# FINDINGS of the LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code** 

# ON THE APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY

**SUBMITTED BY** 

FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC

Comptroller Application Number 1142

## RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT of the

# LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNDER CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE ON THE APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY SUBMITTED BY FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CROSBY

#### **PREAMBLE**

On the 12th day of December, 2016, a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District (the "Board") was held to solicit input from interested parties on the application by Fiber Winds Holding, LLC ("Fiber Winds Holding" or "Applicant") for an appraised value limitation on qualified property under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The meeting was duly posted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. At the meeting, the Board considered the application by Fiber Winds Holding for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The Board of Trustees solicited input into its deliberations from interested parties within the District. After hearing presentations from the District's administrative staff and the consultants retained by the District to advise the Board in this matter and reviewing the Comptroller's Economic Impact Analysis under Texas Tax Code §313.026 and 34 T.A.C. §9.1054, the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District makes the following Findings regarding the Application:

On or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, the Board of Trustees for the Lorenzo Independent School District received an Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Fiber Winds Holding, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code (the "Application"). The general nature of Applicant's investment in qualified property set forth in the Application is for construction and operation of a renewable energy electric generation facility, specifically a proposed wind energy project using wind turbines, operational structures and a transmission line (the "Property"). See Application, Tab 4, attached hereto as Attachment A and Attachment D. The Board agreed to consider such Application, and the District's Superintendent formally acknowledged receipt of the Application for consideration on behalf of the District, which was delivered to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts immediately upon a determination that the Application was complete. The Comptroller acknowledged receipt of the Application on or about June 28, 2016. Thereafter, on or about July 20, 2016, the District, on behalf of the Applicant, submitted Amendment No. 01 (revised non-eligible property, maps and schedule B). The Comptroller issued its notice of completeness on or about July 26, 2016, the Application Review Start Date. Thereafter, on behalf of Applicant, on or about October 5, 2016, in response to a deficiency letter, the District, submitted Amendment No. 2 (wage data). The Application and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Application." A copy of the Application and Comptroller's completeness letter of July 26, 2016 are collectively attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Texas Taxpayer Identification number for Fiber Winds Holding, LLC is 32060819474. Fiber Winds Holding is an entity subject to Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code and is certified to be in good standing with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as required by Texas Tax Code §313.024(a). *See* Attachments A, B and C.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Application and necessary application fee as established by §313.025(a)(1) of the Texas Tax Code and Local District Policy.

The Application was delivered to the Texas Comptroller's Office for review pursuant to §313.025(b) of the Texas Tax Code.

A copy of the Application was delivered to the Crosby County Appraisal District for review pursuant to 34 Texas Administrative Code §9.1054.

The Application was reviewed by the Texas Comptroller's Office pursuant to Texas Tax Code §§313.025 and 313.026. After receipt of the Application, the Texas Comptroller's Office caused an Economic Impact Analysis to be conducted. The Comptroller, pursuant to Texas Tax Code §313.025(h), determined the project subject to the Application meets the requirements for eligibility under Texas Tax Code §313.024 for a limitation on appraised value, and after reviewing the Application based on the criteria set out in Texas Tax Code § 313.026, issued a Certificate for a Limitation on Appraised Value on October 24, 2016 that the Application be approved (the "Certificate Decision"). *See* Attachment C. The Board of Trustees has carefully considered such Evaluation and Certificate Decision. Copies of the Certificate Decision and Economic Impact Analysis are attached to these Findings as Attachments C and D, respectively.

The Board also directed that a specific school financial analysis be conducted of the impact of the proposed value limitation on the finances of Lorenzo Independent School District. A copy of a report prepared by McDowell & Brown, LLC and dated November 11, 2016 is attached to these Findings as Attachment E.

The Board has confirmed that the taxable value of industrial property applicable to the Fiber Winds Holding Application in the Lorenzo Independent School District for the preceding tax year, as determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403 of the Texas Government Code, fell within a rural school district, Category 3 of §313.054 of the Texas Tax Code at the time the Certificate Decision was issued. *See* "2015 Property Value Study Report," attached hereto as Attachment G; *see also* Attachment D.

After receipt of the completed Application, the District entered into negotiations with Fiber Winds Holding regarding the specific language to be included in the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes (the "Agreement") pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, including appropriate revenue protection provisions for the District. The parties were able to agree upon language for inclusion into a draft agreement pursuant to Texas Tax Code §313.027. As required by the Comptroller's Office, the parties changed only the provisions of the template that the Comptroller permitted (2016 Form 50-826). The proposed Agreement is attached to these Findings as Attachment H, and that form of the Agreement (as defined by 34. Tex. Admin. Code §9.1015) was submitted to and approved by the Comptroller, as required by 34 Tex. Admin. Code §9.1015(e)(1). See copy of December 1, 2016, Agreement Review Letter from the Comptroller, attached to these Findings as Attachment I.

After review of the Comptroller's Certificate Decision and Economic Impact Analysis, and in consideration of its own analysis of Fiber Winds Holding's Application and all other related documentation attached hereto, the Board makes the following additional Findings as follows:

#### **Board Finding Number 1.**

Based on the Applicant's statement in Tab 4 of the Application that the proposed project consists of 30-40 wind turbines which will be capable of generating up to 80 MW of electricity, and based on the Comptroller's Certificate Decision that the eligibility category for the project is "Renewable Energy Electric Generation - Wind," the Property meets the requirements for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Texas Tax Code §313.024(b)(5).

In support of Finding Number 1, the Comptroller's Certificate Decision states:

#### **Determination required by 313.025(h)**

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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.

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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.

See Attachment C. See also Application (Tab 4), attached hereto as Attachment A; and Attachment D.

#### **Board Finding Number 2.**

The project proposed by Applicant is reasonably likely to generate sufficient tax revenue to offset the District's maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the Agreement before the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period.

In support of Finding Number 2, the Certificate Decision states:

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 C.

Also in support of Finding Number 2, the Comptroller's Economic Impact Analysis states:

#### Attachment B - Tax Revenue over 25 Years

This [table] represents the Comptroller's determination that Fiber Winds Holding, 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	2015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Years	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ric-icars	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2018	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$862,764	\$862,764
	2019	\$205,420	\$410,840	\$809,355	\$1,672,119
	2020	\$205,420	\$616,260	\$755,946	\$2,428,064
	2021	\$205,420	\$821,680	\$702,536	\$3,130,601
Limitation Period	2022	\$205,420	\$1,027,100	\$649,127	\$3,779,728
(10 Years)	2023	\$205,420	\$1,232,520	\$595,718	\$4,375,446
(IO Teals)	2024	\$205,420	\$1,437,940	\$542,309	\$4,917,755
	2025	\$205,420	\$1,643,360	\$488,900	\$5,406,654
	2026	\$205,420	\$1,848,780	\$435,490	\$5,842,145
	2027	\$205,420	\$2,054,200	\$382,081	\$6,224,226
	2028	\$534,092	\$2,588,292	\$0	\$6,224,226
Maintain Viable	2029	\$480,683	\$3,068,975	\$0	\$6,224,226
Presence	2030	\$427,274	\$3,496,248	\$0	\$6,224,226
(5 Years)	2031	\$373,864	\$3,870,113	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2032	\$320,455	\$4,190,568	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2033	\$267,046	\$4,457,614	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2034	\$213,637	\$4,671,251	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2035	\$213,637	\$4,884,888	\$0	\$6,224,226
Additional Years	2036	\$213,637	\$5,098,524	\$0	\$6,224,226
as Required by	2037	\$213,637	\$5,312,161	\$0	\$6,224,226
313.026(c)(1)	2038	\$213,637	\$5,525,798	\$0	\$6,224,226
(10 Years)	2039	\$213,637	\$5,739,435	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2040	\$213,637	\$5,953,072	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2041	\$213,637	\$6,166,708	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2042	\$213,637	\$6,380,345	\$0	\$6,224,226
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		\$6,380,345	is greater than	\$6,224,226	
			in an amount sufficient to	offset the M&O levy loss	Yes

**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.

See Attachment D.

#### **Board Finding Number 3.**

The new qualifying jobs creation requirement under § 313.051(b) exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the Applicant's facility described in the Application, and Applicant qualifies for a waiver of the new jobs requirement pursuant to § 313.025(f-1).

In support of this Finding, Applicant submitted information as Tab 12 to its Application regarding the industry standard for the number of jobs for a project with qualified property of this size and type. The revised Tab 12 provides that for a project of the size and type described in the Application, the project will require less than ten (10) permanent jobs. Applicant reports the industry standard for employment is typically one full-time employee for approximately every 15 - 20 turbines. This number may vary depending on the operations and maintenance requirements of the turbines selected as well as the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the project. In addition to the onsite employees, there may be managers or technicians who support the project from offsite locations. Applicant further reports it will create 3 full time jobs for 30-40 wind turbines (anticipated 80 MW capacity project), which is consistent with industry standards. A copy of Tab 12 submitted with the Application is attached hereto as Attachment J.

See also Attachments A (Tab 4), and D.

#### **Board Finding Number 4.**

The Applicant will create three (3) new qualifying jobs, which Applicant affirms will meet all of the requirements set out in Texas Tax Code §313.021(3), including: (1) at least 1,600 hours of work per year; (2) provision of group health benefit plan with at least 80% of the premium paid by Applicant; (3) an annual wage of \$46,900 (\$902 per week), an amount equal to at least 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the Region designated by the designated Regional Planning Commission (the South Plains Association of Governments); (4) are not created to replace a previous employee; and (5) are not transferred from another area of Texas to the project described the Application.

See Attachments A, D and J.

#### **Board Finding Number 5.**

The Applicant does not intend to create any non-qualifying jobs.

In its application, Applicant indicates that it does not intend to create any non-qualifying jobs. But, for any non-qualifying job which the Applicant may create, the Applicant will be required to pay

at least \$686 per week, the county average wage for all jobs in the County, in accordance with the provisions of Texas Tax Code §313.024(d). See Attachments A and D.

#### **Board Finding Number 6.**

The ability of the Applicant to locate the proposed wind powered electric generating facility in another state or another region of this state is significant because of the highly competitive marketplace for electricity and economic development. Therefore, the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas and Lorenzo ISD.

#### See Attachment C.

In support of Finding Number 6, the Comptroller's Certificate states, "[t]he Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construction the project in this state." *See* Attachment C. The Economic Impact Analysis states:

The Comptroller is has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Fiber Winds Holding, 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 in Tab 5 of the application:

- a) Fiber Winds Holding, LLC and its associate parties have entered into representative agreements and contract for the development of a project phase with in Lorenzo ISD. These include; Grant of leases and easement covering approximately 11,000 acres with 28 landowners, bat study, threatened and endangered species studies, jurisdictional wetland study, contract with V-Bar data storage and verification, FCC & RF studies, D&O Insurance policy and public liability insurance, bird and bat conservation strategy and phase one environmental site assessment among others.
- b) These contracts and initial investments are preliminary in nature as Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has determined that a value limitation agreement with Lorenzo ISD is an essential economic driver to allow for the return on investment necessary to finance and construct the wind energy project.
- c) Tri Global energy's team has extensive experience in markets across the country. The management team evaluates all potential projects for feasibility, finance-ability and the economic returns they represent in comparison to other project opportunities across the country.
- d) Fiber Winds project is currently in the assessment stage to determine whether the identified site in Lorenzo ISD represents the best location

- or whether redeployment of its development resources and capital to other markets in the United State is more advisable.
- e) A 313 limitation of appraised value agreement is a key tax incentive agreement necessary to ensure the project is on a level playing field with other wind projects with similar incentives and with alternative forms of generation that receive their own forms of economic support.
- f) Without the requested limitation, the project will be unable to generate sufficient operating margins and net income to produce economically competitive energy and associated returns necessary to attract tax and sponsor equity investment.

See Attachment D.

#### **Board Finding Number 7.**

The proposed limitation on appraised value for the qualified property is \$20,000,000.

The Comptroller's Minimum School District Limitation Values Report, updated in October 2015, using School and Appraisal District Property Value Study 2015 Final Findings, provides that the District is a Subchapter C, Category 3 District, with a minimum limitation of \$20,000,000. *See* Attachments A and D.

#### **Board Finding Number 8.**

The revenue gains that will be realized by the school district if the Application is approved will be significant in the long term, with special reference to revenues used for supporting school district debt.

In support of this Finding, McDowell & Brown, LLC estimate in the District's Financial Impact Report, based on Fiber Winds Holding's Application, that the project would add \$104,000,000 to the tax base at the peak investment level for tax year 2018. This additional value is fully taxable for debt service taxes and can be used to meet any current or future debt needs. *See* Table I of Attachment E. *See also* Schedule B of Attachment A, and Table 4 of Attachment D. In addition, the potential revenue gains from Supplemental Payments as provided for in the proposed Agreement are estimated to be \$700,000. *See* Attachment H at Section 6.2.A and Table VI of Attachment E.

#### **Board Finding Number 9.**

The effect of the Applicant's proposal, if approved, is not expected to increase the District's instructional facility needs. Lorenzo ISD can easily accommodate the projected student growth anticipated from Applicant's project with its existing

facilities. However, possible increases in and/or changes to class size and personnel could cause the District to incur extraordinary education related expenses.

In support of this finding, the District's Financial Impact Report states:

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC provided supplemental information with their application that projected the number of full-time employees that are expected for permanent employment after construction of the project is completed. They projected that three full-time employees are expected. It is not known whether these would be new employees to the Lorenzo ISD, or if current residents would occupy these positions; however, it is assumed that these employees would be new residents to the district.

Based on average statewide figures provided by a demographer, it is projected that each new household would produce .5 students. Thus, the new three positions equates to 2 new students.

This minimal projected student growth can easily be accommodated with the current facilities of Lorenzo ISD.

See Table VII of Attachment E. See also TEA's Facilities Impact Review Letter at Attachment F.

#### **Board Finding Number 10.**

The projected dollar amount of the maintenance and operations taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property for each year of the Agreement if the property does not receive a limitation on appraised value, based on the further depreciations of investment provided by Applicant, is shown in Table II of Attachment E (column labeled "Taxes w/o Agreement"), and is further based on the assumption that the projected total maintenance and operations tax rate and interest & sinking fund tax rate per \$100 in valuation in each year of the Agreement will be as indicated in Table II.

[see table on next page]

**TABLE II- Computation of Net Tax Savings:** 

Fiscal Year	Projected	Projected	Taxes w/o Agreement	Tax Savings with	Payment of District's	Net Tax Savings
	M&O Tax	I&S Tax		Agreement	Revenue	
	Rate	Rate			Losses	
2016-2017	1.0271	0.000	0	0	0	0
2017-2018	1.0271	0.000		0	0	0
2018-2019	1.0171	0.000	1,057,784	854,364	(835,983)	18,381
2019-2020	1.0271	0.000	1,014,775	809,355	0	809,355
2020-2021	1.0271	0.000	961,366	755,946	0	755,946
2021-2022	1.0271	0.000	907,956	702,536	0	702,536
2022-2023	1.0271	0.000	854,547	649,127	0	649,127
2023-2024	1.0271	0.000	801,138	595,718	0	595,718
2024-2025	1.0271	0.000	747,729	542,309	0	542,309
2025-2026	1.0271	0.000	694,320	488,900	0	488,900
2026-2027	1.0271	0.000	640,910	435,490	0	435,490
2027-2028	1.0271	0.000	587,501	382,081	0	382,081
2028-2029	1.0071	0.000	523,692	0	0	0
2029-2030	1.0271	0.000	480,683	0	0	0
2030-2031	1.0271	0.000	427,274	0	0	0
2031-2032	1.0271	0.000	373,864	0	0	0
2032-2033	1.0271	0.000	320,455	0	0	0
Totals			10,393,994	6,215,826	(835,983)	5,379,843

See also Table 3 of Attachment D.

#### **Board Finding Number 11.**

The projected dollar amount of the maintenance and operations taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property, for each year of the Agreement, if the property does receive a limitation on appraised value with the projected depreciations of investment, is discernible from Table II of Attachment E (subtracting the amounts in the column labeled "Tax Savings with Agreement" from the column labeled "Taxes w/o Agreement"), and is based on the assumption that the projected total maintenance and operations tax rate and interest and sinking fund tax rate per \$100 in valuation in each year of the Agreement will be as indicated in Table II.

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2029-2030	1.0271	0.000	480,683	0	0	0
2030-2031	1.0271	0.000	427,274	0	0	0
2031-2032	1.0271	0.000	373,864	0	0	0
2032-2033	1.0271	0.000	320,455	0	0	0
Totals			10,393,994	6,215,826	(835,983)	5,379,843

See also Table 4 of Attachment D.

#### **Board Finding Number 12.**

Based upon the Applicant's certification that the Application is true and correct, the Comptroller's Economic Impact Analysis, the Comptroller's Certificate Decision, and the consultants' review of these and other documents, the Board has determined that the information provided by the Applicant in its Application was true and correct when it was submitted.

Upon acceptance of the Application, the District requested the Comptroller to undertake an economic impact evaluation and retained certain consultants to help the Board determine: (1) that Applicant's information contained in the Application as to existing facts is true and correct; (2) that Applicant's information contained in the Application with respect to projections of future events are commercially reasonable and within the ability of Applicant to execute; (3) that information related to job creation is commercially reasonable and within the ability of Applicant to execute; (4) that Applicant's representations concerning the economic incentives available are a determining factor; and, (5) the proposed project meets eligibility requirements for an Agreement under Tax Code Chapter 313.

As a part of its review process, the Board notes that the Application was submitted by Applicant under oath. Chapter 313 applications are governmental records under Tex. Penal Code §37.01(2)(A), and all representations contained therein are statements of fact within the meaning of Tex. Penal Code §37.01(3). Since Board action upon the adoption of these Findings and the approval of the Agreement

(Attachment H) is an "official proceeding," a false statement in the Application would constitute perjury under Tex. Penal Code §37.03.

The Board finds that sworn statements are routinely relied upon by fact finders in official governmental proceedings. The Board further finds that reliance upon verified statements of the Applicant, especially as to Applicant's future intentions which cannot be objectively verified, is reasonable and within the intent of Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code. See Attachments A, B, C and D.

#### **Board Finding Number 13.**

The Applicant (Taxpayer ID. 32060819474) is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of qualified property as specified in the Agreement based on its "good standing" certification as a franchise-tax paying entity.

See Attachments A, B and C.

#### **Board Finding Number 14.**

The project will be located within an area that is currently designated as a reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Should it be required, the District will cooperate with the Applicant's efforts to ensure that the area remains designated as a reinvestment zone through the Final Termination Date of the Agreement.

See Attachment A (Tab 11) and Attachment K.

#### **Board Finding Number 15.**

The Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, attached hereto as Attachment H, includes adequate and appropriate revenue protection provisions for the District.

In support of this Finding and based on the information provided and verified by Applicant in its Application, the District's Financial Impact Analysis demonstrates that the District will incur a revenue loss during tax year 2018. However, the negative consequences of granting the value limitation are offset through the revenue protection provisions agreed to by the Applicant and the District as set out in the Agreement. *See* Table II in Attachment E, and proposed Agreement, Article IV, at Attachment H.

#### **Board Finding Number 16.**

Considering the purpose and effect of the law and the terms of the Agreement, it is in the best interest of the District and the State to approve Fiber Winds Holding's Application and enter into the attached Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

#### **Board Finding Number 17.**

The Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, attached hereto as Attachment H, is in the form of the template Texas Economic Development Act Agreement adopted by the Comptroller, as of January 24, 2016, and the Comptroller has verified that the Agreement complies with the provisions of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and 34. TA.C. Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

See Attachment I.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that all of the Findings above, including the recitals and statements set out in the Preamble herein, are adopted and approved as the Findings of the Lorenzo Independent School District Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees has made the above factual Findings in accordance with the Texas Tax Code § 313.025(e) and Texas Administrative Code 34, Chapter 9, subchapter F; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Application attached hereto as Attachment A is hereby APPROVED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the new jobs requirement pursuant to § 313.051(b) is hereby WAIVED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Agreement attached hereto as Attachment H is APPROVED contemporaneously with these Findings and is hereby authorized to be executed and delivered by the Trustees whose signatures appear below on behalf of the Lorenzo Independent School District, along with a copy of the these Findings, which shall be binding upon the parties upon receipt of an executed original of the Agreement from Applicant; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these Findings and the Attachments referenced herein be made a part of the official minutes of this meeting, and maintained in the permanent records of the Lorenzo Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2016.

Lorenzo Independent School District

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Printed Name and Title

Attest:

By Kub Ba

Signature

Printed Name and Title

#### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment	Description
A	Application and Comptroller's Completeness Letter
В	Franchise Tax Certificate of Account Status
C	Comptroller's Certificate Letter
D	Comptroller Economic Impact Analysis
E	District's Financial Impact Analysis
F	TEA's Facilities Impact Letter
G	Comptroller's 2015 Property Value Study Report
Н	Proposed Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes
I	Comptroller's December 1, 2016 Agreement Review Letter
J	Job Waiver Request
K	Reinvestment Zone Resolution



#### GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

July 26, 2015

Oran Hamilton Superintendent Lorenzo Independent School District 1003 Polk Avenue Lorenzo, Texas 79343

Dear Superintendent Hamilton:

On June 28, 2016, the Comptroller's office received from Lorenzo Independent School District (Lorenzo ISD) an application from Fiber Winds Holding, LLC for a limitation on appraised value (App #1142).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Comptroller's office has reviewed the submitted application and determined that it includes the information necessary to be determined as complete on July 26, 2016.

Texas Tax Code §313.025(d) directs the Comptroller's office to issue a certificate for a limitation on the appraised value of the property, or provide the governing body of the school district with a written explanation of the comptroller's decision to not issue a certificate no later than the 90th day after receiving the completed application. The requirements to determine eligibility and to issue a certificate for a limitation do not begin until an application is complete as determined by this agency. The Comptroller's office will move forward with our economic impact evaluation and will send a letter of determination to the ISD and the applicant.

This letter does not constitute a review of the application under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the project meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value. Likewise, this letter does not address the determinations required under Section 313.026(c).

Should you have any questions, please contact Annet Nalukwago with our office. She can be reached by email at annet.nalukwago@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at 1-800-53l-544l, ext. 5-5656, or direct in Austin at 512-475-5656.

Sincerely,

Will Counihan Director

Data Analysis & Transparency Division

cc: Audie Sciumbato, Underwood Law Firm

Thomas Carbone, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

Stephen Johns, Tri Global Energy, LLC

# Fiber Winds Holding, LLC 313 Application

Lorenzo ISD

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016



# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

Economic Development and Analysis

Form 50-296-A

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application must be completed and filed with the school district. In order for an application to be processed, the governing body (school board) must elect to consider an application, but — by Comptroller rule — the school board may elect to consider the application only after the school district has received a completed application. Texas Tax Code, Section 313.025 requires that any completed application and any supplemental materials received by the school district must be forwarded within seven days to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

If the school board elects to consider the application, the school district must:

- notify the Comptroller that the school board has elected to consider the application. This notice must include:
  - the date on which the school district received the application;
  - the date the school district determined that the application was complete;
  - the date the school board decided to consider the application; and
  - a request that the Comptroller prepare an economic impact analysis of the application;
- provide a copy of the notice to the appraisal district;
- must complete the sections of the application reserved for the school district and provide information required in the Comptroller rules located at 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 9.1054; and
- forward the original hard copy of the completed application to the Comptroller in a three-ring binder with tabs, as indicated on page 9 of this application, separating each section of the documents, in addition to an electronic copy on CD. See 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

The governing body may, at its discretion, allow the applicant to supplement or amend the application after the filing date, subject to the restrictions in 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

When the Comptroller receives the notice and required information from the school district, the Comptroller will publish all submitted application materials on its website. The Comptroller is authorized to treat some application information as confidential and withhold it from publication on the Internet. To do so, however, the information must be segregated and comply with the other requirements set out in the Comptroller rules. For more information, see guidelines on Comptroller's website.

The Comptroller will independently determine whether the application has been completed according to the Comptroller's rules (34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F). If the Comptroller finds the application is not complete, the Comptroller will request additional materials from the school district. Pursuant to 9.1053(a)(1)(C), requested information shall be provided within 20 days of the date of the request. When the Comptroller determines that the application is complete, it will send the school district a notice indicating so. The Comptroller will determine the eligibility of the project, issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value to the school board regarding the application and prepare an economic impact evaluation by the 90th day after the Comptroller receives a complete application—as determined by the Comptroller.

The school board must approve or disapprove the application not later than the 150th day after the application review start date (the date the application is finally determined to be complete), unless an extension is granted. The Comptroller and school district are authorized to request additional information from the applicant that is reasonably necessary to issue a certificate, complete the economic impact evaluation or consider the application at any time during the application review period.

Please visit the Comptroller's website to find out more about the program at www.texasahead.org/tax\_programs/chapter313/. There are links to the Chapter 313 statute, rules, guidelines and forms. Information about minimum limitation values for particular districts and wage standards may also be found at that site.

