



December 14, 2017

## FINDINGS

## **OF THE**

## **SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT**

## SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## **UNDER THE**

## TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC (#1202)

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STATE OF TEXAS§COUNTY OF BAYLOR§

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seymour Independent School District ("District") was held. 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 of Trustees took up and considered the application of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC ("Applicant") for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The Board of Trustees solicited input into its deliberations on the Application from interested parties within the District. The Board of Trustees has considered the economic impact analysis and the project certification issued by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. After hearing presentations from the District's administrative staff, and from consultants retained by the District to advise the Board in this matter, and after considering the relevant documentary evidence, the Board of Trustees makes the following findings with respect to application from Applicant, and the economic impact of that application:

On June 29, 2017, the Superintendent of the District, acting as agent of the Board of Trustees, and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("Comptroller") received an Application from Applicant for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. A copy of the Application is attached as **Attachment A**.

The Applicant, (Texas Taxpayer Id. 32044872185), is an entity subject to Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code, and is certified to be an active franchise taxpayer by the Comptroller. See **Attachment B**.

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Application, along with the requisite application fee, established pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025(a)(1) and Local District Policy.

The Application was delivered to the Comptroller for review pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025(d). A copy of the Application was delivered to the Baylor County Appraisal District for review pursuant to 34 Tex. Admin. Code § 9.1054. On August 23, 2017, the Comptroller determined the Application to be complete.

The Application was reviewed by the Comptroller pursuant to Texas Tax Code §313.026, and a Comptroller Certificate was issued on October 17, 2017 in which the Comptroller has determined, inter alia, that: 1) Application is subject to the provisions of Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code; 2) the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised values; 3) the proposed project 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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period; and, 4) the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. A copy of the Certificate is attached to the findings as **Attachment C**.

The Board of Trustees has previously directed that a specific financial analysis be conducted concerning the impact of the proposed value limitation on the finances of District. A copy of the report prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc., is attached to these findings as **Attachment D**.

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the taxable value of property in the District for the preceding tax year, as determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, is as stated in **Attachment E**.

The Texas Education Agency has evaluated the impact of the project on the District's facilities. TEA's determination is to be attached to these findings as **Attachment F**.

The Board has adopted the Texas Economic Development Agreement (Form 50-826) as promulgated by the Comptroller's Office. Form 50-826 has been altered only in accordance only the provisions of the template that the Comptroller permitted. The proposed Agreement is attached to these findings as **Attachment G**.

After review of the Comptroller's Certificate and economic analysis, and in consideration of its own studies the Board finds:

**Board Finding Number 1.** 

The Board finds that the property described in the Application meets the requirements of Tex. Tax Code §313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value.

In support of Finding 1, the Application indicates that:

The Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC project consists of an estimated 40 wind turbine generators, with a capacity of 2.5 megawatts per generator, with an approximate total capacity of 100 MW.

Property used for renewable energy electric generation is eligible for a limitation under §313.024(b)(5).

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

The project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue, including state tax revenue, school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue attributable to the project, and any other tax revenue attributable to the effect of the project on the economy of the state, in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement (as detailed in Attachment B of the Comptroller's Certification).

**Board Finding Number 3.** 

Based on the information certified by the Comptroller, the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state (as detailed in Attachment C of the Comptroller's Certification).

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

The Board finds that the Application Fee received was reasonable and only in such an amount as was necessary to cover the District's costs of processing the Application under consideration.

In support of Finding 4, the Board reviewed the Application Fee payment included in the Application at Attachment A, the contract with the District's consultants and the internal costs for processing the application, if any.

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

Based upon the Application and in the Comptroller's Economic Impact Evaluation and Certification, Attachment B, the Board finds that the number of jobs to be created and the wages to be paid comply with the requirements of statute; and, the Board further finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all required provisions and information related to job creation requirements, to wit: the provisions set forth in Subsections 9.1C&D of such Agreement.

