air Med. EMS responded.
- 9:14 p.m.** - Caller advised that her boyfriend had locker her out of her house. Officer advised.
- 9:37 p.m.** - Caller advised of loud music. Officer advised.

Wildcat Patch Report

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OIL AND GAS PRICES (10/13/15)

Crude Oil (WTT) 46.77 USD/bbl. Natural Gas 2.50 USD/MMBtu



Reagan County Drilling Permits

Permits for four new drilling operations have been issued in the last weeks 10/06/2015-10/13/2015 for Reagan County.

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC plans to drill a new horizontal well, The Lease, Brynlee 9-8, well number 4113H, will be located 22.8 miles Northwest of BigLake.

The well will be in Section 9, Block D, of the L&S V RR CO Survey, Abstract #330.

The total depth will be 8900 feet in the Spraberry Field.

Parsley Energy Operations LLC, plans to drill a new horizontal well, The Lease, Ringo '10-7, well number 4214H, will be located 22.6 miles Northwest of BigLake.

The well will be in Section 10, Block D, of the L&S V RR CO/ Ringo, R E Survey, Abstract #788.

The total completion depth will be 8500 feet in the Spraberry Field.

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC plans to drill a new horizontal well, The Lease, Kathryn 44-5, well number 4205H, will be located 20.4 miles Northeast of Rankin.

The well will be in Section 44, Block C, L&S V RR CO/ Boyd, W D Survey, Abstract #734.

The total completion depth will be 8450 feet in the Spraberry Field.

OXY USA WTP LP plans to drill a new horizontal well, The Lease, Merchant, well number 1601WD will be located 22.4 miles Southwest of Garden City.

The well will be in Section 16, Block B, of the L&S RR CO/ Reynolds, CM Survey, Abstract #955.

The total completion depth will be 9000 feet in the Spraberry Field.

Report provided by **RIGDATA**

DRILLING LOCATIONS

Reagan County, Glasscock Co., Upton Co., Irion Co.

To obtain a complete report, call RigData at 1 800 627-9785

Count as of October 9, 2015		
REAGAN COUNTY	GLASSCOCK COUNTY	IRION COUNTY
16 total rigs - 6 new	14 total rigs - 4 new	1 total rig - 0 new
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devoe Energy - Ortega F281 - Helmerick & Payne F247 - 9900' - Assigned Laredo Petro - Suggs E 197-195 (Alme-C) F251 - Sidevalley Drig #286 - 12900' - Drig Ahead OXY USA WTP LP - Laredo 1401 DRU F281 - Strickland Drig #445 - 12500' - Drig Ahead Laredo Petro - Suggs E 197-195 (Alme-C) F251 - Transceded Drig #2 - 12000' - Drig Ahead American Energy Perm - Rankin B 28-21 #476L - Vista Texas F408 - 7122' - Drig Ahead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brownback EAP LLC - Elley B 1087 F79A - Helmerick & Payne #652 - 9700' - Moving On 3M Gas Resources - Wraga-Hendrickson F7 - Patterson UTI #19 - 12900' - Drig Ahead RSF Petroleum LLC - Calverley #4 - 8281 - Sidevalley Drig #127 - 12900' - Drig Ahead Energize Inc - Angeline SH 343-28 04 #184H - Capstan Drig #111 - 9500' - Drig Ahead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parzley Energy - Hall #3 #1 - Pacesetter Drig #6 - 11900' - Moving On Surrembit Petroleum LLC - Elkzabek A F246 - Propperty Services #267 - 11200' - Drig Ahead Parsley Energy - Atkins 14-31 #4463H1 - Independence Drig #209 - 10000' - Drig Ahead

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