SECTION 1: School District Information		
Authorized School District Representative		
06/20/2016		
Date Application Received by District		
Oran	Hamilton	
First Name	Last Name	
Superintendent		
Title		
Lorenzo ISD		
School District Name		
1003 Polk Ave		
Street Address		
Same		
Mailing Address		
Lorenzo	Texas	79343
City	State	ZIP
806-634-5592		
Phone Number	Fax Number	
Mobile Number (optional)	Email Address	
2. Does the district authorize the consultant to provide and obtain	information related to this application?	Yes No



SECTION 1: School District Information (continued)		
3. Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)		
Audie	Sciumbato	
First Name Attorney	Last Name	
Title Underwood Law Firm, P.C.		
Firm Name		
806-379-0326	806-379-0316	
Phone Number	Fax Number	
Mahila Number (antional)	Audie.Sciumbato@UWLAW.com  Email Address	
Mobile Number (optional)		June 27, 2016
4. On what date did the district determine this application complete?		- Cuite 21, 2010
5. Has the district determined that the electronic copy and hard copy are ide	ntical?	Yes No
SECTION 2: Applicant Information		
1. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant)		
Thomas	Carbone	
First Name	Last Name	
President	Fiber Winds Holding, LLC	
Title	Organization	
17300 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 2020		
Street Address		
Same		
Mailing Address		
Dallas	Texas	75248
City	State	ZIP
972-290-0825	<del> </del>	
Phone Number	Fax Number	
Mobile Number (optional)	Tcarbone@triglobalenergy.com  Business Email Address	
Will a company official other than the authorized company representative linformation requests?      a. If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.	be responsible for responding to future	Yes No
Stephen	Johns	
First Name	Last Name	
Chief Legal Counsel	Tri Global Energy, LLC	
Title	Organization	
17300 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 2020	-	
Street Address		
Same		
Mailing Address		
Dallas	Texas	75248
City	State	ZIP
972-290-0825		
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	Sjohns@triglobalenergy.com	
Mobile Number (optional)	Business Email Address	
3. Does the applicant authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information	tion related to this application?	Yes 🗸 No



S	SECTION 2: Applicant Information (continued)		
4.	Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable)		
Firs	st Name	Last Name	
Titl	le		
Fir	m Name		
Ph	one Number	Fax Number	
Bu	siness Email Address		
S	SECTION 3: Fees and Payments		
1.	Has an application fee been paid to the school district?		✓ Yes No
	The total fee shall be paid at time of the application is submitted to the sidered supplemental payments.	chool district. Any fees not accompanying the original ap	oplication shall be con-
	1a. If yes, attach in Tab 2 proof of application fee paid to the school of	district.	
tric	or the purpose of questions 2 and 3, "payments to the school district" included or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of the transfer of the agreement for limitation on appraised value.		
2.	Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to ragreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code §		✓ No N/A
3.	If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula o amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the sc compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)?	hool district" that are not in	No ✓ N/A
S	SECTION 4: Business Applicant Information		
1.	What is the legal name of the applicant under which this application is m	rade? Fiber Winds Holding, L	LC
	•		32060819474
2.	List the Texas Taxpayer I.D. number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapte	er 1/1 (// digits)	
3.	List the NAICS code		221115
4.	Is the applicant a party to any other pending or active Chapter 313 agree		Yes 🗸 No
	4a. If yes, please list application number, name of school district and	year of agreement	
	N/A		
S	SECTION 5: Applicant Business Structure		
1.	Identify Business Organization of Applicant (corporation, limited liability of	corporation, etc) Limited Liability Corp	ooration
2.	Is applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined  2a. If yes, attach in <b>Tab 3</b> a copy of Texas Comptroller Franchise Tax from the Franchise Tax Division to demonstrate the applicant's co	Form No. 05-165, No. 05-166, or any other documentati	Yes Von
3.	Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas?		✓ Yes No
4.	Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax paym	nents due to the State of Texas? Yes	No ✓ N/A
5.	If the answer to question 3 or 4 is no, please explain and/or disclose any any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (If I		
	N/A		



5		DN 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024				
1.	Are yo	ou an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?	<b>/</b>	Yes	N	No
2.	The p	roperty will be used for one of the following activities:			_	
	(1)	manufacturing		Yes	1	Vo
	(2)	research and development		Yes	<b>√</b>	Vo
	(3)	a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code		Yes	<b>√</b> 1	Vo
	(4)	an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code		Yes	<b>√</b> 1	Vo
	(5)	renewable energy electric generation	<b>√</b>	Yes		Vo
	(6)	electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology		Yes	<b>√</b> N	Vo
	(7)	nuclear electric power generation		Yes	<b>√</b> N	Vo
	(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
	(0)		Н			
0	(9)	a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051		Yes		No
3.		bu requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?	Н	Yes		No
4.		ny of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?	Н	Yes		No
5.		ny of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?	Н	Yes		Vo
6.	-	ou including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?		Yes	1	Vo
7.		ny property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of jualified investment?		Yes	<b>1</b>	Vo
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For more information, visit our website: www.TexasAhead.org/tax\_programs/chapter313/

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.



S	SECTION 9: Projected Timeline	
1	Application approval by school board	October 2016
		February 2017
	Commencement of construction	January 2017
3.	Beginning of qualifying time period	
4.	First year of limitation	2018
5.	Begin hiring new employees	April 2017
6.	Commencement of commercial operations	December 2017
7.	Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)?	Yes No
	Note: Improvements made before that time may not be considered qualified property.	
8.	When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service?	December 2017
S	SECTION 10: The Property	
1.	Identify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Crosby County 1	00%
2.	Identify Central Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Crosby	County CAD
3.	Will this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property?	Yes 🗸 No
4.	List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property, the portion of project within each entity and tax rates for each	ch entity:
	County: Crosby County,.5035, 100% City: None	-
		nd percent of project)
	riospital district.	ind WCD,.008026, 100%
		nd percent of project)
	Other (describe): Other (describe):	None and percent of project)
5	Is the project located entirely within the ISD listed in Section 1?	
J.	5a. If no, attach in <b>Tab 6</b> additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.	·····
6.	Did you receive a determination from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office that this proposed project and	at least
	one other project seeking a limitation agreement constitute a single unified project (SUP), as allowed in §313.024(d-2)?	Yes 🗸 No
	6a. If yes, attach in <b>Tab 6</b> supporting documentation from the Office of the Governor.	
	SECTION 11: Investment	
tio	<b>OTE:</b> The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum as nearly depending on whether the school district is classified as Subchapter B or Subchapter C, and the taxable value of strict. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's website at <b>www.texasahead</b> .	the property within the school
1.	At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district?	10000000
2.	What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying?	20000000
	<b>Note:</b> The property value limitation amount is based on property values available at the time of application and may change prior to the execution of any final agreement.	
3.	Does the qualified investment meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)?	Yes No
4.	Attach a description of the qualified investment [See §313.021(1).] The description must include:  a. a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021 ( <b>Tab 7</b> );	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	<ul> <li>a description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to includ fied investment (Tab 7); and</li> <li>a detailed map of the qualified investment showing location of tangible personal property to be placed in service</li> </ul>	
5	and buildings to be constructed during the qualifying time period, with vicinity map ( <b>Tab 11</b> ).  Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or §313.053 for	
Э.	Subchapter C school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period?	Yes No



S	ECTION	l 12: Qualified Property		
1.		detailed description of the qualified property. [See §313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exact below.) The description must include:	ctly, you may s	skip items
		specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as 313.021 ( <b>Tab 8</b> );	defined by Tax	Code
		description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part erty ( <b>Tab 8</b> ); and	of your qualifi	ied prop-
	1c. a	map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map (Tab 11).		
2.		nd upon which the new buildings or new improvements will be built part of the qualified property described by 1(2)(A)?	Yes	<b>√</b> No
	2a. I	f yes, attach complete documentation including:  a. legal description of the land ( <b>Tab 9</b> );		
		<ul> <li>b. each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the new improvements will be constructed, regardless of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property (<b>Tab 9</b>);</li> <li>c. owner (<b>Tab 9</b>);</li> </ul>	of whether or n	not all of
		<ul> <li>d. the current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel (Tab 9); and</li> <li>e. a detailed map showing the location of the land with vicinity map (Tab 11).</li> </ul>		
3.		nd on which you propose new construction or new improvements currently located in an area designated as a ment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303?	Yes	<b>√</b> No
	3a.	If yes, attach the applicable supporting documentation:		
		a. evidence that the area qualifies as a enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's Office (Tab 16);		
		b. legal description of reinvestment zone ( <b>Tab 16</b> );		
		c. order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone ( <b>Tab 16</b> );		
		d. guidelines and criteria for creating the zone ( <b>Tab 16</b> ); and		
		e. a map of the reinvestment zone or enterprise zone boundaries with vicinity map (Tab 11)		
	ti c	f no, submit detailed description of proposed reinvestment zone or enterprise zone with a map indicating the boundaries of the zone on which you propose new construction or new improvements to the Comptroller's office within 30 days of the application date. What is the anticipated date on which you will submit final proof of a reinvestment zone or enterprise zone?	July 2016	
S	ECTION	I 13: Information on Property Not Eligible to Become Qualified Property		
1.	review s	<b>0</b> , attach a specific and detailed description of all <b>existing property</b> . This includes buildings and improvements existing tart date (the date the application is determined to be complete by the Comptroller). The description must provide sufficiently on the land that will be subject to the agreement and distinguish existing property from future proposed property.	ent detail to loc	

- 2. In Tab 10, attach a specific and detailed description of all proposed new property that will not become new improvements as defined by TAC 9.1051. This includes proposed property that: functionally replaces existing or demolished/removed property; is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property; or is affixed to existing property; or is otherwise ineligible to become qualified property. The description must provide sufficient detail to distinguish existing property (question 1) and all proposed new property that cannot become qualified property from proposed qualified property that will be subject to the agreement (as described in Section 12 of this application).
- 3. For the property not eligible to become qualified property listed in response to questions 1 and 2 of this section, provide the following supporting information in **Tab 10**:
  - a. maps and/or detailed site plan;
  - b. surveys;
  - appraisal district values and parcel numbers; C.
  - d. inventory lists;
  - existing and proposed property lists; e.
  - model and serial numbers of existing property; or f.
  - other information of sufficient detail and description.

	within 15 days of the date the application is received by the school district.	
6.	Total estimated market value of proposed property not eligible to become qualified property	00007
	(that property described in response to question 2):	28337

Total estimated market value of existing property (that property described in response to question 1): . . . . . . . . . . \$

In Tab 10, include an appraisal value by the CAD of all the buildings and improvements existing as of a date

28337

Note: Investment for the property listed in question 2 may count towards qualified investment in Column C of Schedules A-1 and A-2, if it meets the requirements of 313.021(1). Such property cannot become qualified property on Schedule B.

Amendment No. 02-10/05/2016

#### Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property



S	SECTION 14: Wage and Employment Information		
1.	What is the estimated number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year), with the applicant or a contractor of the applicant, on the proposed qualified property during the last complete quarter before the application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)?	0	
2.	What is the last complete calendar quarter before application review start date:		
	First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter of 2016 (year)		
3.	What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)?	0	
	Note: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051 and Tax Code §313.021(3).		
4.	What is the number of new qualifying jobs you are committing to create?	3	
5.	What is the number of new non-qualifying jobs you are estimating you will create?	0	
6.	Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum new qualifying job creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)?	✓ Yes	No
	6a. If yes, attach evidence in <b>Tab 12</b> documenting that the new qualifying job creation requirement above exceeds the number sary for the operation, according to industry standards.	er of employees ned	ces-
7.	Attach in <b>Tab 13</b> the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation below, including documentation from the TWC statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimation from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of See TAC §9.1051(21) and (22).	te — will be based	on
	a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is	697.00	
	b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is	900.00	
	c. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is	771.00	
8.	Which Tax Code section are you using to estimate the qualifying job wage standard required for this project? \$313.021(5)(A)	or 🕜 §313.021(5	5)(B)
9.	What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property?	46,800.00	
10	. What is the annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the new qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property?	46,900.00	
11.	. Will the qualifying jobs meet all minimum requirements set out in Tax Code §313.021(3)?	✓ Yes	No
12	Do you intend to satisfy the minimum qualifying job requirement through a determination of cumulative economic benefits to the state as provided by §313.021(3)(F)?	Yes 🗸	No
	12a. If yes, attach in Tab 12 supporting documentation from the TWC, pursuant to §313.021(3)(F).		
13	Do you intend to rely on the project being part of a single unified project, as allowed in §313.024(d-2), in meeting the qualifying job requirements?	Yes 🗸	No
	13a. If yes, attach in Tab 6 supporting documentation including a list of qualifying jobs in the other school district(s).		

#### **SECTION 15: Economic Impact**

- 1. Complete and attach Schedules A1, A2, B, C, and D in **Tab 14**. Note: Excel spreadsheet versions of schedules are available for download and printing at URL listed below.
- 2. Attach an Economic Impact Analysis, if supplied by other than the Comptroller's Office, in Tab 15. (not required)
- 3. If there are any other payments made in the state or economic information that you believe should be included in the economic analysis, attach a separate schedule showing the amount for each year affected, including an explanation, in **Tab 15**.



	APPLICATION TAB ORDER FOR REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS		
TAB	ATTACHMENT		
1	Pages 1 through 11 of Application		
2	Proof of Payment of Application Fee		
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4	Detailed description of the project		
5	Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor		
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12	Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement and supporting information (if applicable)		
13	Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation		
14	Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D completed and signed Economic Impact (if applicable)		
15	Economic Impact Analysis, other payments made in the state or other economic information (if applicable)		
16	Description of Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone, including:  a) evidence that the area qualifies as a enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's Office  b) legal description of reinvestment zone*  c) order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone*  d) guidelines and criteria for creating the zone*  * To be submitted with application or before date of final application approval by school board		
17	Signature and Certification page, signed and dated by Authorized School District Representative and Authorized Company Representative (applicant)		

## Tab 2

# **Proof of Payment of Application Fee**

Proof of payment attached.

Proof of payment of filing fee received by the Comptroller of Public Accounts per TAC Rule §9.1054 (b)(5)

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#### Attachment 3

Documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7), history of tax default, delinquencies and/or material litigation (if applicable).

Not Applicable

#### Attachment 4

#### Detailed description of the project.

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.

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC ("Fiber Winds") is a special purpose entity formed to facilitate the development and commercialization of a utility-scale wind energy project and is a subsidiary of Tri Global Energy, LLC ("Tri Global"). Tri Global Energy, the developer of Fiber Winds, is in the business of initiating, developing, constructing and operating plants generating electricity from renewable and traditional energy projects.

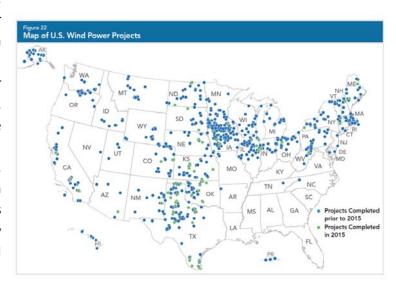
Fiber Winds Holding, LLC is requesting an appraised value limitation from Lorenzo ISD for a proposed wind energy project using wind turbines, operational structures, and a transmission line located in Crosby County. The wind farm and its associated infrastructure will be constructed within a Reinvestment Zone established by Crosby County, Texas. A map showing the location of the wind farm is included as Attachment 11a. The wind farm will have an estimated capacity of 80 megawatts ("MW"). To construct the wind farm, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC will install between 30 and 40 wind turbines all within Lorenzo ISD that will have a rated capacity of 2.0 to 2.6 MW. In addition to the wind turbines, roads will be constructed and improved as necessary along with transmission lines. A collection substation will be installed to permit the interconnection and transmission of electricity generated by the wind turbines and an operations and maintenance building will be erected.

Construction of the wind farm is proposed to begin in February of 2017 and is expected to take approximately 10 months to complete, with an estimated commercial operations date by December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, contingent upon favorable economics for the project.

While the wind regime for Fiber Winds Holding, LLC is very good, there are currently many favorable locations for wind projects that could be developed across the US. Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has modeled its economics with an expectation that it will have a Limitation of Appraised Value Agreement with Lorenzo ISD. Project investors are looking for wind projects across the US and can locate projects in a wide variety of locations should Fiber Winds Holding, LLC be unable to develop a competitive project in Texas that is able to generate returns sufficient to attract investment capital.

Wind farms are operating and under development in many states throughout the country. According to the American Wind Energy Association ("AWEA") there are now 73,992 MW of installed wind capacity in the United States and over 48,500 wind turbines. At the beginning of 2016 there has been more U.S.

power wind MW's under construction than ever in history with more than 9,400 MW's currently under construction. When completed, these projects will generate enough electricity annually to power millions of households. A graphic provided by AWEA in its market report demonstrates the national geographic diversity of successfully completed projects.



Clearly wind projects are abundant and the Applicant can locate the Project in a wide variety of locations across the United States should it be unable to develop a competitive project in Texas that is able to generate returns sufficient to attract investment capital.

Tri Global team member accomplishments include leadership roles in the development, construction, and operations of approximately 3,100 MWs, or approximately 5%, of the U.S.' installed wind energy capacity and over 2,500 MWs of fossil generation, as well as securing over \$2 billion in corporate and project finance. Tri Global's President, Tom Carbone, is the former North American president of Vestas, one of the world's leading turbine manufacturers. He led the company's sales, project installation, and service business areas, tripling their annual order-intake from \$300 million to over \$1 billion. Tri Global's management team is uniquely qualified to develop and construct wind and other energy projects throughout the United States.

As such, the development resources necessary to advance the subject planned 80MW Fiber Winds could be redeployed to other renewable energy development projects in other power markets in the United States. Fiber Winds Holding, LLC, however, was formed for the express purpose of developing a community sponsored wind farm that would help bring economic development to the area. Tri Global identified Texas, and in particular Lorenzo ISD, for its strong wind resource, access to available transmission capacity within the SPP market, and favorable property tax incentives under the Tax Code for Chapter 312 tax abatement and Chapter 313 Appraised Value Limitation.

Tri Global prefers to develop and build the proposed Fiber Winds as described throughout this Application. This Project is still in the early stages of development. As of June 15th, 2016, Fiber Winds Holding LLC'S physical assets are valued at less than \$30,000. Most of this capital is comprised of non-qualified property, specifically one (1) temporary meteorological tower erected on the project site.

Should the appraised value limitation be granted, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has created a development and investment plan that it is capitalized to implement. Without such a limitation the Project, competing against other Texas projects that have qualified, would likely be forced to redeploy its assets and capital to other counties and states competing for similar wind projects.

#### Attachment 5

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

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.

Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC was formed in 2014.

Since its formation Fiber Winds Holding, LLC and its associate parties have entered into the following representative agreements and contracts for the development of a project phase within Lorenzo ISD and intend to assign these assets to Fiber Winds Holding, LLC:

- Grants of leases and easements covering approximately 11,000 acres with 28 landowners.
- Avian Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Bat Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Threatened & Endangered Species Studies and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Jurisdictional Wetland Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Wind Data Measurement contract with Wireless Innovations for data transmission for 1 Met Tower
- Contract with V-Bar for data storage and verification of wind data
- FCC & RF Studies and contract with Evans Engineering
- D&O Insurance Policy & Public Liability insurance contract with MHBT Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC
- Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS) and contract with Westwood Professional Services
- Phase One Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and contract with Westwood Professional Services

# Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?

The business activities these agreements and contracts listed above will determine with greater certainty and granularity the feasibility of completing development of an economic renewable energy project within the Lorenzo ISD.

These contracts and initial investments are preliminary in nature as Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has determined that a value limitation agreement with Lorenzo ISD is an essential economic driver to allow for the return on investment necessary to finance and construct the wind energy project.

#### Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?

Tri Global Energy's team has extensive experience in markets across the country. Based on this experience the management team evaluates all potential projects for feasibility, finance-ability, and the economic returns they represent in comparison to other project opportunities across the country.

The Fiber Winds Project is currently in such a period of assessment to determine whether the identified site in Lorenzo ISD represents the best location or whether redeployment of its development resources and capital to other power markets in the United States is more advisable.

A 313 Limitation of Appraised Value Agreement is a key tax incentive agreement necessary to ensure the Project is on a level playing field with other wind projects with similar incentives and with alternative forms of generation that receive their own forms of economic support. Without the requested limitation, the Project will be unable to generate sufficient operating margins and net income to produce economically competitive energy and associated returns necessary to attract tax and sponsor equity investment. Such third-party investment is mandatory to finance the projected capital costs of approximately 150M needed to purchase wind turbines and other infrastructure and to fund the construction and closing costs of the facility.

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?

The information provided in this Attachment and throughout the application has been assembled to provide the reviewer with the best possible data on which to make an assessment and determination of the critical nature of the limitation on appraised value to the feasibility of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC.

#### **ATTACHMENT 6**

Description of how project is located in more than one district, including list of percentage in each district and, if determined to be a single unified project, documentation from the Office of the Governor (if applicable).

5a. if no, attach in Tab 6 additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.

All of the planned Qualified Property for the Project is located solely in Lorenzo ISD.

Lorenzo ISD 100%

#### Attachment 7

#### **Description of Qualified Investment**

- a. A specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code 313.021 (Tab 7).
- b. A description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your minimum qualified investment (Tab 7).

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC plans to construct an estimated 80MW wind farm in Crosby County, located entirely within Lorenzo ISD in Crosby County, Texas. All of the Qualified Investment for this Project will be located entirely within Lorenzo ISD.

The intended qualified investment includes wind turbines, foundations, collection systems, transmission lines and interconnection infrastructure, additional meteorological towers, roads, operations and maintenance building, spare parts, and control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity.

For purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using 2.0 to 2.6 MW turbines. Although final turbine selection and location of the infrastructure may change, all equipment outlined above is expected to be located within Lorenzo ISD. Current plans are to install between 30 and 40 turbines in one phase.

The exact placement of turbines is subject to ongoing planning, wind studies, engineering, and discussions with landowners and turbine manufacturers. The final number and location of turbines and supporting structures will be determined before construction begins. Fiber Winds intends to connect to the Blanco Substation via a 115KV transmission line. All of the infrastructure will remain within the project boundary and within the Reinvestment Zone. The map in Attachment 11b shows the proposed project area with the anticipated improvement locations.

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#### **Description of Land**

DESCRIPTION OF 11,813 ACRES (MORE OR LESS) OF LAND LOCATED IN CROSBY COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE FOLLOWING LANDS IN E.L. & R.R. RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, BLOCK "C":

ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, AND 16;

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF SECTION 5, BEING ALL OF ABSTRACT 340;

THE EAST HALF AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, BEING ALL OF ABSTRACT 341;

THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THAT CERTAIN SECTION 18, BEING ALL OF ABSTRACT 1146; AND

THAT CERTAIN SECTION 18, BEING ALL OF ABSTRACT 1188:

THE FOLLOWING LANDS IN E.L. & R.R. RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, BLOCK "C3":

ALL OF SECTION 1

THE FOLLOWING LANDS IN E.L. & R.R. RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, BLOCK "72":

ALL OF SECTION 908; AND

THE WEST ONE-HALF AND 120 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 910, BEING ALL OF ABSTRACT 1072;

THE FOLLOWING LANDS IN A.B. & M. SURVEY, BLOCK "Z2":

ALL OF SECTIONS 887, 893, AND 894;

THAT PORTION OF SECTION 888, ABSTRACT 1089, LYING WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 125, BEING APPROXIMATELY 50 ACRES;

ALL OF THE M. PHILLIPS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1222;

ALL OF THE J.C. MURPHY SURVEY, SECTION 1, ABSTRACT 657;

ALL OF THE W. COONS SURVEY, ABSTRACT 785;

ALL OF THE B.M. WOODY SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1235;

THE R.G. COOK SURVEY, ABSTRACT 784, LESS AND EXCEPT 1 ACRE MORE OR LESS OUT OF THE NORTHEAST OUARTER;

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE G.L. WHITE SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1408, BEING NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 134:

THE W.T. RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, SECTION 1, ABSTRACT 419, LESS AND EXCEPT 3 ACRES;

IN ALL CONTAINING 11,813 ACRES OF LAND (MORE OR LESS).

Attachment to Application for Chapter 313 Appraised Value Limitation by Fiber Winds Holding, LLC to Lorenzo

### Description of all property not eligible to become qualified property (if applicable).

The Project has One (1) temporary meteorological tower located on site. The property (One met tower) is valued at \$28,337. A map reflecting this placement is provided below and in Attachment 11d.

Please see the attached map below.