In its Application, Applicant has committed to creating three (3) new qualifying jobs. The average salary level of qualifying jobs will be at least \$55,223 per year. The review of the application by the Comptroller's indicated that this amount—based on Texas Workforce Commission data—complies with current Tex. Tax Code §313.021(3) requirement that qualifying jobs must pay 110 percent of the county average manufacturing wage. As defined in Section 313.021 of the Tax Code, "Qualifying Job" means a permanent full-time job that:

- (A) requires at least 1,600 hours of work a year;
- (B) is not transferred from one area in this state to another area in this state;
- (C) is not created to replace a previous employee;
- (D) is covered by a group health benefit plan for which the business offers to pay at least 80 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employeeonly coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive the coverage; and
- (E) pays at least 110 percent of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county where the job is located.

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

Based upon the information provided to the District with regard to the industry standard for staffing ratios of similar projects in the State of Texas, the District has determined that if the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b) was applied, for the size and scope of the project described in the Application, the required number of jobs meets or exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility.

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

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

In its Application, Applicant has indicated that it does not intend to create any nonqualifying jobs. For all non-qualifying jobs, the Applicant should create the Applicant will be required to pay at least the county average wage of \$33,814 for all jobs in the county in accordance with the provisions of Tex. Tax Code §313.024(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, the analysis prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates projects that the project would initially add \$125.6 million to the tax base for debt service purposes at the peak investment level for the 2019-20 school year.

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

The effect of the applicant's proposal, if approved, on the number or size of needed school district instructional facilities is not expected to increase the District's facility needs, with current trends suggest little underlying enrollment growth based on the impact of the project.

The summary of financial impact prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc., indicates that there will be little to no impact on school facilities created by the new project. This finding is confirmed by the TEA evaluation of this project's impact on the number and size of school facilities in the District as stated in **Attachment F**.

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

The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policy CCG (Local), implemented in conformance with both Comptroller and Texas Education Agency Rules governing Chapter 313 Agreements, it has developed a process to verify, either directly or through its consultants, the accuracy and completeness of information in annual eligibility reports and biennial progress reports regarding (1) the reported number of jobs created and (2) the reported amount invested in the property.

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

The Board of Trustees hired consultants to review and verify the information in the Application. Based upon the consultants' review, the Board has determined that the information provided by the Applicant is true and correct.

The Board has developed a written policy CCG (Local) which requires, upon the filing of an Application under Tax Code Chapter 313, the retention of consultants in order to verify: (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 and economic incentives being offered, if any, and (5) the proposed project meets eligibility requirements.

As a part of its verification process the Board notes that the Chapter 313 Application for which these Findings are being made has been submitted by the Applicant under oath. Chapter 313 Applications are governmental records under Tex. Penal Code  $\S37.01(2)(A)$ ; as a result, all statements contained therein are representations of fact within the meaning of Tex. Penal Code  $\S$  37.01(3). Since Board action upon the adoption of these Findings and the approval of the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (**Attachment G**) is an "official proceeding," a false statement on a Chapter 313 application constitutes perjury under Tex. Penal Code  $\S$  37.03.

The Board finds that sworn statements are routinely used as an acceptable verification method for reliance by fact finders in each of the three separate branches of government, including trials.

The consultants have prepared signed statements that the consultants have reviewed and verified the contents of the Application and have determined that the current statements of fact contained in the Application are true and correct. (Attachment H) The Board finds that reliance by the Board and its consultants 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.

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

# The Board of Trustees has determined that the Tax Limitation Amount requested by Applicant is currently Twenty-Five Million Dollars, which is consistent with the minimum values currently set out by Tax Code, § 313.054(a).

The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G), in accordance with Comptroller's Form 50-826, contains all required provisions and information related to the required investment amount, to wit: the amount set forth in Section 2.5 of said Agreement. According to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' School and Appraisal Districts' Property Value Study 2015 Final Findings made under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code for the preceding tax year, Attachment F. The total industrial value for the District is \$113.3 million. The District is categorized as Subchapter C, which applies only to a school district that has territory in a strategic investment area, as defined under Subchapter O, Chapter 171, Tax Code or in a county: (1) that has a population of less than 50,000 and (2) in which, from 1990 to 2000, according to the federal decennial census, the population: (A) remained the same; (B) decreased; or (C) increased, but at a rate of not more than three percent per annum. The District is classified as a "rural" district due to its demographic characteristics. Given that the value of industrial property is more than \$90 million but less than \$200 million, it is classified as a Category II district which can offer a minimum value limitation of \$25 million.