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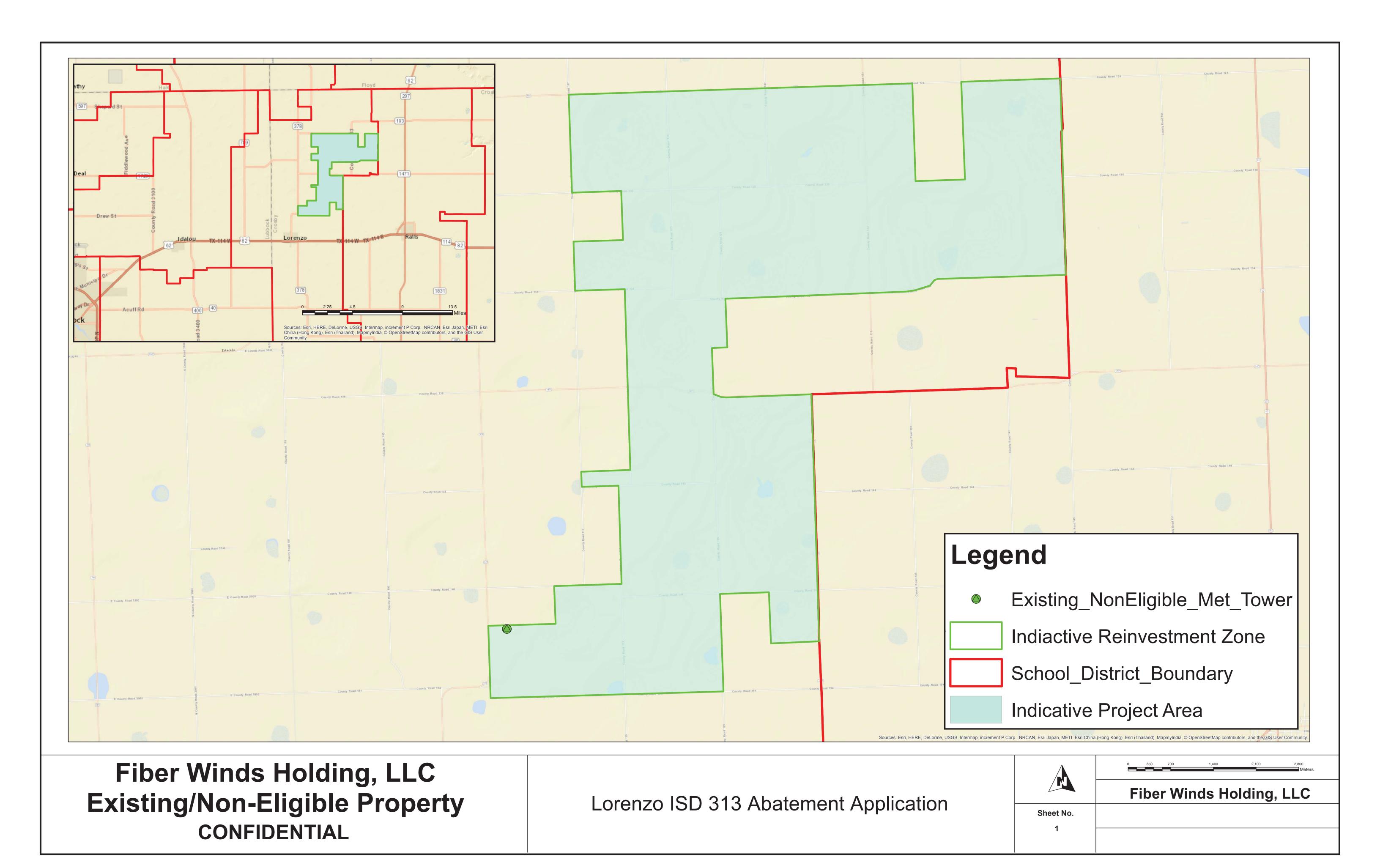
Prepared by: Tri Global Energy Amy Parsons 2721 81st Street Lubbock, TX 79423 aparsons@triglobalenergy.com 806-785-7770

**Property Details** PIDN: 12817 Long Account Number: N23980 Owner Name FIBER WINDS ENERGY LLC Total Market Value \$28,337 Mailing %TRIGLOBAL ENERGY LLC 17300 N DALLAS PKWY STE 2060 Previous Year Value \$28,828 Percent Change -1.70% Address DALLAS , TX 75248-7703 Total Assessed Value \$28,337 Location 0 Data up to date as of Jul 22, 2015 including 2015 Certified values. MET TOWER Legal #6222 FM 378 N TO CR 154 EAST

Property Details	
Exemptions	
Freeze Exempt	N
Agent Code	
Living Area (sqft)	0
Land Acres	0.000
State Code	L2
Neighborhood Code	0
Neighborhood	
Abstract	0

Estimated Taxes											
Code	Entity Name	Appraised Value	Exemption Amount	Taxable							
CCHD	Crosby County Hospital District	\$28,337	\$0	\$28,337							
G54	Crosby County	\$28,337	\$0	\$28,337							
S07	Lorenzo ISD	\$28,337	\$0	\$28,337							
WHP	High Plains UWCD 1	\$28,337	\$0	\$28,337							

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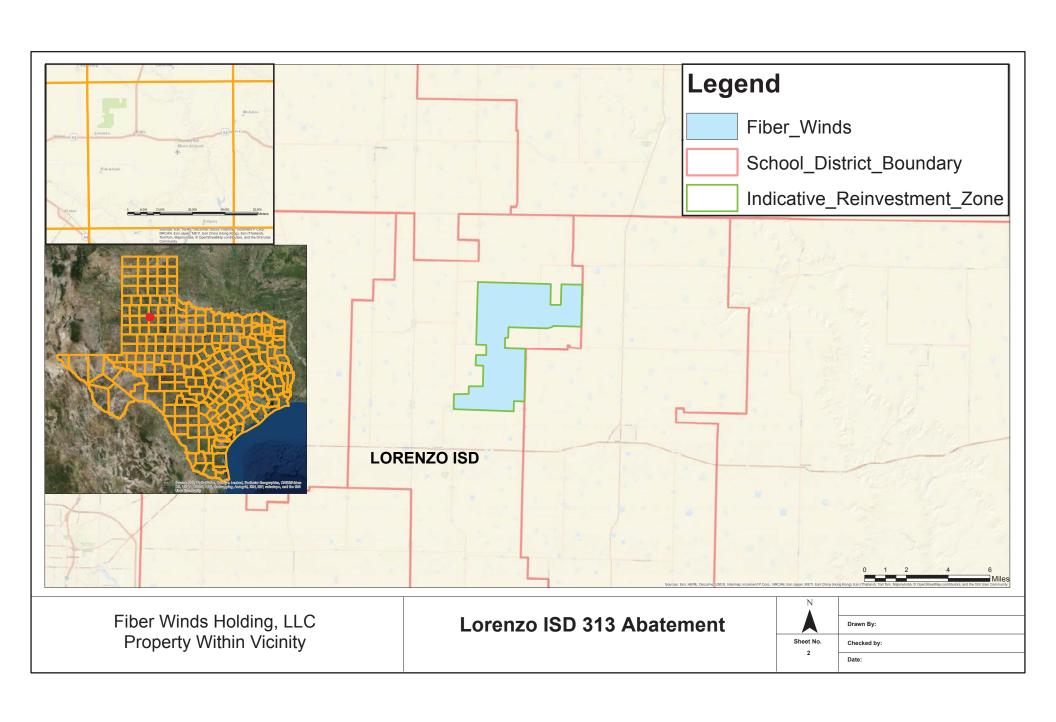
### Maps that clearly show:

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### Attachment 11a

# a) Project vicinity

Please see the attached map.

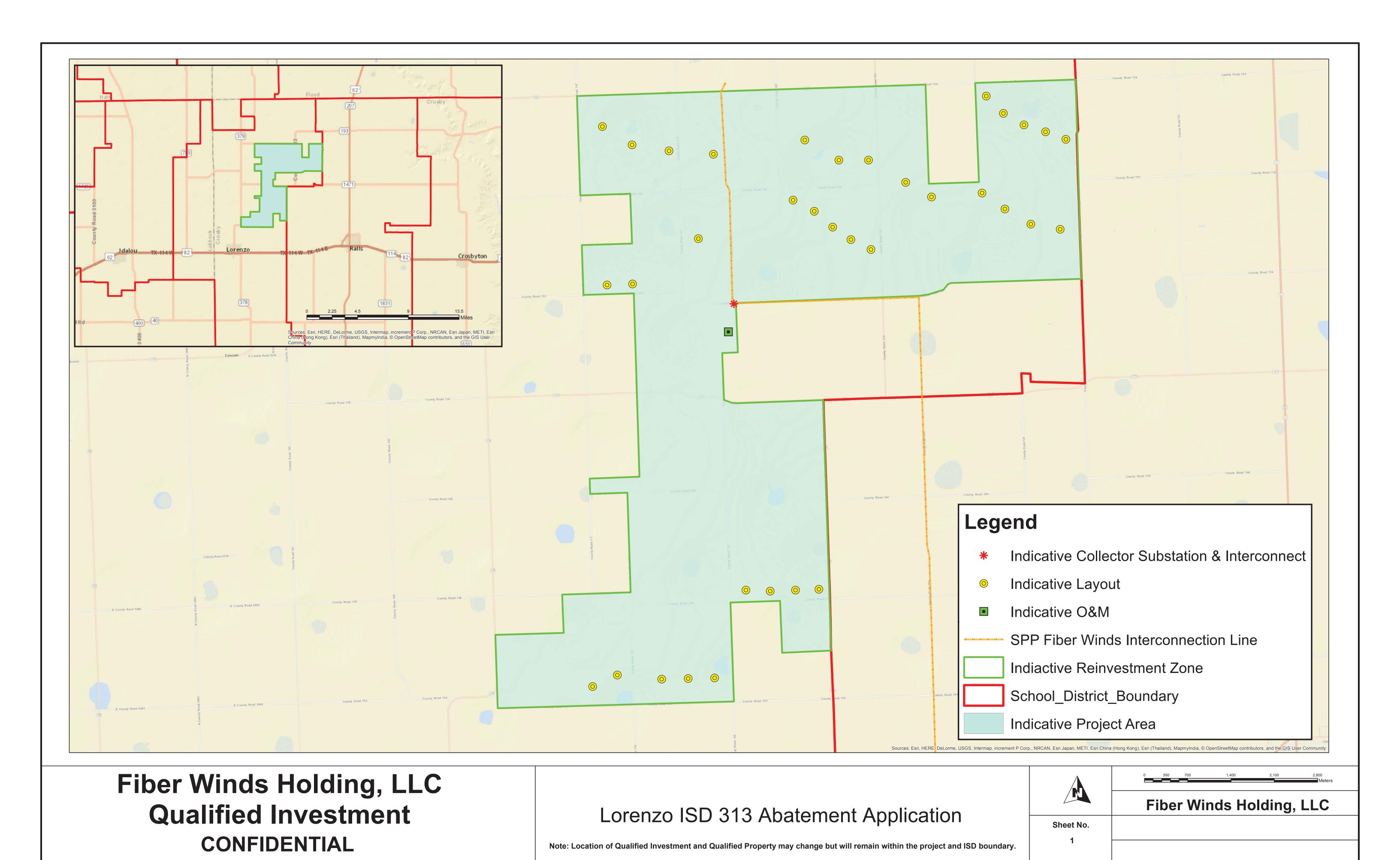


#### **Attachment 11b**

b) Qualified investment including location of tangible personal property to be placed in service during the qualifying time period and buildings to be constructed during the qualifying time period

Please see the attached map below.

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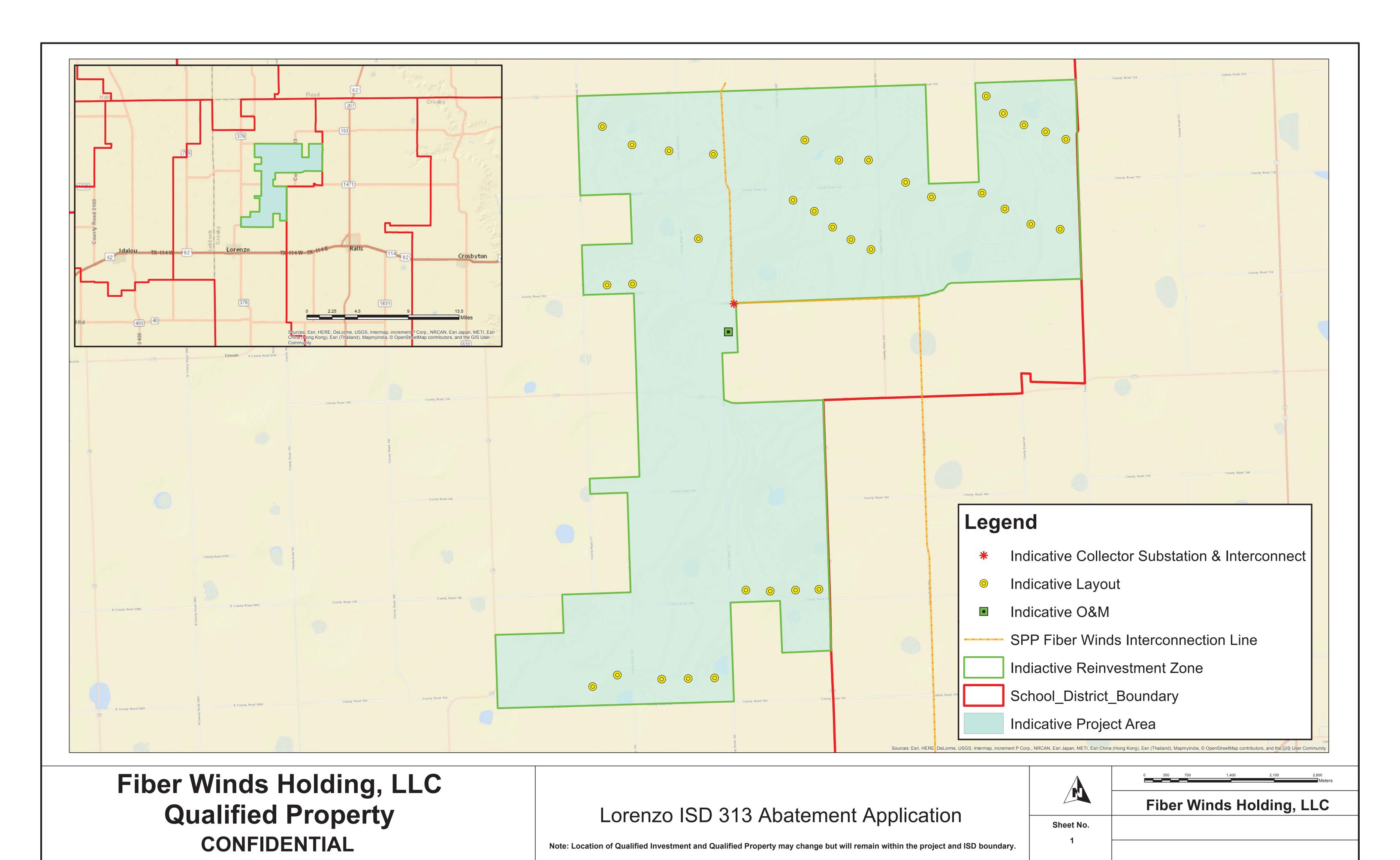


### Attachment 11c

c) Qualified property including location of new buildings or new improvements

Please see map above. (Exhibit 11b)

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### Attachment 11d

### d) Existing property

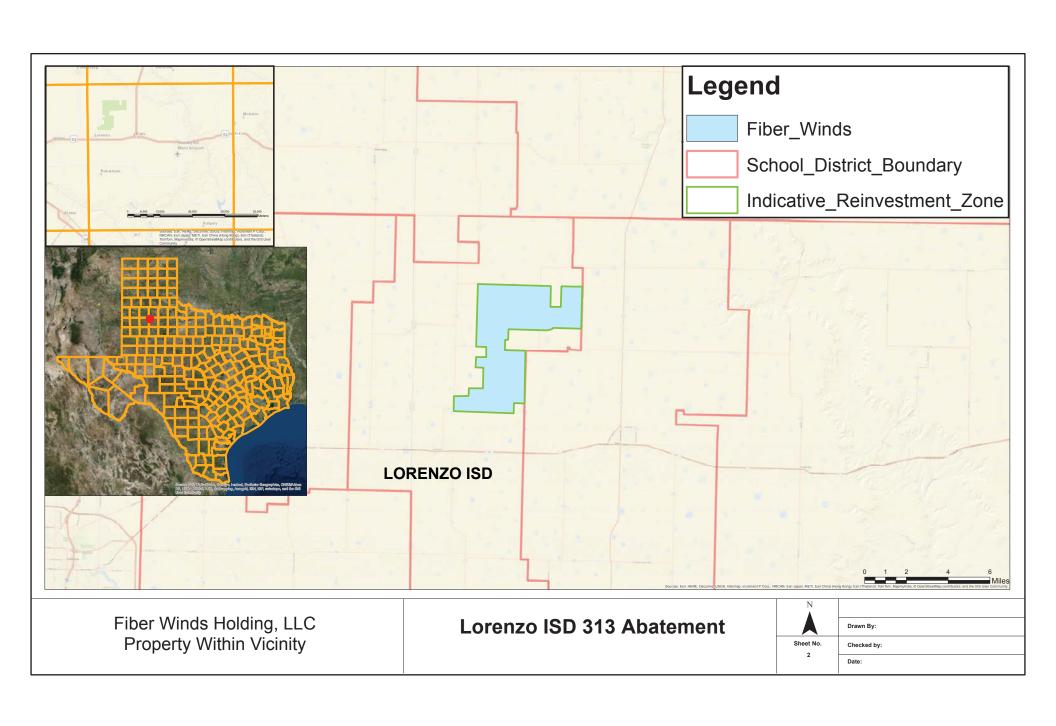
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### Attachment 11e

# e) Land location within vicinity map

Please see the attached map.



### **Attachment 11f**

f) Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone within vicinity map, showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size

To be submitted before date of final application approval by school board

Not Applicable.

Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement and supporting information (if applicable).

See attached waiver request below.

# Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

June 20th, 2016

Oran Hamilton
Lorenzo Independent School District
1003 Polk Ave, Lorenzo TX 79343

Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request for Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC requests that the Lorenzo Independent School District's Board of Trustees waive the job requirement provision as allowed by Section 313.02S (f-1) of the tax code. This waiver would be based on the school district's board findings that the jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property owner that is described in the application.

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC requests that the Lorenzo Independent School District makes such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for 10 permanent jobs. Fiber Winds Holding, LLC plans to install between 30 and 40 turbines on the project site. In line with industry standards for job requirements, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has committed to create 3 total jobs for the project, all of which will be in Lorenzo I.S.D.

Wind projects create a large number of full and part-time, but temporary jobs during the construction phase of the project, but require a relatively small number of highly skilled technicians to operate and maintain the project after commercial operation commences.

The industry standard for employment is typically one full-time employee for approximately every 15 - 20 turbines. This number may vary depending on the operations and maintenance requirements of the turbines selected as well as the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the project. In addition to the onsite employees, there may be managers or technicians who support the project from offsite locations.

Sincerely

Tom Carbone

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

**Attachment 13** 

a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county

					Ind		Avg Weekly
Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Level	Code	Industry	Wages
	1st	Crosby				Total, All	
2015	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$696
	2nd	Crosby				Total, All	
2015	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$619
	3rd	Crosby				Total, All	
2015	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$647
	4th	Crosby				Total, All	
2015	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$780
						Average	\$686

**Source Data: Texas Workforce Commission:** 

# Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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2015	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$786
	1st	Crosby				Total, All	
2016	Qtr	County	Private	0	10	Industries	\$734
						Average	\$697

**Source Data: Texas Workforce Commission:** 

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2015	4th Qtr	Crosby County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$786
2016	1st Qtr	Crosby County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$734

### b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the area

					Ind		Avg Weekly
Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Level	Code	Industry	Wages
	2nd	South Plains				Manufacturing	
2015	Qtr	WDA	Total All	2	31-33		\$793
	3rd	South Plains				Manufacturing	
2015	Qtr	WDA	Total All	2	31-33		\$830
	4th	South Plains				Manufacturing	
2015	Qtr	WDA	Total All	2	31-33		\$856
	1st	South Plains				Manufacturing	
2016	Qtr	WDA	Total All	2	31-33		\$790
·	·			·		Average	\$818

**Source Data: Texas Workforce Commission:** 

110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the area: \$818 X 1.1 = \$900

# Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)



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2015	4th Qtr	South Plains	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$856
2015	2nd Qtr	South Plains	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$793
2015	3rd Qtr	South Plains	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$830
2016	1st Qtr	South Plains	Total All	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$790

### c. 110% of the average weekly wage for all jobs in the region

\$40,049/52 = \$771 per week

The annual salary for the **South Plains Association of Governments** as published by the Texas Occupational Employment and Wages in July 2015:

\$36,408 x 1.1 = \$40,049

2015 Manufacturing Average Wages by Council of Government Region Wages for All Occupations

	Wag	es
COG	Hourly	Annual
Texas	\$24.41	\$50,778
1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	\$20.64	\$42,941
2. South Plains Association of Governments	\$17.50	\$36,408
3. NOKTEX Regional Planning Commission	\$25.28	\$48,415
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments	\$25.03	\$52,068
5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments	\$18.46	\$38,398
6. East Texas Council of Governments	\$19.84	\$41,270
7. West Central Texas Council of Governments	\$19.84	\$41,257
8. Rio Grande Council of Governments	\$18.32	\$38,109
9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	\$25.18	\$52,382
10. Concho Valley Council of Governments	\$18.80	\$39,106
11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments	\$21.41	\$44,526
12. Capital Area Council of Governments	\$29.98	\$62,363
13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments	\$18.78	\$39,057
14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments	\$17.30	\$35,993
15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission	\$30.41	\$63,247
16. Houston-Galveston Area Council	\$26.44	\$54,985
17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission	\$23.73	\$49,361
18. Alamo Area Council of Governments	\$19.96	\$41,516
19. South Texas Development Council	\$15.87	\$33,016
20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments	\$25.97	\$54,008
21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	\$16.17	\$33,634
22. Texoma Council of Governments	\$19.04	\$39,595
23. Central Texas Council of Governments	\$18.04	\$37,533
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council	\$22.24	\$46,263

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: July 2016

Data published annually, next update will be July 31, 2017

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Wage data is produced from Texas OES data, and is not to be compared to BLS estimates.

Data intended for TAC 313 purposes only.

### **Attachment 14**

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC
Lorenzo ISD
Revised Feb 2014

				PRO	PERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS			
				(Estimated Invest	ment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)			
				Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYYY	New investment (original cost) irtangible personal property placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	New investment made during this year irbuildings of permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Other new investment made during this year that wi not become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Other new investment made during this year that me become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	s/Total Investment (Sum of Columns A+B+C+D)
Investment made before filing complete application with district	Year preceding the first complete tax year			Not eligible to beco	me Qualified Property	\$ 28,337.00	[The only other investment made before filing complete application with district that may become Qualified Property is land.]	\$ 28,337.00
Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application			2016					
Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period	ume penod)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	QTP1	2017-2018	2017	\$ 104,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,000,000.00
Complete tax years or qualifying time period	QTP2	2018-2019	2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Investment thre	Total Investment through Qualifying Time Period [ENTER this row in Schedule A							
				\$ 104,000,000.00		\$ 28,337.00 amounts from TOTAL row above in Sche		\$ 104,028,337.00
	Total Qualified Investment (sum of green ce				Enter a	milounts from TOTAL FOW above in Sche	dule A2	
	Total Qualified Investment (sum of green o							

For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

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- Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" property if the property is specifically described in the application.
  - Only tangible personal property that is specifically described in the application can become qualified property.
- Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings.
- Column C: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that will not become qualified property include investment meeting the definition of 313.021(1) but not creating a new improvement as defined by TAC 9.1051. This is proposed property that functionally replaces existing property; is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property or is affixed to existing property—described in SECTION 13, question #5 of the application.
- Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that may result in qualified property are land or professional services.

Total Investment: Add together each cell in a column and enter the sum in the blue total investment row. Enter the data from this row into the first row in Schedule A2.

Qualified Investment: For the green qualified investment cell, enter the sum of all the green-shaded cells.

ISD Name Lorenzo ISD PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS (Estimated Investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.) Column A Column B Column C Column D Column E New investment (original cost) intangible lew investment made during this year inbuildings of Other investment made during this year that will Other investment made during this year that will Total Investment (Fill personal property placed in service during thi Tax Year permanent nonremovable components of not become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE] become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE) (A+B+C+D) School Year in actual tax year year that will become Qualified Property buildings that will become Qualified Property Year (YYYY-YYYY) below) YYYY Enter amounts from TOTAL row in Schedule A1 in the row below Total Investment from Schedule A1\* **TOTALS FROM SCHEDULE A1** \$104.000.000 104,028,337.00 Each year prior to start of value limitation period\* 0 2016-2017 Each year prior to start of value limitation period\* 2017-2018 2017 \$104,000,000 104,000,000.00 2018-2019 2018 2 2019-2020 2019 3 2020-2021 2020 2021-2022 2022-2023 2022 Value limitation period\*\*\* 2023-2024 2023 2024-2025 2024 2025-2026 2025 2026-2027 9 2026 10 2027-2028 2027 Total Investment made through limitation 104,000,000.00 104,000,000.00 2028-2029 12 2029-2030 Continue to maintain viable presence 13 2030-2031 2030 14 2031-2032 2031 15 2032-2033 2033-2034 2033 16 2034 17 2034-2035 18 2035-2036 2035 19 2036-2037 2036 2037-2038 2037 Additional years for 25 year economic impact as required by 313.026(c)(1) 21 2038-2039 2038 22 2039-2040 2039

\* All investments made through the qualifying time period are captured and totaled on Schedule A1 [blue box] and incorporated into this schedule in the first row.

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2041-2042

2042-2043

- \*\* Only investment made during deferrals of the start of the limitation (after the end of qualifying time period but before the start of the Value Limitation Period) should be included in the "year prior to start of value limitation period" row(s). If the limitation starts at the end of the qualifying time period or the qualifying time period overlaps the limitation, no investment should be included on this line.
- \*\*\* If your qualifying time period will overlap your value limitation period, do not also include investment made during the qualifying time period in years 1 and/or 2 of the value limitation period, depending on the overlap. Only include investments/years that were not captured on Schedule A1. For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals, Only include investments in the remaining rows of Schedule A2 that were not captured on Schedule A1.

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Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

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### Schedule B: Estimated Market And Taxable Value (of Qualified Property Only)

 Date
 6/20/2016

 Applicant Name
 Fiber Winds Holding, LLC
 Form 50-296A

 ISD Name
 Lorenzo ISD

Revised May 2014

Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period Insert as many rows as necessary  0 1 2 3 4 Value Limitation Period	0 201 0 201 1 201 2 201 3 202	chool Year YYY-YYYY) 16-2017 17-2018 18-2019	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY 2016	Estimated Market Value of Land	Qualified Property  Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estima tangible	nated Total Market Value of personal property in the new dings or "in or on the new improvements"	et Value less any exemptions s pollution control) and before limitation	Final	taxable value for I&S after all reductions	Final taxa	able value for M&O after all reductions
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	5 202	22-2023	2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$	83,200,000.00	\$ 83,200,000.00	\$	83,200,000.00	\$	20,000,000.00
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Continue to maintain viable	2 202	29-2030	2029	\$ -	\$	\$	46,800,000.00	\$ 46,800,000.00	\$	46,800,000.00	\$	46,800,000.00
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17	7 203	34-2035	2034	\$ -	\$ -	\$	20,800,000.00	\$ 20,800,000.00	\$	20,800,000.00	\$	20,800,000.00
18	8 203	35-2036	2035	\$ -	\$ -	\$	20,800,000.00	\$ 20,800,000.00	\$	20,800,000.00	\$	20,800,000.00
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25	5 204	12-2043	2042	\$ -	\$ -	\$	20,800,000.00					

Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation.

Only include market value for eligible property on this schedule.

#### Schedule C: Employment Information

**Applicant Name** ISD Name

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

Form 50-296A

ISD Name	Lorenzo IS	SD						Revised Feb 2014
				Const	ruction	Non-Qualifying Jobs	Qualifyi	ng Jobs
				Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Actual tax year) YYYY	Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Number of non-qualifying jobs applicant estimates it will create (cumulative)		Average annual wage of new qualifying jobs
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period Insert as many rows as necessary	0	2016-2017	2016	0	\$ -	N/A	0	N/A
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period Insert as many rows as necessary	0	2017-2018	2017	75 FTE	\$ 52,364.00	N/A	0	N/A
	1	2018-2019	2018			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	2	2019-2020	2019			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	3	2020-2021	2020			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	4	2021-2022	2021			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
Value Limitation Period The qualifying time period could overlap the value	5	2022-2023	2022			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
limitation period.	6	2023-2024	2023			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	7	2024-2025	2024			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	8	2025-2026	2025			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	9	2026-2027	2026			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
	10	2027-2028	2027			0	3	\$ 46,900.00
Years Following Value Limitation Period	11 through 26	2028-2044	2028-2044			0	3	\$ 46,900.00

Notes: See TAC 9.1051 for definition of non-qualifying jobs.
Only include jobs on the project site in this school district.

C1. Are the cumulative number of qualifying jobs listed in Column D less than the number of qualifying jobs required by statution jobs in Subchapter B districts, 10 qualifying jobs in Subchapter C districts) If yes, answer the following two questions:	ute? (25 qualifying	Х	Yes		No
C1a. Will the applicant request a job waiver, as provided under 313.025(f-1)?		Х	Yes		No
C1b. Will the applicant avail itself of the provision in 313.021(3)(F)?			Yes	Х	No

#### Schedule D: Other Incentives (Estimated)

Applicant Name Fiber Winds Holding, LLC Form 50-296A
ISD Name Lorenzo ISD
Revised Feb 2014

	State and Local Incentives for which the Applicant intends to apply (Estimated)						
Incentive Description	Taxing Entity (as applicable)	Beginning Year of Benefit	Duration of Benefit	Annual Tax Levy without Incentive	Annual Incentive	Annual Net	t Tax Levy
	County:						
Tax Code Chapter 311	City:						
	Other: Crosby County (Revising)	2018	2027	\$245,818	100% for 10 years with 1,000 per MW due as PILOT payment	\$80,0	000
Tax Code Chapter 312	orossy sounty (noneing)	2010	2027	Ψ2.10,0.10	100% for 10 yours man 1,000 per min das do 1 1201 paymon	φου,υ	300
Tax Code Chapter 312							
	County:						
Local Government Code Chapters 380/381	City:						
	Other:						
Freeport Exemptions							
Non-Annexation Agreements							
Enterprise Zone/Project							
Economic Development Corporation							
Texas Enterprise Fund							
Employee Recruitment							
Skills Development Fund							
Training Facility Space and Equipment							
Infrastructure Incentives							
Permitting Assistance							
Other:					·		
Other:	_				<u> </u>		
Other:							
Other:			TOTAL	\$ 245.818.18			80,000.00

Additional information on incentives for this project:							

\$/MW that is Taxable

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Project Tax Basis

Depreciation in Qualifying Year 1

Depreciation in Qualifying Year 2

Tax Basis at COD

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Economic Impact Analysis, other payments made in the state or other economic information (If applicable).

Pending, not attached.

Description of Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone, including:

- a) Evidence that the area qualifies as an enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's Office
- b) Legal description of reinvestment zone
- c) Order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone\*
- d) Guidelines and criteria for creating the zone\*

"\*" To be submitted before date of final application approval by school board

### Attachment 16a

a)	Evidence that the area qualifies as an enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's
	Office

Not Applicable.

### **Attachment 16b**

### b) Legal description of reinvestment zone

The legal description of the land in the Reinvestment Zone

Pending

### Attachment 16c

c) Order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone\*

### Attachment 16d

d) Guidelines and criteria for creating the zone\*

TBD

Signature and Certification page, signed and dated by Authorized School District Representative and Authorized Company Representative (applicant).



#### Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

#### **SECTION 16: Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification**

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I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

print here	Oran Hamilton	Superintendent
	Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)	Title
sign here	Osan Danullon Signature (Authorized School District Representative)	6/27/16 Date

#### 2. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant) Signature and Notarization

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application and schedules is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no delinquent taxes are owed to the State of Texas.

print Thomas Carbone	President
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Title
sign here	6/22/16
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Date
	GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the
MARY E. WILLIAMS Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires December 06, 2016	22 day of June 2016 Mary E. Williams
(Notary Seal)	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas  My Commission expires: 12/06/20/6

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.



#### Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

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	Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)	Title
sign here	Signature (Authorized School District Representative)	Ouly 17,2016

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print Thomas Carbone	President
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Title
here	07/11/2016
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Date

MARY E. WILLIAMS
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
December 06, 2016

(Notary Seal)

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the

May E. Williams

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: 12/6/2016

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### Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

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print Thomas Carbone	Drawidant
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	President
sign here	Title
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	9/29/16
- a Table (Applicant))	Date

MARY E. WILLIAMS otary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires December 06, 2016

(Notary Seal)

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the

29 day of September, 2016

Mary E. Williams

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: 12/6/2014

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.



#### **Franchise Tax Account Status**

As of: 12/01/2016 17:27:14

#### This Page is Not Sufficient for Filings with the Secretary of State

FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC							
Texas Taxpayer Number 32060819474							
Mailing Address 17300 DALLAS PKWY STE 2020 DALLAS, TX 75248-							
Right to Transact Business in Texas							
State of Formation	DE						
Effective SOS Registration Date	06/17/2016						
Texas SOS File Number	0802482145						
Registered Agent Name	TRI GLOBAL ENERGY, LLC						
Registered Office Street Address	17300 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 2020 DALLAS, TX 75248						



#### GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

October 24, 2016

Oran Hamilton Superintendent Lorenzo Independent School District 1003 Polk Avenue Lorenzo, Texas 79343

#### Dear Superintendent Hamilton:

On July 26, 2016, the Comptroller issued written notice that Fiber Winds Holding, LLC (the applicant) submitted a completed application (Application #1142) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313¹. This application was originally submitted on June 27, 2016, to the Lorenzo 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) Sec. 313.024(b) Sec. 313.024 (d)	Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.  Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.  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 #1142.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 50-826) 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 by December 31, 2016.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of July 26, 2016, 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 Will Counihan, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at Will.Counihan@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at 1-800-53l-5441, ext. 6-0758, or directly at 512 936-0758.

Sincerely

Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

#### Attachment A - Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller's economic impact analysis of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC (the project) applying to Lorenzo 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 Fiber Winds Holding, LLC.

Applicant	Fiber Winds Holding, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Eletric Generation
School District	Lorenzo ISD
Estimated 2014-2015 Average Daily Attendance	264
County	Crosby
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$104,000,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$104,000,000
Limitation Amount	\$20,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2017-2018
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant *	3
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$902
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(B)	\$755
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$46,900
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$686
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$35,647
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$34,666,667
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$10,414,794
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$4,190,568
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$6,224,226
* 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 Fiber Winds Holding, LLC (modeled).

		Employment		Personal Income			
Year	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	
2017	75	79	154	\$3,927,300	\$6,912,596	\$10,839,896	
2018	3	10	13.2375	\$140,700	\$1,348,638	\$1,489,338	
2019	3	7	10	\$140,700	\$1,074,641	\$1,215,341	
2020	3	4	7	\$140,700	\$811,223	\$951,923	
2021	3	3	6	\$140,700	\$621,918	\$762,618	
2022	3	2	5	\$140,700	\$489,358	\$630,058	
2023	3	1	4	\$140,700	\$390,005	\$530,705	
2024	3	1	4	\$140,700	\$316,026	\$456,726	
2025	= 3	1	4	\$140,700	\$272,204	\$412,904	
2026	3	1	4	\$140,700	\$240,124	\$380,824	
2027	3	1	4	\$140,700	\$214,064	\$354,764	
2028	3	(0)	3	\$140,700	\$80,246	\$220,946	
2029	3	(0)	3	\$140,700	\$18,919	\$159,619	
2030	3	(1)	2	\$140,700	-\$24,369	\$116,331	
2031	3	(0)	3	\$140,700	-\$46,045	\$94,655	
2032	3	(0)	3	\$140,700	-\$60,032	\$80,668	

Source: CPA, REMI, of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

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

Table:	3 Estimated Di							
Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O		Lorenzo ISD I&S Tax Levy	Lorenzo ISD M&O Tax Levy	Lorenzo ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Crosby County Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	0.0000	1.0271		0.5200	
2018	\$104,000,000	\$104,000,000		\$0	\$1,068,184	\$1,068,184	\$540,800	\$1,608,984
2019	\$98,800,000	\$98,800,000		\$0	\$1,014,775	\$1,014,775	\$513,760	
2020	\$93,600,000	\$93,600,000		\$0	\$961,366	\$961,366	\$486,720	
2021	\$88,400,000	\$88,400,000		\$0	\$907,956	\$907,956	\$459,680	\$1,367,636
2022	\$83,200,000	\$83,200,000		\$0	\$854,547	\$854,547	\$432,640	\$1,287,187
2023	\$78,000,000	\$78,000,000		\$0	\$801,138	\$801,138	\$405,600	
2024	\$72,800,000	\$72,800,000		\$0	\$747,729	\$747,729	\$378,560	\$1,126,289
2025	\$67,600,000	\$67,600,000		\$0	\$694,320	\$694,320	\$351,520	\$1,045,840
2026	\$62,400,000	\$62,400,000		\$0	\$640,910	\$640,910	\$324,480	\$965,390
2027	\$57,200,000	\$57,200,000		\$0	\$587,501	\$587,501	\$297,440	\$884,941
2028	\$52,000,000	\$52,000,000		\$0	\$534,092	\$534,092	\$270,400	\$804,492
2029	\$46,800,000	\$46,800,000		\$0	\$480,683	\$480,683	\$243,360	
2030	\$41,600,000	\$41,600,000		\$0	\$427,274	\$427,274		
2031	\$36,400,000	\$36,400,000		\$0	\$373,864		\$189,280	
2032	\$31,200,000	\$31,200,000		\$0	\$320,455	\$320,455	\$162,240	\$482,695
			Total	\$0	\$10,414,794	\$10,414,794	\$5,272,800	\$15,687,594

Source: CPA, of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

<sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

**Table 4** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Crosby 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 Crosby County.

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

Table 4	4 Estimated Dii	sought						
		Estimated						
	Estimated	Taxable		Lorenzo		Lorenzo ISD	Crosby	Estimated
	Taxable	Value for		ISD I&S	Lorenzo ISD	M&O and I&S	County Tax	Total Property
Year	Value for I&S	M&0		Tax Levy	M&O Tax Levy	Tax Levies	Levy	Taxes
			Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	0.0000	1.0271		0.5200	
2018	\$104,000,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2019	\$98,800,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2020	\$93,600,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2021	\$88,400,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2022	\$83,200,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2023	\$78,000,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2024	\$72,800,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2025	\$67,600,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2026	\$62,400,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2027	\$57,200,000	\$20,000,000		\$0	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$0	\$205,420
2028	\$52,000,000	\$52,000,000		\$0	\$534,092	\$534,092	\$270,400	\$804,492
2029	\$46,800,000	\$46,800,000		\$0	\$480,683	\$480,683	\$243,360	\$724,043
2030	\$41,600,000	\$41,600,000		\$0	\$427,274	\$427,274	\$216,320	\$643,594
2031	\$36,400,000	\$36,400,000		\$0	\$373,864	\$373,864	\$189,280	\$563,144
2032	\$31,200,000	\$31,200,000		\$0	\$320,455	\$320,455		
	9							
		-	Total	\$0	\$4,190,568	\$4,190,568	\$1,081,600	\$5,272,168
			Diff	\$0	\$6,224,226	\$6,224,226	\$4,191,200	\$10,415,426

Source: CPA, of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

#### Attachment B - Tax Revenue before 25th Anniversary of Limitation Start

This represents the Comptroller's determination that Fiber Winds Holding, 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	2015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Years	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TTC TCGTS	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2018	\$205,420	\$205,420	\$862,764	\$862,764
	2019	\$205,420	\$410,840	\$809,355	\$1,672,119
	2020	\$205,420	\$616,260	\$755,946	\$2,428,064
I implement a m	2021	\$205,420	\$821,680	\$702,536	\$3,130,601
Limitation Period	2022	\$205,420	\$1,027,100	\$649,127	\$3,779,728
(10 Years)	2023	\$205,420	\$1,232,520	\$595,718	\$4,375,446
(10 Tears)	2024	\$205,420	\$1,437,940	\$542,309	\$4,917,755
	2025	\$205,420	\$1,643,360	\$488,900	\$5,406,654
	2026	\$205,420	\$1,848,780	\$435,490	\$5,842,145
	2027	\$205,420	\$2,054,200	\$382,081	\$6,224,226
	2028	\$534,092	\$2,588,292	\$0	\$6,224,226
Maintain Viable	2029	\$480,683	\$3,068,975	\$0	\$6,224,226
Presence	2030	\$427,274	\$3,496,248	\$0	\$6,224,226
(5 Years)	2031	\$373,864	\$3,870,113	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2032	\$320,455	\$4,190,568	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2033	\$267,046	\$4,457,614	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2034	\$213,637	\$4,671,251	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2035	\$213,637	\$4,884,888	\$0	\$6,224,226
Additional Years	2036	\$213,637	\$5,098,524	\$0	\$6,224,226
as Required by	2037	\$213,637	\$5,312,161	\$0	\$6,224,226
313.026(c)(1)	2038	\$213,637	\$5,525,798	\$0	\$6,224,226
(10 Years)	2039	\$213,637	\$5,739,435	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2040	\$213,637	\$5,953,072	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2041	\$213,637	\$6,166,708	\$0	\$6,224,226
	2042	\$213,637	\$6,380,345	\$0	\$6,224,226
		\$6,380,345	is greater than	\$6,224,226	
Analysis Summar	У	1	1		1
s the project reasons as a result of the lin			n an amount sufficient to	offset the M&O levy loss	Yes

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, Fiber Winds Holding, 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 has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Fiber Winds Holding, 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 in Tab 5 of the application:
  - a) Fiber Winds Holding, LLC and its associate parties have entered into representative agreements and contract for the development of a project phase with in Lorenzo ISD. These include; Grant of leases and easement covering approximately 11,000 acres with 28 landowners, bat study, threatened and endangered species studies, jurisdictional wetland study, contract with V-Bar data storage and verification, FCC & RF studies, D&O Insurance policy and public liability insurance, bird and bat conservation strategy and phase one environmental site assessment among others.
  - b) These contracts and initial investments are preliminary in nature as Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has determined that a value limitation agreement with Lorenzo ISD is an essential economic driver to allow for the return on investment necessary to finance and construct the wind energy project.
  - c) Tri Global energy's team has extensive experience in markets across the country. The management team evaluates all potential projects for feasibility, finance-ability and the economic returns they represent in comparison to other project opportunities across the country.
  - d) Fiber Winds project is currently in the assessment stage to determine whether the identified site in Lorenzo ISD represents the best location or whether redeployment of its development resources and capital to other markets in the United State is more advisable.
  - e) A 313 limitation of appraised value agreement is a key tax incentive agreement necessary to ensure the project is on a level playing field with other wind projects with similar incentives and with alternative forms of generation that receive their own forms of economic support.

- f) Without the requested limitation, the project will be unable to generate sufficient operating margins and net income to produce economically competitive energy and associated returns necessary to attract tax and sponsor equity investment.
- Per Comptroller research:
  - a. November 19, 2013, Lorenzo ISD submitted the appraised value limitation application on behalf of Fiber Winds Energy LLC to the Comptroller's office (application # 369).
  - b. June 22, 2016, the school district consultant submitted the agreement termination letter for Lorenzo ISD- Fiber Winds Holding, LLC #369 to the Comptroller's office. The applicant failed to meet the qualified investment requirement during the qualifying time period.
  - c. June 27, 2016, Fiber Winds Energy LLC submitted a new application seeking the appraised value limitation to Lorenzo ISD (Lorenzo ISD- Fiber Winds Holding, LLC #1142).
  - d. In a January 13, 2014, press release Tri Global noted that on December 30, 2013 Alstom Power, Inc. and Tri Global Energy, LLC entered into a turbine supply agreement under which Alstom would supply 4 ECO110 and 25 ECO122 wind turbines and provide 10 years of service and maintenance for the 80 MW Fiber Winds Energy project near Lorenzo and Ralls, Texas. And that the construction of the project was expected to begin in mid-year 2014, with commercial operations scheduled to commence in 2015. John Billingsley, CEO of Tri Global Energy, LLC said, "During the first 30 years following the commencement of commercial operations, Fiber Winds Energy is expected to pay \$39 million in wind royalties to local landowners and community investors. It is also projected to pay \$15 million in local school, county and hospital ad valorem taxes during this same period". Andy Geissbuehler, Head of Alstom's North American Wind Business said, "The Fiber Winds contract is a sign of continued progress and demonstrates our commitment to the U.S. wind market. We look forward to working with Tri Global Energy to build successful projects that increase U.S. energy production capacity through clean prove wind power as demonstrated by the Fiber Winds Project, which will reduce carbon emissions by 248,400 metric tons per year".
  - e. January 15, 2014, the *Dallas Business Journal reported* that Tri Global Energy was "gearing up" for the next wind project called Fiber Winds that would start construction the summer of 2015 near Lorenzo. In addition the company announced that the 80 MW project would use turbines built by Alstom Wind North America at its plant in Amarillo.
  - f. A June 6, 2014 online publication by Renewable Texas Energy Regional Center LLC (RTERC) provided an overview of Fiber Winds Energy LLC project pursuant of EB-5 visa investor program and limited partnership structure. The project requires 40 EB-5 investors. Each investor is required to pay a \$500,000 administrative fee partially used to compensate the RTERC in connection with administering the EB-5 investment, monitoring project execution, and supporting United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approvals.

#### **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

		DN 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024			
1.	Are yo	ou an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?	1	Yes	No
2.	The p	roperty will be used for one of the following activities:			
	(1)	manufacturing		Yes	<b>√</b> No
	(2)	research and development		Yes	✓ No
	(3)	a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code		Yes	<b>√</b> No
	(4)	an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code		Yes	<b>√</b> No
	(5)	renewable energy electric generation	1	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	. ,	bu requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?			
				Yes	✓ No
4.		ny of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?		Yes	✓ No
5.		ny of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?		Yes	✓ No
		ou including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?		Yes	✓ No
7.		ny property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of ualified investment?		Yes	✓ No
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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

#### Attachment 5

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

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.

Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC was formed in 2014.

Since its formation Fiber Winds Holding, LLC and its associate parties have entered into the following representative agreements and contracts for the development of a project phase within Lorenzo ISD and intend to assign these assets to Fiber Winds Holding, LLC:

- Grants of leases and easements covering approximately 11,000 acres with 28 landowners.
- Avian Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Bat Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Threatened & Endangered Species Studies and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Jurisdictional Wetland Study and contract with Turner Biological Consulting
- Wind Data Measurement contract with Wireless Innovations for data transmission for 1 Met Tower
- Contract with V-Bar for data storage and verification of wind data
- FCC & RF Studies and contract with Evans Engineering
- D&O Insurance Policy & Public Liability insurance contract with MHBT Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC
- Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS) and contract with Westwood Professional Services
- Phase One Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and contract with Westwood Professional Services

## Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?

The business activities these agreements and contracts listed above will determine with greater certainty and granularity the feasibility of completing development of an economic renewable energy project within the Lorenzo ISD.

These contracts and initial investments are preliminary in nature as Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has determined that a value limitation agreement with Lorenzo ISD is an essential economic driver to allow for the return on investment necessary to finance and construct the wind energy project.

#### Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?

Tri Global Energy's team has extensive experience in markets across the country. Based on this experience the management team evaluates all potential projects for feasibility, finance-ability, and the economic returns they represent in comparison to other project opportunities across the country.

The Fiber Winds Project is currently in such a period of assessment to determine whether the identified site in Lorenzo ISD represents the best location or whether redeployment of its development resources and capital to other power markets in the United States is more advisable.

A 313 Limitation of Appraised Value Agreement is a key tax incentive agreement necessary to ensure the Project is on a level playing field with other wind projects with similar incentives and with alternative forms of generation that receive their own forms of economic support. Without the requested limitation, the Project will be unable to generate sufficient operating margins and net income to produce economically competitive energy and associated returns necessary to attract tax and sponsor equity investment. Such third-party investment is mandatory to finance the projected capital costs of approximately 150M needed to purchase wind turbines and other infrastructure and to fund the construction and closing costs of the facility.

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?

The information provided in this Attachment and throughout the application has been assembled to provide the reviewer with the best possible data on which to make an assessment and determination of the critical nature of the limitation on appraised value to the feasibility of Fiber Winds Holding, LLC.

#### **ATTACHMENT 6**

Description of how project is located in more than one district, including list of percentage in each district and, if determined to be a single unified project, documentation from the Office of the Governor (if applicable).

5a. if no, attach in Tab 6 additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.

All of the planned Qualified Property for the Project is located solely in Lorenzo ISD.

Lorenzo ISD

100%

## **Supporting Information**

Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller



# TRI GLOBAL ENERGY, LLC SELECTS ALSTOM FOR 80MW FIBER WINDS PROJECT

#### Fiber Winds Energy will supply electricity to approximately 24,000 American homes

DALLAS, Texas, January 13, 2014 - On December 30, 2013 Alstom Power, Inc. and Tri Global Energy, LLC entered into a turbine supply agreement under which Alstom will supply 4 ECO110 and 25 ECO122 wind turbines and provide 10 years of service and maintenance for the 80 MW Fiber Winds Energy project near Lorenzo and Ralls, Texas. This agreement, achieved prior to December 31, 2013 secures a "safe harbor" position on the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for Fiber Winds Energy.

Following a financial closing, construction of the project is expected to begin in mid-year 2014, with commercial operations scheduled to commence in 2015. Tri Global Energy recently acquired 100% ownership of Fiber Winds Energy and intends to be the plant operator, providing local employment and services, expanding upon the original Tri Global Energy business model as a community developer for local landowners and investors.

"During the first 30 years following the commencement of commercial operations, Fiber Winds Energy is expected to pay \$39 million in wind royalties to local landowners and community investors. It is also projected to pay \$15 million in local school, county and hospital ad valorem taxes during this same period", said John B. Billingsley, CEO of Tri Global Energy, LLC.

Andy Geissbuehler, Head of Alstom's North American Wind Business said, "The Fiber Winds contract is a sign of continued progress and demonstrates our commitment to the U.S. wind market. We look forward to working with Tri Global Energy to build successful projects that increase U.S. energy production capacity through clean, proven wind power, as demonstrated by the Fiber Winds project, which will reduce carbon emissions by 248,400 metric tons per year".

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Alstom is a global leader in the world of power generation, power transmission and rail infrastructure, set in y ne be we'll we would not evaluate and environmentally friendly technologies. Alstom builds the fastest train and the highest capacity automated metro in the world, provides turnkey integrated power plant solutions and associated services for a wide variety of energy sources, including hydro, nuclear, gas, coal and wind, and it offers a wide range of solutions for power transmission, with a focus on smart grids. The Group employs 93,000 people in around 100 countries. It had sales of over €20 billion and booked close to €24 billion in orders in 2012/13.

#### About Alstom Wind North America

Alstom Wind has a global supply and manufacturing footprint. Alstom Wind North America has corporate offices in Richmond, VA; a manufacturing facility in Amarillo, TX; and research turbines in Boulder, CO and Lubbock, TX.