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

The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all necessary provisions and information related to establishing the required investment amount, to wit: the amount set forth in Section 2.5 of said Agreement.

The Board relies on the certifications of its consultants and the Comptroller's Approval of the Agreement form to make this Finding. (Attachment I)

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

#### The Applicant (Taxpayer No. 32044872185) is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of qualified property as an active franchise-tax paying entity.

The Applicant, (Texas Taxpayer No. 32044872185), is an entity subject to Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code, and is certified to be an active franchise tax payer by the Comptroller. See **Attachment B**. The Board also finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (**Attachment G**) contains all required provisions necessary for the Board to assess eligibility of any business to which an agreement is transferred.

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

The project will be located within an area that is designated as a reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

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

The Agreement for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, attached hereto as Attachment G, includes adequate and appropriate revenue protection provisions for the District, and such provisions comply with the specific terms of Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313.

In support of this finding, the report of Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc. shows that the District will incur a revenue loss in the first year that the value limitation is in effect without the proposed Agreement. However, with this Agreement, the negative consequences of granting the value limitation are offset through the revenue protection provisions agreed to by the Applicant and the District. The Agreement contains adequate revenue protection

measures for the duration of the Agreement. In support of this Finding, the Board relies upon the recommendation of its consultants. (Attachment H)

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

The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all required provisions necessary for the Board to assess performance standards and to require periodic deliverables that will enable it to hold businesses accountable for achieving desired results, to wit: the reporting requirements set forth in Article VIII of said Agreement.

#### **Board Finding Number 18.**

## The Board finds that there are no conflicts of interest at the time of considering the agreement.

The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policies BBFA and BBFB, both (Legal) and (Local), set forth at <u>http://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/154</u>, that it has taken appropriate action to ensure that all District Trustees and the Superintendent, have disclosed any potential conflicts of interest, and that such disclosures will be made if any conflict of interest arises in the future, in compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Gov't Code §171.004.

In addition, at the public hearing, the Board caused the statement set forth in **Attachment J** to be read into the public record and that only Board members audibly responding that no conflict of interest existed either deliberated or voted on the Tax Limitation Agreement, these Findings or any matter relating to the Application upon which these Findings have been premised.

The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policies DBD, DGA, DH, and BBFB, both (Legal) and (Local) that it has taken appropriate action to ensure that all District employees and/or consultants, have disclosed any potential conflicts of interest, and that such disclosures will be made if any conflict of interest arises in the future, in compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Gov't Code §171.004.

The Board finds that that no non-disclosed conflicts of interest exist as to the Application for which these Findings are being made, as of the time of action on these Findings.

#### **Board Finding Number 19.**

The Board directs that a link on its Web site to the Comptroller's Office's Web site where appraisal limitation related documents are made available to the public.

#### **Board Finding Number 20.**

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

It is therefore ORDERED that the Agreement attached hereto as **Attachment G** is approved and herby authorized to be executed and delivered by and on behalf of the District. It is further ORDERED that these findings and the Attachments referred to herein be attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting, and maintained in the permanent records of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRYAN BALDWIN PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**ATTEST:** " Z Ce By:

**ROYCE WOODS** SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attachment A

Application

## O'HANLON, DEMERATH & CASTILLO

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

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**KEVIN O'HANLON** CERTIFIED, CIVIL APPELATE CERTIFIED, CIVIL TRIAL

July 11, 2017

Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts P.O. Box 13528 Austin, Texas 78711-3528

RE: Application to the Seymour Independent School District from Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

By copy of this letter transmitting the application for review to the Comptroller's Office, the Seymour Independent School District is notifying Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC of its intent to consider the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property should a positive certificate be issued by the Comptroller. The School District received the final version of the application on June 29, 2017. The Board voted to accept the application on June 15, 2017. The application has been determined complete as of July 10, 2017. The Applicant has provided the schedules in both electronic format and paper copies.

We have ensured that the application is compliant with the accessibility standards and specifications described in 1 TAC Chapters 206 and 213. The electronic copy is identical to the hard copy that will be hand delivered. To maintain the document's accessibility, we have set a password to prevent editing. The password is 1234. The process to make the document degrades the clarity of the document. We have provided a cleaner electronic copy to assist with the certification review of the project.

Please prepare the economic impact report.

Letter to Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division June 11, 2017 Page 2 of 2

A copy of the application will be submitted to the Baylor County Appraisal District.

Sincerely,

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Kevin O'Hanlon School District Consultant

Cc: Baylor County Appraisal District Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

Chapter 313 Application to Seymour ISD

Cummings Westlake, LLC

### **TAB 1**

Pages 1 through 7 of application.

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

**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 comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/. 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

1. Authorized School District Representative			
June 29, 2017			
Date Application Received by District			
Dr. John	Baker		
First Name	Last Name		
Superintendent			
Title			
Seymour ISD			
School District Name			
409 W. Idaho St.			
Street Address			
Same			
Mailing Address			
Seymour	ТХ	76380-1650	
City	State	ZIP	
(940) 889-3525	(940) 889-5340		
Phone Number	Fax Number		
	john.baker@seymour-	isd.net	
Mobile Number (optional)	Email Address		
2. Does the district authorize the consultant to provide and obtain i	nformation related to this application?	Yes No	

The Data Analysis and Transparency Division at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts provides information and resources for taxpayers and local taxing entities.

SECTION 1: School District Information (continued)		
3. Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)		
Dan	Casey	
First Name Partner	Last Name	
Title		
Moak, Casey & Associates		
Firm Name 512-485-7878	512-485-7888	
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	dcasey@moakcasey.com	
Mobile Number <i>(optional)</i>	Email Address	luly 10, 2017
4. On what date did the district determine this application complete?		July 10, 2017
5. Has the district determined that the electronic copy and hard copy are ide	əntical?	🖌 Yes 📃 No
SECTION 2: Applicant Information		
1. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant)		
Matt	Riley	
First Name	Last Name	
Manager	Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC	
Title	Organization	
3760 State Street, Suite 200	organization	
Street Address		
3760 State Street, Suite 200		
Mailing Address		
Santa Barbara	СА	93105
City	State	ZIP
(805) 569-6180		
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	cwillis@infinitywind.com	
Mobile Number (optional)	Business Email Address	
<ol> <li>Will a company official other than the authorized company representative information requests?</li> </ol>	be responsible for responding to future	🖌 Yes 📃 No
2a. If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.		
Casey	Willis	
First Name	Last Name	
Project Developer	Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC	
Title	Organization	
3760 State Street, Suite 200	and States and a state of the states	
Street Address		
3760 State Street, Suite 200		
Mailing Address		
Santa Barbara	CA	93105
City	State	ZIP
(805) 569-6185	onto	No.
Phone Number	Fax Number	
	cwillis@infinitywind.com	
Mabile Number (optionel)		
Mobile Number (optional)	Business Email Address	
3. Does the applicant authorize the consultant to provide and obtain informa-	ation related to this application?	Yes 📃 No