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#### About Tri Global Energy

Tri Global Energy is a leading renewable energy company in the U.S. headquartered in Dallas. Its TGE Wind division owns and develops utility-scale wind projects in Texas and New Mexico. In 2014, TGE Wind concluded 520 megawatts of wind transactions and will commercialize approximately 2,000 megawatts cumulatively by the end of 2017. The company's TGE Solar division provides solar energy solutions, and its management team have developed, financed, engineered, constructed and operated over 1,000 solar projects for utilities, large corporations, schools and churches, and municipalities and residences. Recently Tri Global Energy joined some of America's largest companies at the White House for the American Business Act on Climate Pledge, committing to support the global challenge of climate change.

#### MEDIA CONTACT

Have questions about Tri Global Energy? Interested in interviewing an executive? Please contact us with your requests.



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## Tri Global puts up 1st turbine tower - after the wind dies down

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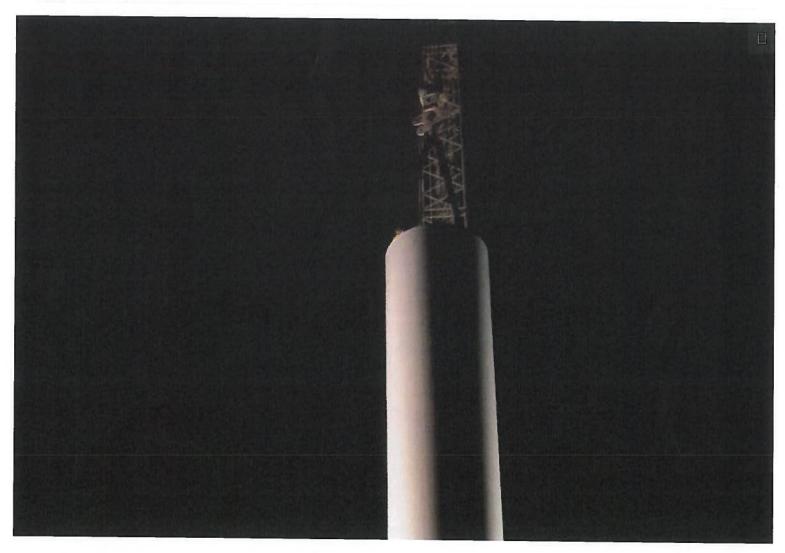








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Workers waited until the wind died down Tuesday night to erect Tri Global Energy's first... more

STEVEN CHAPMAN

The tower structure for Tri Global Energy's first wind turbine was hoisted into place Tuesday night in Crosby County just east of Lubbock.

Workers waited until nightfall because the wind was blowing as high as 35 mph during the day, too dangerous to be using cranes. Talk about irony.

The Pleasant Hill Wind Energy project will generate 20 megawatts of wind power when completed late this

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year.

This first turbine comes almost five years to the day that <u>John Billingsley</u> Jr. founded Tri Global Energy in Dallas.

The company already is gearing up for the next wind project, called Fiber Winds, that will start construction this summer near Lorenzo. The company announced this week that the 80 MW project will use turbines built by Alstom Wind North America at its plant in Amerillo.

Overall, Tri Global Energy boasts 16 wind projects totaling 640,000 leased acres throughout the Texas Panhandle and even spreading into New Mexico. When completed in the next decade, the wind farms will generate a total of 6,600 MW of electricity, enough to power 1.9 million homes.

The majority of that power will serve the <u>Electric Reliability Council of Texas</u> (ERCOT) grid <u>through the new transmission lines built by Oncor and other utilities.</u>

All of Tri Global Energy's wind farms are community-based wind farms where all the landowners get royalties and become investors in the project. That includes the 1,100-megawatt Hale Community Energy wind farm proposed in Hale County, the biggest community wind farm in the world.

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## U.S. Government Subsidized Large Utility Wind Energy Project



Texas is the largest producer of wind energy in the U.S.

Tri Global Energy is the top utility-scale wind farm developer in West Texas with 16 projects

U.S. Government strongly supports wind farm projects with incentives and tax subsidies

### Overview

Fiber Winds Energy, LLC is a 79.5 Megawatt ("MW") wind energy project located on large tracts of private farmland in the "panhandle" of Texas. The project site lies approximately sixteen miles northeast of Lubbock, Texas. Fiber Winds Energy is the second phase of a larger utility-scale wind energy project named the Crosby County Wind Farm ("CCWF") that is being developed by Tri Global Energy, LLC, a Dallas, Texas based company. When completed, Fiber Winds Energy will connect to an existing 115 kV power transmission line that crosses through the project site and is operated by the Southwest Power Pool, one of the largest transmission operators in the U.S.

## **EB-5 Project Highlights**

- Fiber Winds is located in a rural area and qualifies as a Targeted Employment Area (TEA)
- As a result of the qualified TEA, each investor in the project qualifies for the reduced investment threshold of \$500,000 each
- Project is seeking \$20 Million in EB-5 financing (i.e. 40 investors at \$500,000 each)
- Project requires 400 jobs and produces 643 qualifying jobs, thereby creating a 62% job buffer — assures I-829 immigration approval for investors
- U.S. Government subsidy is \$87 million
- Developer is experienced at creating successful wind energy projects, with plans to establish sixteen such projects in West Texas
- Tri Global Energy's first wind energy project utilized Chinese manufactured SANY turbines

## Limited Partnership Structure

Qualified investors who complete the subscription process and are accepted by the project's General Partner will receive a unit of Limited Partnership interest in the project partnership, in accordance with United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) policy regarding EB-5 investments.

### Administrative Fee

Each EB-5 investor is required to pay a \$50,000 Administrative Fee, which will partially compensate the Renewable Texas Energy Regional Center in connection with administering the EB-5 Investment, monitoring project execution, and supporting USCIS approvals.



## **Preferred Return**

One-half percent (0.5%) simple interest per annum, based on each investor's initial investment amount.

## EB-5 Immigration

If accepted by the project partnership, each investor will be required to prepare and submit their EB-5 Petition to the USCIS. Investors should consult, in-depth, with a qualified U.S. immigration attorney regarding the investor's individual case, as well as how to best pursue filing their EB-5 Petition. We have established a network of qualified immigration attorneys and would be happy to provide a referral or assist investors in selecting an attorney to represent the investor in their EB-5 Petition (I-526) and subsequent removal of conditions (I-829).

# Summary of the District's Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement with Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

November 11, 2016

McDowell & Brown, LLC
School Finance Consulting

# Summary of Lorenzo ISD Financial Impact of the Limited Appraised Value Application

from

**Fiber Winds Holding, LLC** 

#### Introduction

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC applied for a property value limitation from Lorenzo Independent School District under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code. The application was submitted on June 27, 2016 and subsequently approved for consideration by the Lorenzo ISD ISD Board of Trustees. Fiber Winds Holding, LLC ("Fiber Winds"), is requesting the property value limitation as a "renewable energy electric generation" project as listed in Sec. 313.024.(b) of the Tax Code.

"The Economic Development Act ", Tax Code Chapter 313, was created by House Bill 1200 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2001. Further amendments were made to Chapter 313 as a result of House Bill 1470 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session in 2007.

The Economic Development Act was created to attract qualifying businesses to Texas by allowing school districts the option of approving a property value limitation to these qualifying entities. The purpose of the property value limitation is to reduce the maintenance and operations taxes paid by the company, to a school district during the applicable years as displayed below.

#### Lorenzo ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

The company must file an application with the school district to qualify for consideration of a Limited Appraised Value Agreement ("LAVA" or "Agreement") to begin the following tax year or a later year if agreed upon by the District and the Company.

#### Years Prior to Start of Value Limitation Period:

The first two years of the agreement are considered the "Prior to Start of Value Limitation Period" and the company's school district taxes will be levied at one-hundred percent of the appraised value. The applicant has requested that tax years 2016 and 2017 be considered the years that are Prior to the Start of Value Limitation Period.

#### Value Limitation Period:

During the ten years of the Value Limitation Period, the qualifying entity's taxable value will be reduced to the minimum qualified investment for the applicable school district as determined by the State Comptroller's Office. Lorenzo ISD is considered a Rural category 3 District as categorized with total taxable value of industrial property of at least \$1 million but less than \$90 million. Thus, Lorenzo ISD has a minimum qualified investment amount of \$10 million and a minimum limitation amount of \$20 million. A qualifying entity's taxable value would be reduced to \$20 million during this ten year period of the agreement for the purposes of computing the tax levy for the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax of Lorenzo ISD. The entire appraised value will be used for computing the interest and sinking (I&S) tax levy. The applicant has requested that the Value Limitation Period to begin in tax year 2018 and continue through tax year 2027.

#### <u>Final Five Years of the Agreement – Continue to Maintain a Viable Presence:</u>

Tax years 2028 through 2032 will be the final five years of the agreement and the applicant agrees to maintain a viable presence with this project during this time.

#### **Taxable Value Projections from Application**

The following data shows the projected taxable values that Fiber Winds reported in the application to the District:

	Year	School Year	Tax Year	Projected Taxable Value	Actual Taxable Value
Each Year Prior to Start of	0	2016-2017	2016	\$0	\$0
Value Limitation Period	0	2017-2018	2017	\$0	\$0
	1	2018-2019	2018	\$104,000,000	\$20,000,000
	2	2019-2020	2019	\$98,800,000	\$20,000,000
	3	2020-2021	2020	\$93,600,000	\$20,000,000
	4	2021-2022	2021	\$88,400,000	\$20,000,000
Value Limitation Period	5	2022-2023	2022	\$83,200,000	\$20,000,000
	6	2023-2024	2023	\$78,000,000	\$20,000,000
	7	2024-2025	2024	\$72,800,000	\$20,000,000
	8	2025-2026	2025	\$67,600,000	\$20,000,000
	9	2026-2027	2026	\$62,400,000	\$20,000,000
	10	2027-2028	2027	\$57,200,000	\$20,000,000
	11	2028-2029	2028	\$52,000,000	\$52,000,000
	12	2029-2030	2029	\$46,800,000	\$46,800,000
Continue to Maintain Viable	13	2030-2031	2030	\$41,600,000	\$41,600,000
Presence	14	2031-2032	2031	\$36,400,000	\$36,400,000
	15	2032-2033	2032	\$31,200,000	\$31,200,000
	16	2033-2034	2033	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000
	17	2034-2035	2034	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	18	2035-2036	2035	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	19	2036-2037	2036	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
Additional Years for 25 Year	20	2037-2038	2037	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
Economic Impact Study	21	2038-2039	2038	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	22	2039-2040	2039	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	23	2040-2041	2040	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	24	2041-2042	2041	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000
	25	2042-2043	2042	\$20,800,000	\$20,800,000

#### **Taxable Value Impact from LAVA**

The "Additional Value from Fiber Winds" represents the values that the company estimated as their taxable values in the application that was filed with the district. During tax years 2018 through 2027, the company's taxable value will be limited to the \$20,000,000 minimum qualified investment of Lorenzo ISD.

<b>TABLE I</b>	- Calcula	tion of	Tavahle	Value.
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Tax Year	Additional Value	Minimum	Abated	Taxable	
	From Fiber Winds	Qualified	Value	Value	
		Investment			
Jan. 1, 2016	0	n/a	0	0	
Jan. 1, 2017	0	n/a	0	0	
Jan. 1, 2018	104,000,000	(20,000,000)	84,000,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1, 2019	98,800,000	(20,000,000)	78,800,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1, 2020	93,600,000	(20,000,000)	73,600,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2021	88,400,000	(20,000,000)	68,400,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1, 2022	83,200,000	(20,000,000)	63,200,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2023	78,000,000	(20,000,000)	58,000,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2024	72,800,000	(20,000,000)	52,800,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2025	67,600,000	(20,000,000)	47,600,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2026	62,400,000	(20,000,000)	42,400,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2027	57,200,000	(20,000,000)	37,200,000	20,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2028	52,000,000	n/a	0	52,000,000	
Jan. 1. 2029	46,800,000	n/a	0	46,800,000	
Jan. 1. 2030	41,600,000	n/a	0	41,600,000	
Jan. 1. 2031	36,400,000	n/a	0	36,400,000	
Jan. 1. 2032	31,200,000	n/a	0	31,200,000	

#### Fiber Wind's Tax Benefit from Agreement

The projected amount of the net tax savings for Fiber Winds is \$5.38 million over the life of the Agreement. This net savings is after all tax savings and after estimated payments have been made to the district to offset their revenue losses that were a direct result of entering into this Agreement.

Lorenzo ISD's projected tax rates for maintenance & operations (M&O) and interest & sinking (I&S) are based on the following assumptions:

- The District has not held a tax ratification election that would approve a M&O tax rate; therefore, the study assumes that they will maintain a M&O tax rate of \$1.0271. The M&O rate for 2018-2019 & 2028-2029 is projected to drop, due to the rollback tax rate calculations.
- The district currently has no outstanding bonded indebtedness; however, the district could pursue a bond election and issue bonded debt during the life of this agreement.

**TABLE II- Computation of Net Tax Savings:** 

Fiscal Year	D :	5	Taxes w/o	Tax Savings	Payment of	Net Tax Savings
	Projected	Projected	Agreement	with	District's	
	M&O Tax	I&S Tax		Agreement	Revenue	
	Rate	Rate			Losses	
2016-2017	1.0271	0.000	0	0	0	0
2017-2018	1.0271	0.000	0	0	0	0
2018-2019	1.0171	0.000	1,057,784	854,364	(835,983)	18,381
2019-2020	1.0271	0.000	1,014,775	809,355	0	809,355
2020-2021	1.0271	0.000	961,366	755,946	0	755,946
2021-2022	1.0271	0.000	907,956	702,536	0	702,536
2022-2023	1.0271	0.000	854,547	649,127	0	649,127
2023-2024	1.0271	0.000	801,138	595,718	0	595,718
2024-2025	1.0271	0.000	747,729	542,309	0	542,309
2025-2026	1.0271	0.000	694,320	488,900	0	488,900
2026-2027	1.0271	0.000	640,910	435,490	0	435,490
2027-2028	1.0271	0.000	587,501	382,081	0	382,081
2028-2029	1.0071	0.000	523,692	0	0	0
2029-2030	1.0271	0.000	480,683	0	0	0
2030-2031	1.0271	0.000	427,274	0	0	0
2031-2032	1.0271	0.000	373,864	0	0	0
2032-2033	1.0271	0.000	320,455	0	0	0
Totals			10,393,994	6,215,826	(835,983)	5,379,843

#### **Financial Impact Study**

This Financial Impact Study was performed to determine the financial impact of the Limited Appraised Value Agreement on Lorenzo ISD. First, a fifteen year financial forecast was prepared to establish a baseline without the added values of the renewable energy electric generation company. Second, a fifteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporated the additional taxable value of the company without a LAVA in effect. Third, a fifteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporates the additional taxable value of the company with an approved LAVA. These three forecasts are detailed in the "Calculation of LAVA Impact on District's Finances" section. The following assumptions were used to compare the financial impact of the LAVA:

- The current state funding formulas (in effect for 2016-2017 fiscal year) were used for state aid and recapture calculation purposes
  - Level 2 of Tier II yield \$77.53 per weighted student in average daily attendance
     (WADA) per penny of tax effort
- The district's tax rate for maintenance & operations (M&O) will remain at the same rate as for tax year 2016.
- A tax collection rate of 100% on current year tax levy with no projected delinquent taxes
- An annual taxable value increase of 0.5% was used to project the district's taxable value, except as it related to the requested LAVA. The district's 2016 taxable value was used as a baseline for all projections
- The district's enrollment is projected to decrease slightly; therefore, the projected ADA and WADA for school year 2015-2016 was decreased by 0.25% per year for the life of the agreement.

Although these assumptions were used to develop a baseline scenario for comparison purposes, many of these factors will not remain constant for the thirteen years of this proposed agreement. Also, Legislative changes to the school finance formulas are likely during the near future and almost certain during the life of this agreement.

#### **Calculation of LAVA Impact on District's Finances**

The tables displayed below (Table III, IV, V) show the different impacts on the school district's finances. These scenarios were computed to compare the District's revenue without the additional taxable value of Fiber Winds (Table III), the addition of Fiber Winds taxable values without a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table IV), and the addition of Fiber Winds taxable values with a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table V).

**TABLE III – District Revenues** without **Fiber Winds Holding, LLC:** 

Fiscal Year	Total Taxable	M&O Taxes	State	Recapture	Hold	M&O	Total District
	Value	Compressed	Revenue	Amount	Harmless	Taxes >	Revenue
		Rate			Revenue	Comp Rate	
2016-2017	137,309,166	1,289,963	1,279,887	0	2,569,850	162,992	2,732,842
2017-2018	137,945,712	1,295,934	1,347,240	0	2,643,174	225,968	2,869,142
2018-2019	138,585,440	1,301,935	1,335,994	0	2,637,929	225,402	2,863,330
2019-2020	139,228,368	1,307,966	1,319,622	0	2,627,588	224,837	2,852,425
2020-2021	139,874,509	1,314,028	1,308,312	0	2,622,340	224,274	2,846,614
2021-2022	140,523,882	1,320,119	1,296,974	0	2,617,093	223,712	2,840,805
2022-2023	141,176,501	1,326,242	1,284,889	0	2,611,130	223,152	2,834,282
2023-2024	152,457,384	1,432,066	1,269,106	0	2,701,173	239,244	2,940,417
2024-2025	151,241,546	1,420,660	1,154,922	0	2,575,582	219,228	2,794,810
2025-2026	150,029,004	1,409,286	1,161,586	0	2,570,872	218,673	2,789,545
2026-2027	150,694,774	1,415,531	1,168,223	0	2,583,755	220,863	2,804,618
2027-2028	151,363,872	1,421,808	1,151,602	0	2,573,410	220,310	2,793,720
2028-2029	152,036,317	1,428,116	1,140,039	0	2,568,155	219,759	2,787,914
2029-2030	152,712,123	1,434,456	1,128,095	0	2,562,550	219,209	2,781,759
2030-2031	153,391,309	1,440,827	1,116,818	0	2,557,645	218,660	2,776,305
2031-2032	154,073,891	1,447,230	1,105,159	0	2,552,389	218,113	2,770,502
2032-2033	154,759,885	1,453,666	1,088,374	0	2,542,039	217,567	2,759,606

**TABLE IV- District Revenues** with **Fiber Winds Holding** without **Chapter 313 Agreement**:

Fiscal Year	Total Taxable	M&O Taxes	State	Recapture	Hold	M&O	Total District
	Value	Compressed	Revenue	Amount	Harmless	Taxes >	Revenue
		Rate			Revenue	Comp Rate	
2016-2017	137,309,166	1,289,963	1,279,887	0	2,569,850	162,992	2,732,842
2017-2018	137,945,712	1,295,934	1,347,240	0	2,643,174	225,968	2,869,142
2018-2019	242,585,440	2,277,583	1,335,994	0	3,613,577	262,876	3,876,453
2019-2020	238,028,368	2,234,796	314,686	0	2,549,482	219,463	2,768,946
2020-2021	233,474,509	2,192,077	352,817	0	2,544,894	218,841	2,763,735
2021-2022	228,923,882	2,149,388	391,769	0	2,541,157	218,218	2,759,375
2022-2023	224,376,501	2,106,730	429,973	0	2,536,703	217,593	2,754,297
2023-2024	230,457,384	2,163,774	464,480	0	2,628,254	227,444	2,855,698
2024-2025	224,041,546	2,103,588	415,740	0	2,519,327	214,745	2,734,073
2025-2026	217,629,004	2,043,433	470,869	0	2,514,301	214,042	2,728,343
2026-2027	213,094,774	2,000,898	514,464	0	2,515,362	215,222	2,730,584
2027-2028	208,563,872	1,958,394	548,131	0	2,506,525	214,595	2,721,120
2028-2029	204,036,317	1,915,921	586,857	0	2,502,779	213,965	2,716,744
2029-2030	199,512,123	1,873,480	625,202	0	2,498,682	213,334	2,712,016
2030-2031	194,991,309	1,831,071	664,215	0	2,495,286	212,700	2,707,986
2031-2032	190,473,891	1,788,694	702,846	0	2,491,540	212,063	2,703,603
2032-2033	185,959,885	1,746,349	736,348	0	2,482,697	211,423	2,694,120

**TABLE V – District Revenues** *with* **Fiber Winds Holding** *with* **Chapter 313 Agreement:** 

Fiscal Year	Total Taxable	M&O Taxes	State	Recapture	Hold	M&O	Payment	Total District
	Value	Comp Rate	Revenue	Amount	Harmless	Taxes >	for District	Revenue
					Revenue	Comp	Losses	
						Rate		
2016-2017	137,309,166	1,289,963	1,279,887	0	2,569,850	162,992	0	2,732,842
2017-2018	137,945,712	1,295,934	1,347,240	0	2,643,174	225,968	0	2,869,142
2018-2019	158,585,440	1,489,571	1,335,993	0	2,825,564	214,906	835,983	3,876,453
2019-2020	159,228,368	1,495,584	1,126,202	0	2,621,786	224,665	0	2,846,452
2020-2021	159,874,509	1,501,645	1,114,892	0	2,616,537	224,104	0	2,840,640
2021-2022	160,523,882	1,507,737	1,103,554	0	2,611,291	223,543	0	2,834,834
2022-2023	161,176,501	1,513,859	1,091,469	0	2,605,328	222,984	0	2,828,312
2023-2024	172,457,384	1,619,683	1,075,686	0	2,695,370	237,011	0	2,932,381
2024-2025	171,241,546	1,608,278	961,502	0	2,569,779	219,398	0	2,789,178
2025-2026	170,029,004	1,596,903	968,167	0	2,565,070	218,845	0	2,783,915
2026-2027	170,694,774	1,603,149	974,804	0	2,577,953	220,714	0	2,798,667
2027-2028	171,363,872	1,609,425	958,182	0	2,567,607	220,162	0	2,787,769
2028-2029	204,036,317	1,915,959	946,619	0	2,862,578	173,612	0	3,036,190
2029-2030	199,512,123	1,873,480	625,202	0	2,498,682	213,334	0	2,712,016
2030-2031	194,991,309	1,831,071	664,215	0	2,495,286	212,700	0	2,707,986
2031-2032	190,473,891	1,788,694	702,846	0	2,491,540	212,063	0	2,703,603
2032-2033	185,959,885	1,746,349	736,348	0	2,482,697	211,423	0	2,694,120

#### **Current School Finance Law**

A major overhaul of the school finance formulas was implemented as a result of House Bill 1 of the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and became effective for the 2006-2007 school year. Those formula changes had an effect on the district's financial impact from granting a property value limitation. Due to the district's "Hold Harmless" provision that was enacted in the funding formulas, some districts had the majority of the district's revenue losses (during the first year that the "limited appraised value" was used as the actual taxable value) offset with additional state funding. The funding that was available to offset those revenue losses was called Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) and those funds were phased out as a result of legislation in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session in 2011. This legislation eliminated the ASATR funding for fiscal year 2017-2018 and thereafter and can have a significant financial impact for LAVA agreements that have a year three in 2017-2018 or later. The loss of ASATR funding can again cause a district to experience a significant loss of funds in year three of the agreement and consequently cause the company to have revenue protection payments during that year that are similar to those experienced prior to 2006-2007.

### **Supplemental Payments**

Assuming that the District and Fiber Winds Holding, LLC mutually agree in the LAVA that the greater of \$100 per student in average daily attendance (ADA) or \$50,000, will be paid to Lorenzo ISD by Fiber Winds Holding, the projected amount of these payments over the life of the agreement is \$700,000 of the \$5.38 million net tax savings amount. This amount will be computed annually according to Section IV of the Agreement.

**TABLE VI - Calculation of the Supplemental Payments:** 

Fiscal Year	Net Tax Savings	Lorenzo ISD	Fiber Winds
		\$100/ADA	Share
2016-2017	0	0	0
2017-2018	0	50,000	(50,000)
2018-2019	18,381	50,000	(31,619)
2019-2020	809,355	50,000	759,355
2020-2021	755,946	50,000	705,946
2021-2022	702,536	50,000	652,536
2022-2023	649,127	50,000	599,127
2023-2024	595,718	50,000	545,718
2024-2025	542,309	50,000	492,309
2025-2026	488,900	50,000	438,900
2026-2027	435,490	50,000	385,490
2027-2028	382,081	50,000	332,081
2028-2029	0	50,000	(50,000)
2029-2030	0	50,000	(50,000)
2030-2031	0	50,000	(50,000)
2031-2032	0	0	0
2032-2033	0	0	0
Totals	5,379,843	700,000	4,679,843

### **Impact of Projected Student Growth**

#### On District Facilities

TABLE VII - Campus Capacity and Available Growth

Grade Level	# of Regular Classrooms	Building Capacity	Current Enrollment	Enrollment Growth Available
Pre-K thru 6	16	320	164	156
7 thru 12	12	240	98	142
Total	28	560	262	298

The building capacities are based on 20 students per classroom for the elementary campuses, 20 students for the Jr. High and high school. Lorenzo ISD is a pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade district.

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC provided supplemental information with their application that projected the number of full-time employees that are expected for permanent employment after construction of the project is completed. They projected that three full-time employees are expected. It is not known whether these would be new employees to the Lorenzo ISD, or if current residents would occupy these positions; however, it is assumed that these employees would be new residents to the district.

Based on average statewide figures provided by a demographer, it is projected that each new household would produce .5 students. Thus the new three positions equates to 2 new students.

This minimal projected student growth can easily be accommodated with the current facilities of Lorenzo ISD as displayed in Table VII above.

# Lorenzo ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

### Conclusion

This Financial Impact Study displays that entering into a Limited Appraised Value Agreement with Fiber Winds would be beneficial to both Fiber Winds and Lorenzo ISD under the current school finance system.

Fiber Winds Energy, LLC would benefit from reduced property taxes during the ten years of the Value Limitation Period. Although some of the tax savings would be used to offset district's revenue losses and payments in lieu of taxes to the District, Fiber Winds is projected to benefit from a 75% tax savings during that ten year period of this Agreement. Fiber Winds also has the option of terminating the Agreement if the amount paid to the District during a tax year is greater than the amount of taxes that would have been paid without the agreement; therefore, there is no inherent risk for the company from entering into the Agreement.

Lorenzo ISD would also have no inherent risk under the current school finance system and with the provisions in the LAVA that require Fiber Winds to offset any district losses caused by the LAVA. An annual calculation will be performed each year to determine if a loss to the District has been incurred. The revenue impact to the District will be computed by comparing the District's revenues with and without the LAVA in effect.



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August 3, 2016

Brad Aycock, President Board of Trustees Lorenzo Independent School District PO Box 520 Lorenzo, TX 79343-0520

Dear Mr. Aycock:

As required by the Tax Code, §313.025 (b-1), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has evaluated the impact of the proposed Fiber Winds Holding LLC project on the number and size of school facilities in Lorenzo Independent School District (LISD). Based on an examination of LISD enrollment and the number of potential new jobs, the TEA has determined that the Fiber Winds Holding LLC project should not have a significant impact on the number or size of school facilities in LISD.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at (512) 463-9186 or by email at <a href="mailto:al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us">al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us</a> if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Al McKenzie

Director of State Funding

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Cc: Oran Hamilton



**Glenn Hegar** Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



Property Tax

# SCHOOL AND APPRAISAL DISTRICTS PROPERTY VALUE STUDY 2015 REPORT

# **2015 ISD Summary Worksheet**

054/Crosby

054-902/Lorenzo ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Val ue	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assig ned
A. Single-Family R esidences	23,006,284	N/A	23,006,284	23,006,284
B. Multi-Family Re sidences	289,414	N/A	289,414	289,414
C1. Vacant Lots	346,384	N/A	346,384	346,384
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0
D1. Rural Real(Tax able)	24,313,894	N/A	24,313,894	24,313,894
D2. Real Prop Far m & Ranch	1,205,295	N/A	1,205,295	1,205,295
E. Real Prop Non Qual Acres	3,988,415	N/A	3,988,415	3,988,415

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F1. Commercial R eal	2,269,003	N/A	2,269,003	2,269,003
F2. Industrial Real	38,187,043	N/A	38,187,043	38,187,043
G. Oil, Gas, Miner als	96,593,873	N/A	96,593,873	96,593,873
J. Utilities	5,323,009	N/A	5,323,009	5,323,009
L1. Commercial P ersonal	2,709,769	N/A	2,709,769	2,709,769
L2. Industrial Pers onal	12,491,315	N/A	12,491,315	12,491,315
M. Other Personal	0	N/A	0	0
N. Intangible Pers onal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inv entory	0	N/A	0	0
S. Special Invento ry	1,521,976	N/A	1,521,976	1,521,976
Subtotal	212,245,674		212,245,674	212,245,674
Less Total Deducti ons	35,452,273		35,452,273	35,452,273
Total Taxable Val ue	176,793,401		176,793,401	176,793,401 T2

The taxable values shown here will not match the values reported by your appraisal district

See the ISD DEDUCTION Report for a breakdown of deduction values

Government code subsections 403.302 (J) AND (K) require the Comptroller to certify alternative measures of school district wealth. These measures are reported for taxable values for maintenance and operation (M&O) tax purposes and for interest and sinking fund (I&S) tax purposes. For districts that have not entered into value limitation agreements, T1 through T4 will be the same as T7 through T10.

# **Value Taxable For M&O Purposes**

178,821,514	176,793,401	178,821,514	176,793,401
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Loss To	50% of the loss
the Additional	to the Local Optional
\$10,000 Homestead	Percentage Homestead
Exemption	Exemption
2,028,113	0

T1 = School district taxable value for M&O purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T2 = School district taxable value for M&O purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T3 = T1 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T4 = T2 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

### **Value Taxable For I&S Purposes**

Т7	Т8	Т9	Т10
205,617,515	203,589,402	205,617,515	203,589,402

T7 = School district taxable value for I&S purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T8 = School district taxable value for I&S purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T9 = T7 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T10 = T8 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

The PVS found your local value to be valid, and local value was certified

## 152/Lubbock

# 054-902/Lorenzo ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Val ue	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assig ned
A. Single-Family R esidences	1,096,308	N/A	1,096,308	1,096,308
B. Multi-Family Re sidences	0	N/A	0	0
C1. Vacant Lots	100,193	N/A	100,193	100,193
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0
D1. Rural Real(Tax able)	5,510,833	N/A	5,510,833	5,510,833
D2. Real Prop Far m & Ranch	96,610	N/A	96,610	96,610
E. Real Prop Non Qual Acres	3,233,739	N/A	3,233,739	3,233,739
F1. Commercial R eal	699,528	N/A	699,528	699,528
F2. Industrial Real	0	N/A	0	0
G. Oil, Gas, Miner als	0	N/A	0	0
J. Utilities	997,960	N/A	997,960	997,960
L1. Commercial P ersonal	135,709	N/A	135,709	135,709
L2. Industrial Pers onal	1,779,230	N/A	1,779,230	1,779,230
M. Other Personal	0	N/A	0	0
N. Intangible Pers onal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inv entory	0	N/A	0	0

S. Special Invento ry	0	N/A	0	0
Subtotal	13,650,110		13,650,110	13,650,110
Less Total Deducti ons	483,943		483,943	483,943
Total Taxable Val ue	13,166,167		13,166,167	13,166,167 T2

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### **Value Taxable For M&O Purposes**

Т1	Т2	Т3	Т4
13,326,167	13,166,167	13,326,167	13,166,167

Loss To	50% of the loss
the Additional	to the Local Optional
\$10,000 Homestead	Percentage Homestead
Exemption	Exemption
160,000	0

T1 = School district taxable value for M&O purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T2 = School district taxable value for M&O purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T3 = T1 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T4 = T2 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

# **Value Taxable For I&S Purposes**

Т7	Т8	Т9	T10
13,326,167	13,166,167	13,326,167	13,166,167

T7 = School district taxable value for I&S purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T8 = School district taxable value for I&S purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T9 = T7 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

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### 054-902/Lorenzo ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Val ue	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assig ned
A. Single-Family R esidences	24,102,592	N/A	24,102,592	24,102,592
B. Multi-Family Re sidences	289,414	N/A	289,414	289,414
C1. Vacant Lots	446,577	N/A	446,577	446,577
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0
D1. Rural Real(Tax able)	29,824,727	N/A	29,824,727	29,824,727
D2. Real Prop Far m & Ranch	1,301,905	N/A	1,301,905	1,301,905

E. Real Prop Non Qual Acres	7,222,154	N/A	7,222,154	7,222,154
F1. Commercial R eal	2,968,531	N/A	2,968,531	2,968,531
F2. Industrial Real	38,187,043	N/A	38,187,043	38,187,043
G. Oil, Gas, Miner als	96,593,873	N/A	96,593,873	96,593,873
J. Utilities	6,320,969	N/A	6,320,969	6,320,969
L1. Commercial P ersonal	2,845,478	N/A	2,845,478	2,845,478
L2. Industrial Pers onal	14,270,545	N/A	14,270,545	14,270,545
M. Other Personal	0	N/A	0	0
N. Intangible Pers onal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inv entory	0	N/A	0	0
S. Special Invento ry	1,521,976	N/A	1,521,976	1,521,976
Subtotal	225,895,784		225,895,784	225,895,784
Less Total Deducti ons	35,936,216		35,936,216	35,936,216
Total Taxable Val ue	189,959,568		189,959,568	189,959,568 T2

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See the ISD DEDUCTION Report for a breakdown of deduction values

### AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

by and between

### LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

and

FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC

(Texas Taxpayer ID #32060819474)

Comptroller Application #1142

Dated

December 12, 2016

# AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CROSBY

THIS AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES, hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement," is executed and delivered by and between the **LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as the "District," a lawfully created independent school district within the State of Texas operating under and subject to the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, and **FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC**, Texas Taxpayer Identification Number 32060819474 hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant." The Applicant and the District are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2016, the Superintendent of Schools of the Lorenzo Independent School District, acting as agent of the Board of Trustees of the District, received from the Applicant an Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2016, the Board of Trustees has acknowledged receipt of the Application, and along with the requisite application fee as established pursuant to Section 313.025(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and Local District Policy CCG (LOCAL), and agreed to consider the Application;

**WHEREAS**, the Application was delivered to the Texas Comptroller's Office for review pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, the District and the Texas Comptroller's Office have determined that the Application is complete and July 26, 2016 is the Application Review Start Date as that term is defined by 34 Texas Admin. Code Section 9.1051;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1054, the Application was delivered to the Crosby County Appraisal District established in Crosby County, Texas (the "Crosby County Appraisal District"), pursuant to Section 6.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Comptroller's Office reviewed the Application pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, conducted an economic impact evaluation pursuant to Section 313.026 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and on October 24, 2016, issued a certificate for limitation on

appraised value of the property described in the Application and provided the certificate to the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has reviewed and carefully considered the economic impact evaluation and certificate for limitation on appraised value submitted by the Texas Comptroller's Office pursuant to Section 313.025 of the Texas Tax Code;

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2016, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the Application at which it solicited input into its deliberations on the Application from all interested parties within the District;

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2016, the Board of Trustees made factual findings pursuant to Section 313.025(f) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, including, but not limited to findings that: (i) the information in the Application is true and correct; (ii) the Applicant is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of the Applicant's Qualified Property; (iii) the project proposed by the Applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the District's 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; (iv) the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this State; and (v) this Agreement is in the best interest of the District and the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of 313.025(f-1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, the Board of Trustees waived the job creation requirement set forth in Section 313.051(b) the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2016, the Texas Comptroller's Office approved the form of this Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes;

WHEREAS, on [insert date], 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the form of this Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, and authorized the Board President and Secretary or, in the event the Board President and Secretary are unavailable or have disclosed a conflict of interest, the Board of Trustees has authorized [Insert Name] to execute and deliver such Agreement to the Applicant; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

**Section 1.1 DEFINITIONS.** Wherever used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which used clearly indicates another meaning. Words or terms defined in 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1051 and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings provided by 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1051.

"<u>Act</u>" means the Texas Economic Development Act set forth in Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, including any statutory amendments that are applicable to Applicant.

"Agreement" means this Agreement, as the same may be modified, amended, restated, amended and restated, or supplemented as approved pursuant to Sections 10.2 and 10.3.

"Applicant" means FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC, (Texas Taxpayer ID # 32060819474), the entity listed in the Preamble of this Agreement and that is listed as the Applicant on the Application as of the Application Approval Date. The term "Applicant" shall also include the Applicant's assigns and successors-in-interest as approved according to Sections 10.2 and 10.3 of this Agreement.

"Applicant's Qualified Investment" means the Qualified Investment of the Applicant during the Qualifying Time Period and as more fully described in **EXHIBIT 3** of this Agreement.

"Applicant's Qualified Property" means the Qualified Property of the Applicant to which the value limitation identified in the Agreement will apply and as more fully described in **EXHIBIT 4** of this Agreement.

"Application" means the Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C of the Texas Tax Code) filed with the District by the Applicant on June 20, 2016. The term includes all forms required by the Comptroller, the schedules attached thereto, and all other documentation submitted by the Applicant for the purpose of obtaining an Agreement with the District. The term also includes all amendments and supplements thereto submitted by the Applicant.

"<u>Application Approval Date</u>" means the date that the Application is approved by the Board of Trustees of the District and as further identified in Section 2.3.B of this Agreement.

"Application Review Start Date" means the later date of either the date on which the District issues its written notice that the Applicant has submitted a completed Application or the date on which the Comptroller issues its written notice that the Applicant has submitted a completed Application and as further identified in Section 2.3.A of this Agreement.

"<u>Appraised Value</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(8) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"Appraisal District" means the Crosby County Appraisal District.

"Board of Trustees" means the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District.

- "<u>Commercial Operation</u>" means the date on which the Project becomes commercially operational and placed into service, such that all of the following events have occurred and remain simultaneously true and accurate:
- A. The Project has been constructed, tested, and is fully capable of operating for the purpose of generating electricity for sale on one or more commercial markets;
- B. The Project has received written authorization from the grid operator for interconnection, integration, and synchronization of the plant with the grid; and,
- C. The Project has obtained all permits, required approvals, and has met all requirements necessary for safely and reliably generating electricity and delivering electricity onto the grid.
- "<u>Comptroller</u>" means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, or the designated representative of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts acting on behalf of the Comptroller.
- "<u>Comptroller's Rules</u>" means the applicable rules and regulations of the Comptroller set forth in Chapter 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Chapter 9, Subchapter F, together with any court or administrative decisions interpreting same.

"County" means Crosby County, Texas.

"<u>District</u>" or "<u>School District</u>" means the Lorenzo Independent School District, being a duly authorized and operating school district in the State, having the power to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes within its boundaries and to which "Subchapter C" of the Act applies. The term also includes any successor independent school district or other successor governmental authority having the power to levy and collect ad valorem taxes for school purposes on the Applicant's Qualified Property or the Applicant's Qualified Investment.

"<u>Final Termination Date</u>" means the last date of the final year in which the Applicant is required to Maintain Viable Presence and as further identified in Section 2.3.E of this Agreement.

"Force Majeure" means those causes generally recognized under Texas law as constituting impossible conditions. Each Party must inform the other in writing with proof of receipt within thirty (30) days of the existence of such Force Majeure or otherwise waive this right as a defense.

"<u>Land</u>" means the real property described on **EXHIBIT 2**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

"Maintain Viable Presence" means (i) the operation during the term of this Agreement of the facility or facilities for which the tax limitation is granted; and (ii) the Applicant's maintenance of jobs and wages as required by the Act and as set forth in its Application.

"Market Value" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(7) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"New Qualifying Jobs" means the total number of jobs to be created by the Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project that is the subject of its Application that meet the criteria of Qualifying Job as defined in Section 313.021(3) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and the Comptroller's Rules.

"New Non-Qualifying Jobs" means the number of Non-Qualifying Jobs, as defined in 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1051(14), to be created by the Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project which is the subject of its Application.

"Qualified Investment" has the meaning set forth in Section 313.021(1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as interpreted by the Comptroller's Rules.

"Qualified Property" has the meaning set forth in Section 313.021(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and as interpreted by Comptroller's Rules and the Texas Attorney General, as these provisions existed on the Application Review Start Date.

"Qualifying Time Period" means the period defined in Section 2.3.C, during which the Applicant shall make investment on the Land where the Qualified Property is located in the amount required by the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, and this Agreement.

"State" means the State of Texas.

"Supplemental Payment" means any payments or transfers of things of value made to the District or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of thing of value being provided is in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for the Agreement and that is not authorized pursuant to Sections 313.027(f)(1) or (2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and specifically includes any payments required pursuant to Article VI of this Agreement.

"<u>Tax Limitation Amount</u>" means the maximum amount which may be placed as the Appraised Value on the Applicant's Qualified Property for maintenance and operations tax assessment in each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period of this Agreement pursuant to Section 313.054 of the Texas Tax Code.

"<u>Tax Limitation Period</u>" means the Tax Years for which the Applicant's Qualified Property is subject to the Tax Limitation Amount and as further identified in Section 2.3.D of this Agreement.

"<u>Tax Year</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(13) of the TEXAS TAX CODE (i.e., the calendar year).

"<u>Taxable Value</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(10) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

**Section 1.2 NEGOTIATED DEFINITIONS.** Wherever used in Articles IV, V, and VI, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which used clearly indicates another meaning or otherwise; provided however, if there is a conflict between a term defined in this section and a term defined in the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or Section 1.1 of Agreement, the conflict shall be resolved by reference to Section 10.9.C.

"Applicable School Finance Law" means Chapters 41 and 42 of the Texas Education Code, the Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code), Chapter 403, Subchapter M, of the Texas Government Code applicable to District, and the Constitution and general laws of the State applicable to the school districts of the State, including specifically, the applicable rules and regulations of the agencies of the State having jurisdiction over any matters relating to the public school systems and school districts of the State, and judicial decisions construing or interpreting any of the above. The term also includes any amendments or successor statutes that may be adopted in the future that could impact or alter the calculation of Applicant's ad valorem tax obligation to District, either with or without the limitation of property values made pursuant to this Agreement.

"Consultant" shall have the same meaning as assigned to such term in Section 4.5 of the Agreement.

"<u>M&O Amount</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.2 of the Agreement.

"Maintenance and Operations Revenue" or "M&O Revenue" means (i) those revenues which District receives from the levy of its annual ad valorem maintenance and operations tax pursuant to Section 45.002 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE and Article VII § 3 of the TEXAS CONSTITUTION, plus (ii) all State revenues to which the District is or may be entitled under Chapter 42 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE or any other statutory provision as well as any amendment or successor statute to these provisions, plus (iii) any indemnity payments received by the District under other agreements similar to this Agreement to the extent that such payments are designed to replace District M&O Revenue lost as a result of such similar agreements, less (iv) any amounts necessary to reimburse the State of Texas or another school district for the education of additional students pursuant to Chapter 41 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

"<u>Net Tax Savings</u>" shall have the same meaning as assigned to such term in Section 6.3 of the Agreement.

"New M&O Revenue" shall have the same meaning as assigned to such term in Section

### 4.2.A.ii of the Agreement.

"Original M&O Revenue" shall have the same meaning as assigned to such term in Section 4.2.A.i of the Agreement.

# ARTICLE II AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND LIMITATION AMOUNTS

- **Section 2.1. AUTHORITY.** This Agreement is executed by the District as its written agreement with the Applicant pursuant to the provisions and authority granted to the District in Section 313.027 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.
- **Section 2.2. PURPOSE.** In consideration of the execution and subsequent performance of the terms and obligations by the Applicant pursuant to this Agreement, identified in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 and as more fully specified in this Agreement, the value of the Applicant's Qualified Property listed and assessed by the County Appraiser for the District's maintenance and operation ad valorem property tax shall be the Tax Limitation Amount as set forth in Section 2.4 of this Agreement during the Tax Limitation Period.

#### **Section 2.3.** TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.

- A. The Application Review Start Date for this Agreement is July 26, 2016, which will be used to determine the eligibility of the Applicant's Qualified Property and all applicable wage standards.
  - B. The Application Approval Date for this Agreement is December 12, 2016.
  - C. The Qualifying Time Period for this Agreement:
  - i. Starts on January 1, 2017, a date not later than January 1 of the fourth Tax Year following the Application Approval Date for deferrals, as authorized by Section 313.027(h) of the TEXAS TAX CODE; and
    - ii. Ends on December 31, 2018, the last day of the second complete Tax Year following the Qualifying Time Period start date.
  - D. The Tax Limitation Period for this Agreement:
    - i. Starts on January 1, 2018, first complete Tax Year that begins after the date of the commencement of Commercial Operation; and,
    - ii. Ends on December 31, 2027.
  - E. The Final Termination Date for this Agreement is December 31, 2032.
- F. This Agreement, and the obligations and responsibilities created by this Agreement, shall be and become effective on the Application Approval Date identified in Section 2.3.B. This Agreement, and the obligations and responsibilities created by this Agreement, terminate on the

Final Termination Date identified in Subsection 2.3.E, unless extended by the express terms of this Agreement.

- **Section 2.4. TAX LIMITATION.** So long as the Applicant makes the Qualified Investment as required by Section 2.5, during the Qualifying Time Period, and unless this Agreement has been terminated as provided herein before such Tax Year, on January 1 of each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, the Appraised Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property for the District's maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes shall not exceed the lesser of:
  - A. the Market Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property; or
  - B. Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000).

This Tax Limitation Amount is based on the limitation amount for the category that applies to the District on the Application Approval Date, as set out by Section 313.052 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

- **Section 2.5. TAX LIMITATION ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible and entitled to receive the value limitation identified in Section 2.4 for the Qualified Property identified in Article III, the Applicant shall:
- A. have completed the Applicant's Qualified Investment in the amount of \$10,000,000 during the Qualifying Time Period;
- B. have created and maintained, subject to the provisions of Section 313.0276 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, New Qualifying Jobs as required by the Act; and
- C. pay an average weekly wage of at least \$686 for all New Non-Qualifying Jobs created by the Applicant.
- **Section 2.6. TAX LIMITATION OBLIGATIONS.** In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4, Applicant shall:
- A. provide payments to District sufficient to protect future District revenues through payment of revenue offsets and other mechanisms as more fully described in Article IV;
- B. provide payments to the District that protect the District from the payment of extraordinary education related expenses related to the project, as more fully specified in Article V;
  - C. provide such Supplemental Payments as more fully specified in Article VI;
- D. create and Maintain Viable Presence on or with the Qualified Property and perform additional obligations as more fully specified in Article VIII of this Agreement; and

E. no additional conditions are identified in the certificate for a limitation on appraised value by the Comptroller for this project.

# ARTICLE III QUALIFIED PROPERTY

- Section 3.1. LOCATION WITHIN ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE. At the time of the Application Approval Date, the Land is within an area designated either as an enterprise zone, pursuant to Chapter 2303 of the Texas Government Code, or a reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 311 or 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The legal description, and information concerning the designation, of such zone is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.
- Section 3.2. LOCATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY AND INVESTMENT. The Land on which the Qualified Property shall be located and on which the Qualified Investment shall be made is described in **EXHIBIT 2**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The Parties expressly agree that the boundaries of the Land may not be materially changed from its configuration described in **EXHIBIT 2** unless amended pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.2 of this Agreement.
- Section 3.3. DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY. The Qualified Property that is subject to the Tax Limitation Amount is described in EXHIBIT 4, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Property which is not specifically described in EXHIBIT 4 shall not be considered by the District or the Appraisal District to be part of the Applicant's Qualified Property for purposes of this Agreement, unless by official action the Board of Trustees provides that such other property is a part of the Applicant's Qualified Property for purposes of this Agreement in compliance with Section 313.027(e) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, the Comptroller's Rules, and Section 10.2 of this Agreement.
- **Section 3.4.** Current Inventory of Qualified Property. In addition to the requirements of Section 10.2 of this Agreement, if there is a material change in the Qualified Property described in **Exhibit 4**, then within 60 days from the date commercial operation begins, the Applicant shall provide to the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District or the State Auditor's Office a specific and detailed description of the tangible personal property, buildings, and/or permanent, nonremovable building components (including any affixed to or incorporated into real property) on the Land to which the value limitation applies including maps or surveys of sufficient detail and description to locate all such described property on the Land.
- **Section 3.5.** QUALIFYING USE. The Applicant's Qualified Property described in Section 3.3 qualifies for a tax limitation agreement under Section 313.024(b)(5) of the TEXAS TAX CODE as a renewable energy electric generation facility.

# ARTICLE IV PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF FUTURE DISTRICT REVENUES

Section 4.1. INTENT OF THE PARTIES. Subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement (including Section 7.1), it is the intent of the Parties that the District shall, in accordance with the provisions of Section 313.027(f)(1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, be compensated by Applicant for any loss that District incurs in its Maintenance and Operations Revenue as a result of, or on account of, entering into this Agreement, after taking into account any payments to be made under this Agreement. Such payments shall be independent of, and in addition to such other payments as set forth in Articles V and VI in this Agreement. Subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement (including Section 7.1), IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE RISK OF ANY NEGATIVE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE TO DISTRICT IN MAKING THE DECISION TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE BORNE SOLELY BY APPLICANT AND NOT BY DISTRICT. Applicant recognizes and acknowledges the calculations relating to the District's loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue under this Agreement will be affected by changes to the timing of construction of the Project and any change to the Qualified Investment/Qualified Property. As such, Applicant acknowledges that it will bear any and all losses of Maintenance and Operations Revenue suffered by the District as a result of the Agreement, including without limitation any increase in the M&O Amount calculated under Section 4.2 to be paid to the District for losses in Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from any change in the timing of construction and/or any change to the Qualified Investment/Qualified Property.

Section 4.2. CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF LOSS OF REVENUES BY THE DISTRICT. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.1, the amount to be paid by Applicant to compensate District for loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from, or on account of, this Agreement for each year starting in the year of the Application Review Start Date and ending on the Final Termination Date (as set out in **EXHIBIT 5**), the "M&O Amount" shall be determined in compliance with the Applicable School Finance Law in effect for such year and according to the following formula:

A. The M&O Amount owed by Applicant to District means the Original M&O Revenue *minus* the New M&O Revenue; based on the following definitions:

- i. "Original M&O Revenue" means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District would have received for the school year under the Applicable School Finance Law had this Agreement not been entered into by the Parties and the Qualified Property had been subject to the full ad valorem maintenance & operations tax without any limitation on value.
- ii. "New M&O Revenue" means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District actually received for such school year.
- B. In making the calculations for the M&O Amount required by this Section 4.2 of this Agreement:
  - i. The Taxable Value of property for each school year will be determined under the

- Applicable School Finance Law.
- ii. For purposes of this calculation, the tax collection rate on the Applicant's Qualified Property will be presumed to be one hundred percent (100%).
- iii. If, for any year of this Agreement, the difference between the Original M&O Revenue and the New M&O Revenue as calculated under this Section 4.2 of this Agreement results in a negative number for the M&O Amount, the negative number will be considered to be zero.
- iv. All calculations made for the New M&O Revenue during the Tax Limitation Period under Section 4.2.A.ii of this Agreement will reflect the Tax Limitation Amount for such year.
- v. All calculations for the M&O Amount made under this Section 4.2 of this Agreement shall be made by a methodology which isolates only the revenue impact caused by this Agreement. Applicant shall not be responsible to reimburse District for other revenue losses created by other agreements or any other factors.

Section 4.3. STATUTORY CHANGES AFFECTING M&O REVENUE. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, but subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1 of this Agreement, in the event that, by virtue of statutory changes to the Applicable School Finance Law, administrative interpretations by Comptroller, Commissioner of Education, or the Texas Education Agency, or for any other reason attributable to statutory change, District will receive less Maintenance and Operations Revenue, or, if applicable, will be required to increase its payment of funds to the State or another school district, pursuant to Chapter 41 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, because of its participation in this Agreement, Applicant shall make payments to District, up to the Revenue Protection Amount limit set forth in Section 7.1 that are necessary to offset any negative impact on District as a result of its participation in this Agreement. Such calculation shall take into account any adjustments to the amount calculated for the current fiscal year that should be made in order to reflect the actual impact on District.

Section 4.4. COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OTHER REVENUES. To the extent not included in the amounts calculated pursuant to Section 4.2 above, Applicant shall also pay to the District on an annual basis all non-reimbursed costs arising from entering this Agreement, including but not limited to: (a) any loss incurred by the District resulting from successful judicial challenge to this Agreement; (b) any reasonable attorneys' fees or other costs incurred by the District due to any legal defense, enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not this Agreement is ultimately determined to be valid; and (c) any non-reimbursed costs incurred by the District and related to this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, including costs paid to the Appraisal District caused by increased appraised values arising solely from the Qualified Property that is subject to the limitation provided in Section 2.4 herein.

**Section 4.5. THIRD PARTY CALCULATIONS.** All calculations made pursuant to this Agreement shall be verified annually by one or more independent third parties ("Consultant") selected by the District. Applicant will be solely responsible for the payment of Consultant's fees up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the first year of this Agreement. This amount may be increased each year of this Agreement by not more than five percent (5%) from the prior year.

All calculations shall initially be based upon good-faith estimates using all available information and shall be adjusted to reflect "near final" or "actual" data for the applicable year as the data becomes available.

Section 4.6. DATA FOR CALCULATIONS. The initial calculations for any payments owing under this Agreement shall be based upon the valuations placed upon the Qualified Property by the Appraisal District in its annual certified tax roll submitted to the District pursuant to § 26.01 of the Texas Tax Code in or about July of each year of this Agreement. The certified tax roll data shall form the basis from which any and all amounts due under this Agreement are calculated, and the data utilized by the Consultant will be adjusted as necessary to reflect any subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's tax roll. Any estimates used by the Consultant to make calculations as required by this Agreement shall be based on the best and most current information available. The Consultant shall from time-to-time adjust the data utilized to reflect actual amounts, subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's certified tax roll, or any other relevant changes to material items such as student counts or tax collections.

#### **Section 4.7. DELIVERY OF CALCULATIONS.**

A. All calculations required under Articles IV, V, or VI shall be made by the Consultant on or before December 1 of each year for which this Agreement is effective. The Consultant shall forward such calculations to the Parties in sufficient detail to allow the Parties to understand the manner in which the calculations were made. The Consultant shall maintain supporting data consistent with generally accepted accounting practices. The Consultant shall preserve all documents and data related to all calculations required under this Agreement for a period of three (3) years. Employees and agents of the Parties shall have reasonable access to the Consultant's offices, personnel, books, and records pertaining to all calculations and fees.

B. In the event the District receives the Consultant's invoice for services rendered, the District shall forward to Applicant such invoice, which Applicant shall pay within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Section 4.8. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT. On or before the January 31 next following the tax levy for each year for which this Agreement is effective, and subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1, the Applicant shall pay all amounts determined to be due and owing to the District, all amounts billed by the Consultant pursuant to Section 4.5, and any reasonable and necessary expenses paid by the District to its attorneys, auditors, or financial consultants for work resulting from the District's participation in this Agreement. Provided that the District, upon request of Applicant, provides supporting documentation to substantiate such reasonable and necessary expenses to the extent such supporting documentation is not excepted from disclosure as attorney-client privilege or otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code § 552.001, et seq).

**Section 4.9.** CHALLENGING CALCULATION RESULTS. The Applicant may appeal the Consultant's results, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such results. The Consultant will issue a final determination of the calculations within fifteen (15) days of receiving Applicant's appeal. The Applicant may appeal the final determination of the Consultant to the District within fifteen (15) District business days of its receipt, pursuant to District Policy GF (LOCAL).

Section 4.10. EFFECT OF PROPERTY VALUE APPEAL OR ADJUSTMENT. In the event that the Taxable Value of the Qualified Property is changed after an appeal of its valuation, or the Taxable Value is otherwise altered for any reason, the calculations required under Article IV of this Agreement shall be recalculated by the Consultant at Applicant's sole expense using the revised property values. The Consultant shall transmit the revised calculations to the Parties and any Party owing funds to the other Party shall pay such funds within thirty (30) days after receipt of the new calculations.

# ARTICLE V PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION RELATED EXPENSES

**Section 5.1. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.** In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Article IV or Article VI of this Agreement above, Applicant on an annual basis shall also indemnify and reimburse District for the following:

All non-reimbursed costs, certified by District's external auditor to have been incurred by District for extraordinary education-related expenses related to the project that are not directly funded in state aid formulas, including expenses for the purchase of portable classrooms and the hiring of additional personnel to accommodate a temporary increase in student enrollment attributable to the project.

**Section 5.2. PAYMENTS**. Payments of amounts due under this Article shall be made as set forth in Section 4.8 above.

### ARTICLE VI SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

**Section 6.1. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.** Applicant shall make Supplemental Payments as set out in Section 6.2 annually, starting with the beginning of the Qualifying Time Period, and continuing through the third year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period.

#### **Section 6.2. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding the foregoing:

A. The total of the Supplemental Payments made pursuant to this Article shall not exceed for any calendar year of this Agreement an amount equal to the greater of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per student per year in average daily attendance, as defined by Section 42.005 of the Texas Education Code, or Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year times the

number of years beginning with the first complete or partial year of the Qualifying Time Period identified in Section 2.3.C and ending with the year for which the Supplemental Payment is being calculated minus all Supplemental Payments previously made by the Applicant;

- B. Supplemental Payments may only be made during the period starting with the beginning of the Qualifying Time Period and ending December 31 of the third year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period.
- C. The limitation in Section 6.2.A does not apply to amounts described by Section 313.027(f)(1)–(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE as implemented in Articles IV and V of this Agreement.
- D. For purposes of this Agreement, the calculation of the limit of the annual Supplemental Payment shall be the greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's Average Daily Attendance as calculated pursuant to Section 42.005 of the Texas Education Code, based upon the District's 2014-15 Average Daily Attendance of 264, rounded to the whole number.
- Section 6.3. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT CHANGES. In the event Chapter 313 is modified or amended to allow the District to receive Supplemental Payments in excess of the foregoing limitation, Applicant agrees to cooperate with the District to amend this Agreement to allow District to receive the maximum amount of Supplemental Payments as allowed by law; provided however, the total Supplemental Payments for any given year of this Agreement shall not exceed the greater of forty percent (40%) of Applicant's Net Tax Savings under this Agreement in such year or the amount calculated as set out in Section 6.2.A above, as determined for that school year. "Net Tax Savings" means an amount equal to (but not less than zero): (i) the sum of the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes which the Applicant would have paid to the District for all years during the term of this Agreement if this Agreement had not been entered into by the Parties; minus (ii) an amount equal to the sum of (A) all maintenance and operations ad valorem school taxes actually due to the District or any other governmental entity, including the State of Texas for all years during the term of this Agreement, plus (B) any and all payments due to the District under Article IV of this Agreement. For clarification, Net Tax Savings in respect of a particular year pursuant to Section 6.2 shall mean an amount equal to (but not less than zero): (i) the sum of the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes which the Applicant would have paid to the District for such year if this Agreement had not been entered into by the Parties; minus, (ii) an amount equal to the sum of (A) all maintenance and operations ad valorem school taxes actually due to the District or any other governmental entity, including the State of Texas for such year, plus (B) any and all payments due to the District under Article IV of this Agreement for such year. This Section 6.3 shall only apply if Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE is amended so that the District is permitted to receive Supplemental Payments greater than as described in Section 6.2 above; otherwise, Section 6.2 shall apply.

**Section 6.4. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT.** Payment of amounts due under this Article shall be made as set forth in Section 4.8 of this Agreement and is subject to the limitations contained in

# ARTICLE VII ANNUAL LIMITATION OF PAYMENTS BY APPLICANT

Section 7.1 ANNUAL LIMITATION. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, and with respect to each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period beginning after the first Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, in no event shall (i) the sum of the maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes paid by the Applicant to the District for such Tax Year, plus the sum of all payments otherwise due from the Applicant to the District under Articles IV, V, and VI of this Agreement with respect to such Tax Year, exceed (ii) the amount of the maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes that the Applicant would have paid to the District for such Tax Year (determined by using the District's actual maintenance and operations tax rate for such Tax Year) if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement. The calculation and comparison of the amounts described in clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence shall be included in all calculations made pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement, and in the event the sum of the amounts described in said clause (i) exceeds the amount described in said clause (ii), then the payments otherwise due from the Applicant to the District under Articles IV, V, and VI shall be reduced until such excess is eliminated.

Section 7.2. OPTION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT. In the event that any payment otherwise due from the Applicant to the District under Article IV, Article V, or Article VI of this Agreement with respect to a Tax Year is subject to reduction in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.1, then the Applicant shall have the option to terminate this Agreement. The Applicant may exercise such option to terminate this Agreement by notifying the District of its election in writing not later than the July 31 of the year following the Tax Year with respect to which a reduction under Section 7.1 is applicable. Any termination of this Agreement under the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.2 shall be effective immediately prior to the second Tax Year next following the Tax Year in which the reduction giving rise to the option occurred.

**Section 7.3. EFFECT OF OPTIONAL TERMINATION.** Upon the exercise of the option to terminate pursuant to Section 7.2, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect; provided, however, that:

A. the Parties respective rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Tax Year or Tax Years (as the case may be) through and including the Tax Year during which such notification is delivered to the District, shall not be impaired or modified as a result of such termination and shall survive such termination unless and until satisfied and discharged; and

B. the provisions of this Agreement regarding payments (including liquidated damages and tax payments), records and dispute resolution shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE VIII ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF APPLICANT

Section 8.1. APPLICANT'S OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN VIABLE PRESENCE. In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4 in addition to the other obligations required by this Agreement, the Applicant shall Maintain Viable Presence in the District commencing at the start of the Tax Limitation Period through the Final Termination Date of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the Applicant shall not be in breach of, and shall not be subject to any liability for failure to Maintain Viable Presence to the extent such failure is caused by Force Majeure, provided the Applicant makes commercially reasonable efforts to remedy the cause of such Force Majeure.

Section 8.2. REPORTS. In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4 in addition to the other obligations required by this Agreement, the Applicant shall submit all reports required from time to time by the Comptroller, listed in 34 Texas Admin. Code Section 9.1052 and as currently located on the Comptroller's website, including all data elements required by such form to the satisfaction of the Comptroller on the dates indicated on the form or the Comptroller's website and starting on the first such due date after the Application Approval Date.

**Section 8.3. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT ON CHAPTER 313 AGREEMENTS.** During the term of this Agreement, both Parties shall provide the Comptroller with all information reasonably necessary for the Comptroller to assess performance under this Agreement for the purpose of issuing the Comptroller's report, as required by Section 313.032 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

Section 8.4. DATA REQUESTS. Upon the written request of the District, the State Auditor's Office, the Appraisal District, or the Comptroller during the term of this Agreement, the Applicant, the District or any other entity on behalf of the District shall provide the requesting party with all information reasonably necessary for the requesting party to determine whether the Applicant is in compliance with its rights, obligations, or responsibilities, including, but not limited to, any employment obligations which may arise under this Agreement.

**Section 8.5. SITE VISITS AND RECORD REVIEW.** The Applicant shall allow authorized employees of the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District, and the State Auditor's Office to have reasonable access to the Applicant's Qualified Property and business records from the Application Review Start Date through the Final Termination Date, in order to inspect the project to determine compliance with the terms hereof or as necessary to properly appraise the Taxable Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property.

A. All inspections will be made at a mutually agreeable time after the giving of not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior written notice, and will be conducted in such a manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with either the construction or operation of the Applicant's Qualified Property.

B. All inspections may be accompanied by one or more representatives of the Applicant, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Applicant's safety, security, and operational standards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Agreement shall require the Applicant to provide the District, the Comptroller, or the Appraisal District with any technical or business information that is proprietary, a trade secret, or is subject to a confidentiality agreement with any third party.

Section 8.6. RIGHT TO AUDIT; SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS; AUTHORITY OF STATE AUDITOR. By executing this Agreement, implementing the authority of, and accepting the benefits provided by Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, the Parties agree that this Agreement and their performance pursuant to its terms are subject to review and audit by the State Auditor as if they are parties to a State contract and subject to the provisions of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code and Section 313.010(a) of the Texas Tax Code. The Parties further agree to comply with the following requirements:

A. The District and the Applicant shall maintain and retain supporting documents adequate to ensure that claims for the Tax Limitation Amount are in accordance with applicable Comptroller and State of Texas requirements. The Applicant and the District shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this Agreement and the State's property for a period of four (4) years after the latest occurring date of:

- i. date of submission of the final payment;
- ii. Final Termination Date; or
- iii. date of resolution of all disputes or payment.

B. During the time period defined under Section 8.6.A, the District and the Applicant shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to this Agreement; the Applicant's Application; and the Applicant's Qualified Property, Qualified Investment, New Qualifying Jobs, and wages paid for New Non-Qualifying Jobs such as work papers, reports, books, data, files, software, records, calculations, spreadsheets and other supporting documents pertaining to this Agreement, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by the Comptroller, State Auditor's Office, State of Texas or their authorized representatives. The Applicant and the District shall cooperate with auditors and other authorized Comptroller and State of Texas representatives and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such property as requested by the Comptroller or the State of Texas. By example and not as an exclusion to other breaches or failures, the Applicant's or the District's failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a Material Breach of this Agreement.

C. In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this Agreement, the acceptance of tax benefits or funds by the Applicant or the District or any other entity or person directly under this Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, the Applicant or the District or other entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State

Auditor must provide the State Auditor with access to any information the State Auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall for its duration be subject to all rules and procedures of the State Auditor acting under the direction of the legislative audit committee.

- D. The Applicant shall include the requirements of this Section 8.6 in its subcontract with any entity whose employees or subcontractors are subject to wage requirements under the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or this Agreement, or any entity whose employees or subcontractors are included in the Applicant's compliance with job creation or wage standard requirement of the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or this Agreement.
- **Section 8.7. FALSE STATEMENTS; BREACH OF REPRESENTATIONS.** The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been negotiated, and is being executed, in reliance upon the information contained in the Application, and any supplements or amendments thereto, without which the Comptroller would not have approved this Agreement and the District would not have executed this Agreement. By signature to this Agreement, the Applicant:
- A. represents and warrants that all information, facts, and representations contained in the Application are true and correct to the best of its knowledge;
- B. agrees and acknowledges that the Application and all related attachments and schedules are included by reference in this Agreement as if fully set forth herein; and
- C. acknowledges that if the Applicant submitted its Application with a false statement, signs this Agreement with a false statement, or submits a report with a false statement, or it is subsequently determined that the Applicant has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications, or affirmations included in the Application or this Agreement, the Applicant shall have materially breached this Agreement and the Agreement shall be invalid and void except for the enforcement of the provisions required by Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE IX MATERIAL BREACH OR EARLY TERMINATION

- **Section 9.1.** EVENTS CONSTITUTING MATERIAL BREACH OF AGREEMENT. The Applicant shall be in Material Breach of this Agreement if it commits one or more of the following acts or omissions (each a "Material Breach"):
- A. The Application, any Application Supplement, or any Application Amendment on which this Agreement is approved is determined to be inaccurate as to any material representation, information, or fact or is not complete as to any material fact or representation or such application;
- B. The Applicant failed to complete Qualified Investment as required by Section 2.5.A. of this Agreement during the Qualifying Time Period;

- C. The Applicant failed to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs required by the Act;
- D. The Applicant failed to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs specified in Schedule C of the Application;
- E. The Applicant failed to pay at least the average weekly wage of all jobs in the county in which the jobs are located for all New Non-Qualifying Jobs created by the Applicant;
- F. The Applicant failed to provide payments to the District sufficient to protect future District revenues through payment of revenue offsets and other mechanisms as more fully described in Article IV of this Agreement;
- G. The Applicant failed to provide the payments to the District that protect the District from the payment of extraordinary education-related expenses related to the project, to the extent and in the amounts that the Applicant agreed to provide such payments in Article V of this Agreement;
- H. The Applicant failed to provide the Supplemental Payments to the extent and in the amounts that the Applicant agreed to provide such Supplemental Payments in Article VI of this Agreement;
- I. The Applicant failed to create and Maintain Viable Presence on or with the Qualified Property as more fully specified in Article VIII of this Agreement;
- J. The Applicant failed to submit the reports required to be submitted by Section 8.2 to the satisfaction of the Comptroller;
- K. The Applicant failed to provide the District or the Comptroller with all information reasonably necessary for the District or the Comptroller to determine whether the Applicant is in compliance with its obligations, including, but not limited to, any employment obligations which may arise under this Agreement;
- L. The Applicant failed to allow authorized employees of the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District, or the State Auditor's Office to have access to the Applicant's Qualified Property or business records in order to inspect the project to determine compliance with the terms hereof or as necessary to properly appraise the Taxable Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property under Sections 8.5 and 8.6;
- M. The Applicant failed to comply with a request by the State Auditor's office to review and audit the Applicant's compliance with this Agreement;
  - N. The Applicant has made any payments to the District or to any other person or

persons in any form for the payment or transfer of money or any other thing of value in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for this Agreement for limitation on Appraised Value made pursuant to Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, in excess of the amounts set forth in Articles IV, V and VI of this Agreement;

O. The Applicant failed to comply with the conditions included in the certificate for limitation issued by the Comptroller.

#### Section 9.2. DETERMINATION OF BREACH AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

- A. Prior to making a determination that the Applicant has failed to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, the District shall provide the Applicant with a written notice of the facts which it believes have caused the breach of this Agreement, and if cure is possible, the cure proposed by the District. After receipt of the notice, the Applicant shall be given ninety (90) days to present any facts or arguments to the Board of Trustees showing that it is not in breach of its obligations under this Agreement, or that it has cured or undertaken to cure any such breach.
- B. If the Board of Trustees is not satisfied with such response or that such breach has been cured, then the Board of Trustees shall, after reasonable notice to the Applicant, conduct a hearing called and held for the purpose of determining whether such breach has occurred and, if so, whether such breach has been cured. At any such hearing, the Applicant shall have the opportunity, together with their counsel, to be heard before the Board of Trustees. At the hearing, the Board of Trustees shall make findings as to:
  - i. whether or not a breach of this Agreement has occurred;
  - ii. whether or not such breach is a Material Breach;
  - iii. the date such breach occurred, if any;
  - iv. whether or not any such breach has been cured; and,
- C. In the event that the Board of Trustees determines that such a breach has occurred and has not been cured, it shall at that time determine:
  - i. the amount of recaptured taxes under Section 9.4.C (net of all credits under Section 9.4.C);
  - ii. the amount of any penalty or interest under Section 9.4.E that are owed to the District; and
  - iii. in the event of a finding of a Material Breach, whether to terminate this Agreement.
- D. After making its determination regarding any alleged breach, the Board of Trustees shall cause the Applicant to be notified in writing of its determination (a "Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination") and provide a copy to the Comptroller.

#### **Section 9.3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

- A. After receipt of notice of the Board of Trustee's Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination under Section 9.2, the Applicant shall have sixty (60) days in which either to tender payment or evidence of its efforts to cure, or to initiate mediation of the dispute by written notice to the District, in which case the District and the Applicant shall be required to make a good faith effort to resolve, without resort to litigation and within sixty (60) days after the Applicant initiates mediation, such dispute through mediation with a mutually agreeable mediator and at a mutually convenient time and place for the mediation. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, a mediator shall be selected by the senior state district court judge then presiding in Crosby County, Texas. The Parties agree to sign a document that provides the mediator and the mediation will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 154 of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE and such other rules as the mediator shall prescribe. With respect to such mediation, (i) the District shall bear one-half of such mediator's fees and expenses and the Applicant shall bear one-half of such mediator's fees and expenses, and (ii) otherwise each Party shall bear all of its costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with such mediation.
- B. In the event that any mediation is not successful in resolving the dispute or that payment is not received within the time period described for mediation in Section 9.3.A, either the District or the Applicant may seek a judicial declaration of their respective rights and duties under this Agreement or otherwise, in a judicial proceeding in a state district court in Crosby County, assert any rights or defenses, or seek any remedy in law or in equity, against the other Party with respect to any claim relating to any breach, default, or nonperformance of any contract, agreement or undertaking made by a Party pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. If payments become due under this Agreement and are not received before the expiration of the sixty (60) days provided for such payments in Section 9.3.A, and if the Applicant has not contested such payment calculations under the procedures set forth herein, including judicial proceedings, the District shall have the remedies for the collection of the amounts determined under Section 9.4 as are set forth in Chapter 33, Subchapters B and C, of the TEXAS TAX CODE for the collection of delinquent taxes. In the event that the District successfully prosecutes legal proceedings under this section, the Applicant shall also be responsible for the payment of attorney's fees to the attorneys representing the District pursuant to Section 6.30 of the TEXAS TAX CODE and a tax lien shall attach to the Applicant's Qualified Property and the Applicant's Qualified Investment pursuant to Section 33.07 of the TEXAS TAX CODE to secure payment of such fees.

#### Section 9.4. CONSEQUENCES OF EARLY TERMINATION OR OTHER BREACH BY APPLICANT.

A. In the event that the Applicant terminates this Agreement without the consent of the District, except as provided in Section 7.2 of this Agreement, the Applicant shall pay to the District liquidated damages for such failure within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice of breach.

- B. In the event that the District determines that the Applicant has failed to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, the Applicant shall pay to the District liquidated damages, as calculated by Section 9.4.C, prior to, and the District may terminate the Agreement effective on the later of: (i) the expiration of the sixty (60) days provided for in Section 9.3.A, and (ii) thirty (30) days after any mediation and judicial proceedings initiated pursuant to Sections 9.3.A and 9.3.B are resolved in favor of the District.
- C. The sum of liquidated damages due and payable shall be the sum total of the District ad valorem taxes for all of the Tax Years for which a tax limitation was granted pursuant to this Agreement prior to the year in which the default occurs that otherwise would have been due and payable by the Applicant to the District without the benefit of this Agreement, including penalty and interest, as calculated in accordance with Section 9.4.E. For purposes of this liquidated damages calculation, the Applicant shall be entitled to a credit for all payments made to the District pursuant to Articles IV, V, and VI. Upon payment of such liquidated damages, the Applicant's obligations under this Agreement shall be deemed fully satisfied, and such payment shall constitute the District's sole remedy.
- D. In the event that the District determines that the Applicant has committed a Material Breach identified in Section 9.1, after the notice and mediation periods provided by Sections 9.2 and 9.3, then the District may, in addition to the payment of liquidated damages required pursuant to Section 9.4.C, terminate this Agreement.
- E. In determining the amount of penalty or interest, or both, due in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the District shall first determine the base amount of recaptured taxes less all credits under Section 9.4.C owed for each Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period. The District shall calculate penalty or interest for each Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period in accordance with the methodology set forth in Chapter 33 of the Texas Tax Code, as if the base amount calculated for such Tax Year less all credits under Section 9.4.C had become due and payable on February 1 of the calendar year following such Tax Year. Penalties on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Section 33.01(a) of the Texas Tax Code, or its successor statute. Interest on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Section 33.01(c) of the Texas Tax Code, or its successor statute.
- **Section 9.5. LIMITATION OF OTHER DAMAGES.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of default or breach of this Agreement by the Applicant, the District's damages for such a default shall under no circumstances exceed the amounts calculated under Section 9.4. In addition, the District's sole right of equitable relief under this Agreement shall be its right to terminate this Agreement. The Parties further agree that the limitation of damages and remedies set forth in this Section 9.5 shall be the sole and exclusive remedies available to the District, whether at law or under principles of equity.

Section 9.6. STATUTORY PENALTY FOR INADEQUATE QUALIFIED INVESTMENT. Pursuant to Section 313.0275 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, in the event that the Applicant fails to make \$10,000,000 of Qualified Investment, in whole or in part, during the Qualifying Time Period, the Applicant is liable to the State for a penalty. The amount of the penalty is the amount determined by: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the school district for that tax year that the penalty is due by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the Tax Limitation Amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the Market Value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for the Tax Year the penalty is due. This penalty shall be paid on or before February 1 of the year following the expiration of the Qualifying Time Period and is subject to the delinquent penalty provisions of Section 33.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE. The Comptroller may grant a waiver of this penalty in the event of Force Majeure which prevents compliance with this provision.

# Section 9.7. REMEDY FOR FAILURE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN REQUIRED NEW QUALIFYING JOBS

A. Pursuant to Section 313.0276 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, for any full Tax Year that commences after the project has become operational, in the event that it has been determined that the Applicant has failed to meet the job creation or retention requirements defined in Sections 9.1;C, the Applicant shall not be deemed to be in Material Breach of this Agreement until such time as the Comptroller has made a determination to rescind this Agreement under Section 313.0276 of TEXAS TAX CODE, and that determination is final.

# Section 9.8. REMEDY FOR FAILURE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN COMMITTED NEW QUALIFYING JOBS

- A. In the event that the Applicant fails to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs specified in Schedule C of the Application, an event constituting a Material Breach as defined in Section 9.1.D, the Applicant and the District may elect to remedy the Material Breach through a penalty payment.
- B. Following the notice and mediation periods provided by Sections 9.2 and 9.3, the District may request the Applicant to make a payment to the State in an amount equal to: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the school district for that Tax Year that the Material Breach occurs by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the Tax Limitation Amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the market value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for each tax year the Material Breach occurs.
- C. In the event that there is no tax limitation in place for the tax year that the Material Breach occurs, the payment to the State shall be in an amount equal to: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the School District for each tax year that the Material Breach occurs by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the tax limitation amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the Market Value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for the last Tax Year for which the Applicant received a tax limitation.

D. The penalty shall be paid no later than 30 days after the notice of breach and is subject to the delinquent penalty provisions of Section 33.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

# ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Section 10.1. INFORMATION AND NOTICES.

- A. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and deemed sufficiently given for all purposes hereof if (i) delivered in person, by courier (e.g., by Federal Express) or by registered or certified United States Mail to the Party to be notified, with receipt obtained, or (ii) sent by facsimile or email transmission, with notice of receipt obtained, in each case to the appropriate address or number as set forth below. Each notice shall be deemed effective on receipt by the addressee as aforesaid; provided that, notice received by facsimile or email transmission after 5:00 p.m. at the location of the addressee of such notice shall be deemed received on the first business day following the date of such electronic receipt.
- B. Notices to the District shall be addressed to the District's Authorized Representative as follows:

#### To the District:

Lorenzo Independent School District Attn: Oran Hamilton, Superintendent (or the successor Superintendent) 1003 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Lorenzo, TX 79343 Phone #: (806) 634-5591 Fax #: (806) 634-5928

Email: ohamilton@lorenzoisd.net

#### With a copy to:

Underwood Law Firm, P.C. Attn: Fred Stormer P.O. Box 9158
Amarillo, TX 79105-9158
Phone # (806) 270,0206

Phone #: (806) 379-0306 Fax #: (806) 379-0316

Email: fred.stormer@uwlaw.com

C. Notices to the Applicant shall be addressed to its Authorized Representative as follows:

#### To Applicant:

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC Attn: Thomas Carbone, President 17300 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 2020 Dallas, TX 75248

Phone #: (972) 290-0825

Email: tcarbone@triglobalenergy.com

#### With a copy to:

Stephen Johns, Chief Legal Counsel TriGlobal Energy, LLC 17300 North Dallas Parkway, Suite 2020 Dallas, TX 75248

Phone #: (972) 290-0825

Email: sjohns@triglobalenergy.com

or at such other address or to such other facsimile transmission number and to the attention of such other person as a Party may designate by written notice to the other.

#### Section 10.2. AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT; WAIVERS.

- A. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the Parties and after completing the requirements of Section 10.2.B. Waiver of any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement by any Party shall only be effective if in writing and shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of, or failure to comply with, the same term, condition, or provision, or a waiver of any other term, condition, or provision of this Agreement.
- B. By official action of the District's Board of Trustees, the Application and this Agreement may only be amended according to the following:
  - i. The Applicant shall submit to the District and the Comptroller:
    - a. a written request to amend the Application and this Agreement, which shall specify the changes the Applicant requests;
    - b. any changes to the information that was provided in the Application that was approved by the District and considered by the Comptroller;
    - c. and any additional information requested by the District or the Comptroller necessary to evaluate the amendment or modification;
  - ii. The Comptroller shall review the request and any additional information for compliance with the Act and the Comptroller's Rules and provide a revised Comptroller certificate for a limitation within 90 days of receiving the revised Application and, if the request to amend the Application has not been approved by the Comptroller by the end of the 90-day period, the request is denied; and
  - iii. If the Comptroller has not denied the request, the District's Board of Trustees shall approve or disapprove the request before the expiration of 150 days after the request is filed.
- C. Any amendment of the Application and this Agreement adding additional or replacement Qualified Property pursuant to this Section 10.2 of this Agreement shall:
  - i. require that all property added by amendment be eligible property as defined by Section 313.024 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;
  - ii. clearly identify the property, investment, and employment information added by amendment from the property, investment, and employment information in the original Agreement; and
- D. The Application and this Agreement may not be amended to extend the value limitation time period beyond its ten-year statutory term.
- E. The Comptroller determination made under Section 313.026(c)(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE in the original certificate for a limitation satisfies the requirement of the Comptroller to make the same determination for any amendment of the Application and this Agreement, provided that the facts upon which the original determination was made have not changed.

#### **Section 10.3. ASSIGNMENT.**

- A. Any assignment of any rights, benefits, obligations, or interests of the Parties in this Agreement, other than a collateral assignment purely for the benefit of creditors of the project, is considered an amendment to the Agreement and such Party may only assign such rights, benefits, obligations, or interests of this Agreement after complying with the provisions of Section 10.2 regarding amendments to the Agreement. Other than a collateral assignment to a creditor, this Agreement may only be assigned to an entity that is eligible to apply for and execute an agreement for limitation on appraised value pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and the Comptroller's Rules.
- B. In the event of a merger or consolidation of the District with another school district or other governmental authority, this Agreement shall be binding on the successor school district or other governmental authority.
- C. In the event of an assignment to a creditor, the Applicant must notify the District and the Comptroller in writing no later than 30 days after the assignment. This Agreement shall be binding on the assignee.
- **Section 10.4. MERGER.** This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence, and preliminary understandings between the Parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Agreement.
- **Section 10.5. GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to principles thereof relating to conflicts of law or rules that would direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. Venue in any legal proceeding shall be in a state district court in Crosby County.
- **Section 10.6.** AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. Each of the Parties represents and warrants that its undersigned representative has been expressly authorized to execute this Agreement for and on behalf of such Party.
- Section 10.7. SEVERABILITY. If any term, provision or condition of this Agreement, or any application thereof, is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect under any Law (as hereinafter defined), this Agreement shall be reformed to the extent necessary to conform, in each case consistent with the intention of the Parties, to such Law, and to the extent such term, provision, or condition cannot be so reformed, then such term, provision, or condition (or such invalid, illegal or unenforceable application thereof) shall be deemed deleted from (or prohibited under) this Agreement, as the case may be, and the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms, provisions, and conditions contained herein (and any other application such term, provision, or condition) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal, or incapable of being enforced,

the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement in an acceptable manner so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible so that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible. As used in this Section 10.7, the term "Law" shall mean any applicable statute, law (including common law), ordinance, regulation, rule, ruling, order, writ, injunction, decree, or other official act of or by any federal, state or local government, governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency, regulatory authority, instrumentality, or judicial or administrative body having jurisdiction over the matter or matters in question.

**Section 10.8. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, or as covered by the application fee, each of the Parties shall pay its own costs and expenses relating to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its costs and expenses of the negotiations leading up to this Agreement, and of its performance and compliance with this Agreement.

#### Section 10.9. INTERPRETATION.

- A. When a reference is made in this Agreement to a Section, Article, or Exhibit, such reference shall be to a Section or Article of, or Exhibit to, this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- B. The words "include," "includes," and "including" when used in this Agreement shall be deemed in such case to be followed by the phrase ", but not limited to,". Words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number or gender specifically used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context shall require.
- C. The provisions of the Act and the Comptroller's Rules are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the conflict will be resolved by reference to the following order of precedence:
  - i. The Act;
  - ii. The Comptroller's Rules as they exist at the time the Agreement is executed, except as allowed in the definition of Qualified Property in Section 1.1; and
  - iii. This Agreement and its Attachments including the Application as incorporated by reference.

**Section 10.10. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument, which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart.

Section 10.11. PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS. The Parties acknowledge that the District is

required to publish the Application and its required schedules, or any amendment thereto; all economic analyses of the proposed project submitted to the District; and the approved and executed copy of this Agreement or any amendment thereto, as follows:

- A. Within seven (7) days of receipt of such document, the District shall submit a copy to the Comptroller for publication on the Comptroller's Internet website;
- B. The District shall provide on its website a link to the location of those documents posted on the Comptroller's website;
- C. This Section does not require the publication of information that is confidential under Section 313.028 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.
- Section 10.12. CONTROL; OWNERSHIP; LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. The Applicant shall immediately notify the District in writing of any actual or anticipated change in the control or ownership of the Applicant and of any legal or administrative investigations or proceedings initiated against the Applicant related to the project regardless of the jurisdiction from which such proceedings originate.
- **Section 10.13. DUTY TO DISCLOSE.** If circumstances change or additional information is obtained regarding any of the representations and warranties made by the Applicant in the Application or this Agreement, or any other disclosure requirements, subsequent to the date of this Agreement, the Applicant's duty to disclose continues throughout the term of this Agreement.

#### Section 10.14. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

- A. The District represents that, after diligent inquiry, each local public official or local government officer, as those terms are defined in Chapters 171 and 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, has disclosed any conflicts of interest in obtaining or performing this Agreement and related activities, appropriately recused from any decisions relating to this Agreement when a disclosure has been made, and the performance of this Agreement will not create any appearance of impropriety. The District represents that it, the District's local public officials or local government officer, as those terms are defined in Chapters 171 and 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter, any future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant, employee, or representative of the other Party or the State of Texas in connection with this Agreement.
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C. The District and the Applicant each separately agree to notify the other Party and the Comptroller immediately upon learning of any conflicts of interest.

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- A. all payments, including liquidated damage and tax payments, have been made;
- B. all reports have been submitted;
- C. all records have been maintained in accordance with Section 8.6.A; and
- D. all disputes in controversy have been resolved.

#### Section 10.16. FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY.

A. This Agreement may be duly executed and delivered in person, by mail, or by facsimile or other electronic format (including portable document format (pdf) transmitted by email). The executing Party must promptly deliver a complete, executed original or counterpart of this Agreement to the other executing Parties. This Agreement shall be binding on and enforceable against the executing Party whether or not it delivers such original or counterpart.

- B. Delivery is deemed complete as follows:
  - i. When delivered if delivered personally or sent by express courier service;
  - ii. Three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by registered or certified U.S. mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt requested;
  - iii. When transmitted if sent by facsimile, provided a confirmation of transmission is produced by the sending machine; or
  - iv. When the recipient, by an e-mail sent to the e-mail address for the executing Parties acknowledges having received that e-mail (an automatic "read receipt" does not constitute acknowledgment of an e-mail for delivery purposes).

[signatures follow on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties in multiple originals on this  $12^{th}$  day of December, 2016.

### FIBER WINDS HOLDING, LLC

#### LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:	By:
Name:	Name:
TITLE:	TITLE:
	ATTEST:
	By:_
	NAME:
	Title:

#### EXHIBIT 1

#### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE

The Crosby County Commissioners Court authorized the creation of Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone by Resolution dated December 12, 2016, which is described as follows:

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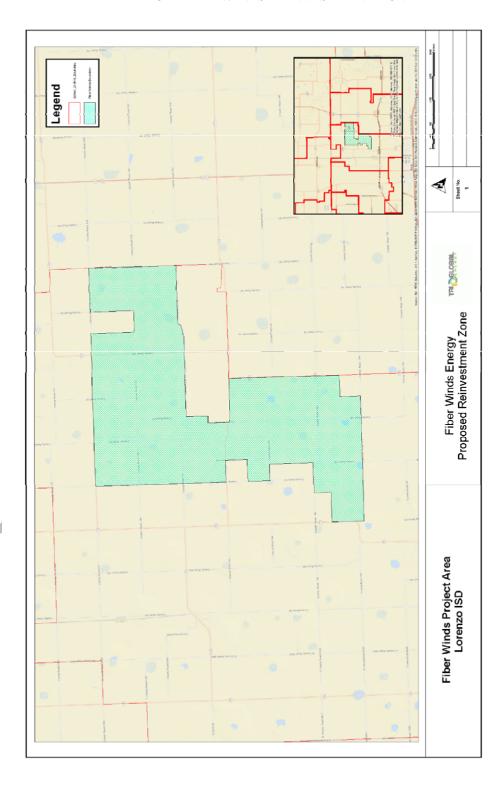
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# MAP OF FIBER WINDS REINVESTMENT ZONE



Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value Between Lorenzo ISD and Fiber Winds Holding, LLC (App No. 1142), December 12, 2016 Exhibit 1

Texas Economic Development Act Agreement Comptroller Form 50-826 (Jan 2016)

#### EXHIBIT 2

#### **DESCRIPTION OF LAND**

All Qualified Property owned by the Applicant is located within the boundaries of both the Lorenzo Independent School District and Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone, which is more particularly described in **EXHIBIT 1**, and depicted on the map in **EXHIBIT 3**.

#### EXHIBIT 3

#### APPLICANT'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT

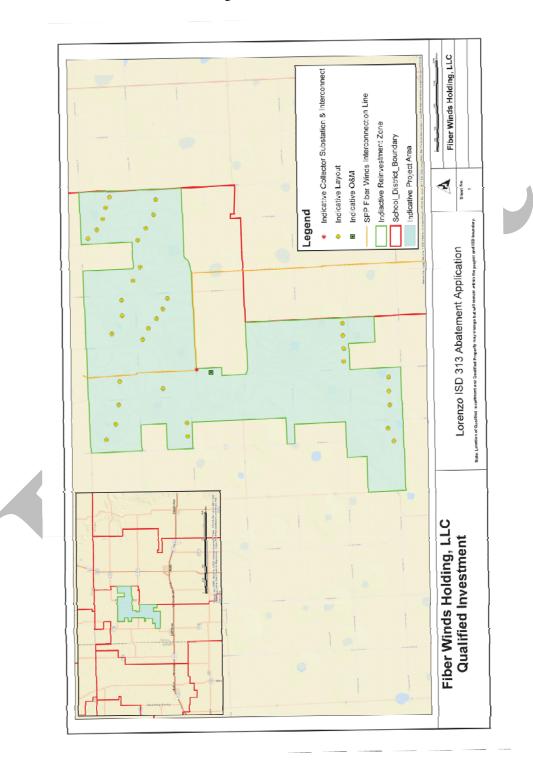
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For purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using 2.0 to 2.6 MW turbines. Although final turbine selection and location of the infrastructure may change, all equipment outlined above is expected to be located within Lorenzo ISD. Current plans are to install between 30 and 40 turbines in one phase.

The exact placement of turbines is subject to ongoing planning, wind studies, engineering, and discussions with landowners and turbine manufacturers. The final number and location of turbines and supporting structures will be determined before construction begins. Fiber Winds intends to connect to the Blanco Substation via a 115KV transmission line. All of the infrastructure will remain within the project boundary and within the Reinvestment Zone. The map on the following page shows the proposed project area with the anticipated improvement locations.

# MAP OF QUALIFIED INVESTMENT



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#### EXHIBIT 4

### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY**

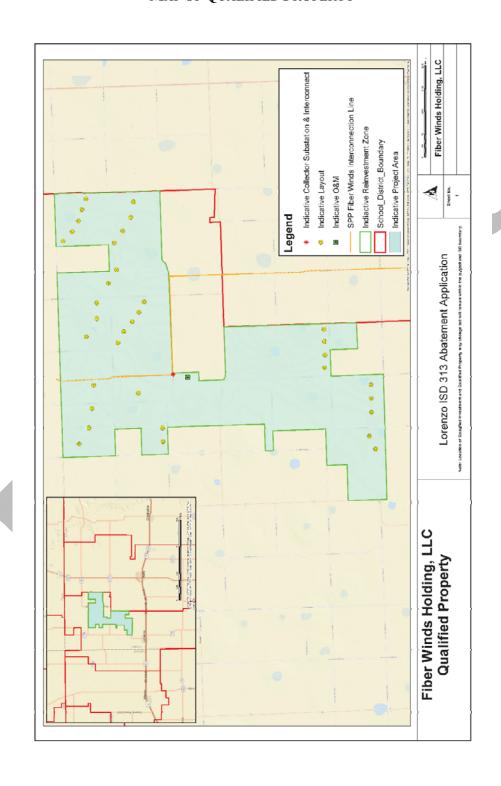
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EXHIBIT 5

AGREEMENT SCHEDULE

	Year of Agreement	Date of Appraisal	School Year	Tax Year	Summary Description
Limitation Pre-Year	1	January 1, 2016	2016-17	2016	Limitation Pre-Year
	2	January 1, 2017	2017-18	2017	Limitation Pre-Year, QTP begins
Limitation Period (10 Years)	3	January 1, 2018	2018-19	2018	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	4	January 1, 2019	2019-20	2019	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	5	January 1, 2020	2020-21	2020	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	6	January 1, 2021	2021-22	2021	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	7	January 1, 2022	2022-23	2022	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	8	January 1, 2023	2023-24	2023	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	9	January 1, 2024	2024-25	2024	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	10	January 1, 2025	2025-26	2025	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	11	January 1, 2026	2026-27	2026	\$20 million appraisal limitation
	12	January 1, 2027	2027-28	2027	\$20 million appraisal limitation
Maintain a Viable Presence (5 Years)	13	January 1, 2028	2028-29	2028	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	14	January 1, 2029	2029-30	2029	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	15	January 1, 2030	2030-31	2030	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	16	January 1, 2031	2031-32	2031	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	17	January 1, 2032	2032-33	2032	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence



#### GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

December 1, 2016

Oran Hamilton Superintendent Lorenzo Independent School District 1003 Polk Avenue Lorenzo, Texas 79343

Re:

Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between Lorenzo Independent School District and Fiber Winds Holding, LLC, Application 1142

Dear Superintendent Hamilton:

This office has been provided with the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between Lorenzo Independent School District and Fiber Winds Holding, LLC (Agreement). As requested, the Agreement has been reviewed pursuant to 34 TAC 9.1055(e)(1).

Based on our review, this office concludes that it complies with the provisions of Tax Code, Chapter 313 and 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

Should you have any questions, please contact Annet Nalukwago with our office. She can be reached by email at annet.nalukwago@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 5-5656, or at 512-475-5656.

Sincerely,

Will Counihan

Director

Data Analysis & Transparency Division

cc: Audie Sciumbato, Underwood Law Firm, P.C.

Thomas Carbone, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

Stephen Johns, Tri Global Energy, LLC

# Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

June 20th, 2016

Oran Hamilton
Lorenzo Independent School District
1003 Polk Ave, Lorenzo TX 79343

Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request for Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC requests that the Lorenzo Independent School District's Board of Trustees waive the job requirement provision as allowed by Section 313.02S (f-1) of the tax code. This waiver would be based on the school district's board findings that the jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property owner that is described in the application.

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC requests that the Lorenzo Independent School District makes such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for 10 permanent jobs. Fiber Winds Holding, LLC plans to install between 30 and 40 turbines on the project site. In line with industry standards for job requirements, Fiber Winds Holding, LLC has committed to create 3 total jobs for the project, all of which will be in Lorenzo I.S.D.

Wind projects create a large number of full and part-time, but temporary jobs during the construction phase of the project, but require a relatively small number of highly skilled technicians to operate and maintain the project after commercial operation commences.

The industry standard for employment is typically one full-time employee for approximately every 15 - 20 turbines. This number may vary depending on the operations and maintenance requirements of the turbines selected as well as the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the project. In addition to the onsite employees, there may be managers or technicians who support the project from offsite locations.

Sincerely

Tom Carbone

Fiber Winds Holding, LLC

### CERTIFICATE REGARDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF CROSBY	§
LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	§

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Officers of the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board of Trustees of the District convened in a regular meeting on December 12, 2016, beginning at 8:00 PM in the Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Polk, Lorenzo, Texas, the regular designated meeting place, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Brad Aycock, President Brian Aycock, Vice President Ruben Garcia, Secretary Larry Birdwell, Member Brandon Aycock, Member Tony Mendoza, Member Guy Morrison, Member

And all of the above persons were present, except the following:

Guy  $\underline{\text{Morrison}}$ , thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at the meeting, a written:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 313 APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION IN THE LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN PORTIONS OF CROSBY COUNTY, TEXAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE FIBER WINDS REINVESTMENT ZONE; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that the Resolution be passed; and after due discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

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2. That a true, full and correct copy of the aforesaid Resolution passed at the Meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; that the Resolution has been duly recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting; that the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full and correct excerpt from the Board's Minutes of the Meeting pertaining to the passage of the Resolution; that the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; and, that each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified, officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of the aforesaid meeting, and that the Resolution would be introduced and considered for passage at the Meeting, and each of the officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of the Meeting for such purpose; that the meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Signed this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2016

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Signature

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Attest:

By

Signature

Printed Name and Title

(DISTRICT SEAL)

#### RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District desires to promote the development or redevelopment of a certain contiguous geographic area within its jurisdiction by the creation of a reinvestment zone as authorized by the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended (V.T.C.A. Texas Tax Code § 312.0025), for the purpose of authorizing an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, as authorized by Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2016, a hearing before the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District was held, such date being at least seven (7) days after the date of publication of the notice of such public hearing, and the delivery of written notice to the respective presiding officers of each taxing entity that includes within its boundaries real property that is to be included in the proposed reinvestment zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Lorenzo Independent School District at such public hearing invited any interested person to appear and speak for or against the creation of the reinvestment zone, and whether all or part of the territory described should be included in the proposed reinvestment zone; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the reinvestment zone offered evidence, both oral and documentary, in favor of all of the foregoing matters relating to the creation of the reinvestment zone and opponents, if any, of the reinvestment zone appeared to contest the creation of the reinvestment zone.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. That the Board of Trustees of the Lorenzo Independent School District, after conducting such hearing and having heard such evidence and testimony, has made the following findings and determinations based on the evidence and testimony presented to it:

(a) That the public hearing on adoption of the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone* has been properly called, held and conducted and that notices of such hearing have been published as required by law and mailed to the respective presiding officers of the governing bodies of all taxing units overlapping the territory inside the proposed reinvestment zone; and

- (b) That the boundaries of the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone* be and, by the adoption of this Resolution, is declared and certified to be, the area as described in the legal description attached hereto as "**EXHIBIT A**"; and,
- (c) That the map attached hereto as "**EXHIBIT B**" is declared to be and, by the adoption of this Resolution is certified to accurately depict and show the boundaries of the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone* which is normatively described in **EXHIBIT A**; and
- (d) That creation of the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone* with boundaries as described in **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B** will result in benefits to the Lorenzo Independent School District and to land included in the reinvestment zone, and that the improvements sought are feasible and practical; and
- (e) The Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone described in **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B** meets the criteria set forth in Texas Tax Code §312.0025 for the creation of a reinvestment zone as set forth in the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, in that it is reasonably likely that the designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment, and/or will attract major investment in the zone that will be a benefit to the property, and would contribute to economic development within the Lorenzo Independent School District, and that the entire tract of land is located entirely within an unincorporated area of Crosby County.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended, the Lorenzo Independent School District hereby creates a reinvestment zone under the provisions of Tex. Tax Code §312.0025, encompassing the area described by **EXHIBIT A** and **EXHIBIT B**, and such reinvestment zone is hereby designated and shall hereafter be referred to as the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone*.

SECTION 4. That the *Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone* shall take effect upon adoption by the Board of Trustees and shall remain designated as a commercial-industrial reinvestment zone for a period of five (5) years from such date of designation, and may be renewed for an additional five (5) year period thereafter.

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SECTION 6. That it is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient notice of the date, hour, place and subject, of the meeting of the Lorenzo Independent School District Board of Trustees, at which this Resolution was adopted, was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times, as required by the Texas Open Government Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended, and that a public hearing was held prior to the designation of such reinvestment zone and that proper notice of the hearing was published in the official newspaper of general circulation in Crosby County of the State of Texas, and furthermore, such notice was in fact, delivered to the presiding officer of any affected taxing entity as prescribed by the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of December, 2016.

# LORENZO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signatur

Printed Name and Title

Attest:

By 💙

Signature

Printed Name and Title

# **EXHIBIT A**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE**

The Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone includes the property described below. A map of The Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone is also attached as Exhibit B. In the event of a discrepancy between this Exhibit A and the attached map on Exhibit B, Exhibit B shall control; provided however, the Fiber Winds Reinvestment Zone shall in no way be deemed to include any portion of any municipality located within the designated area.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

# MAP OF THE FIBER WINDS REINVESTMENT ZONE

SEE ATTACHED MAP