#### SECTION 2: Applicant Information (continued) 4. Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable) Brandon Westlake First Name Last Name Tax Consultant Title Cummings Westlake LLC Firm Name 713-266-4456 713-266-2333 Phone Number Fax Number bwestlake@cwlp.net **Business Email Address 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 school district. Any fees not accompanying the original application shall be considered supplemental payments. 1a. If yes, attach in Tab 2 proof of application fee paid to the school district. For the purpose of questions 2 and 3, "payments to the school district" include any and all payments or transfers of things of value made to the school 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 for limitation on appraised value. Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to receive a property tax value limitation 2. agreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)? Yes N/A No 3. If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula or methodology without a specific amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the school district" that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)? Yes No N/A SECTION 4: Business Applicant Information Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC What is the legal name of the applicant under which this application is made? 1. 32044872185 2. List the Texas Taxpayer I.D. number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits) ..... 221115 List the NAICS code 3. 4. Is the applicant a party to any other pending or active Chapter 313 agreements? ..... Yes 4a. If yes, please list application number, name of school district and year of agreement **SECTION 5: Applicant Business Structure** Limited Liability Company 1. Identify Business Organization of Applicant (corporation, limited liability corporation, etc) 2. Is applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined group, as defined by Tax Code §171.0001(7)? ..... 🖌 Yes No 2a. If yes, attach in Tab 3 a copy of Texas Comptroller Franchise Tax Form No. 05-165, No. 05-166, or any other documentation from the Franchise Tax Division to demonstrate the applicant's combined group membership and contact information. Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? $\checkmark$ Yes No 3. Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax payments 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 history of default, delinquencies and/or any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (If necessary, attach explanation in Tab 3)

	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Data Analy Transpar Form 50-	rency
S	SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024		
	Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?	🖌 Yes	No
2.	. The property will be used for one of the following activities: (1) manufacturing	Yes	🖌 No
	(2) research and development	Yes	🖌 No
	(3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code	Yes	🖌 No
	(4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code	Yes	🖌 No
	(5) renewable energy electric generation	🖌 Yes	No
	(6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology	Yes	🖌 No
	(7) nuclear electric power generation	Yes	🖌 No
	(8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by		
	applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7)	· · · · Yes	🖌 No
	(9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051	Yes	🖌 No
3.	. Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?	Yes	🖌 No
4.	. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?	Yes	🖌 No
5.	. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?	Yes	🖌 No
6.	. Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?	Yes	🖌 No
7.	Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment?	· · · · Yes	VN0
S	SECTION 7: Project Description		
1.	In <b>Tab 4</b> , attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant info		angible
2.	. Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:		
	Land has no existing improvements	lete Section 13)	
	Expansion of existing operation on the land (complete Section 13) Relocation within Texas		
S	SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor		

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

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

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/

S	ECTION 9: Projected Timeline	
1.	Application approval by school board	December 2017
2.	Commencement of construction	May 2018
3.	Beginning of qualifying time period	January 1, 2018
	First year of limitation	2010
	Begin hiring new employees	04 2018
		04 2018
	Commencement of commercial operations Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review	
7.	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.	04 0040
8.	When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service?	Q4 - 2018
S	ECTION 10: The Property	
1.	Identify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Baylor Co	punty
2.	Identify Central Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property	Baylor 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	r each entity:
	County: City:	I/A
		te and percent of project)
		WD, \$0.018070, 100% ate and percent of project)
	Ν/Δ	N/A
	Other (describe): (Name, tax rate and percent of project) Other (describe): (Name, tax rate	ate and percent of project)
5.	Is the project located entirely within the ISD listed in Section 1?	Yes No
	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 one other project seeking a limitation agreement constitute a single unified project (SUP), as allowed in §313.024(d-2)	
	6a. If yes, attach in <b>Tab 6</b> supporting documentation from the Office of the Governor.	
S	ECTION 11: Investment	
lim	<b>DTE:</b> The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum itation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as Subchapter B or Subchapter C, and the taxable va strict. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's website at <b>comptroller.texa</b>	lue of the property within the school
1.	At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district?	20,000,000.00
2.	What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying?	25,000,000.00
	<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.	
З.	Does the qualified investment meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)?	Yes No
4.	<ul> <li>Attach a description of the qualified investment [See §313.021(1).] The description must include: <ul> <li>a. a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021 (Tab 7);</li> <li>b. a description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to in qualified investment (Tab 7); and</li> <li>c. a detailed map of the qualified investment showing location of tangible personal property to be placed in ser period and buildings to be constructed during the qualifying time period, with vicinity map (Tab 11).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	clude as part of your minimum
5.	Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or §313.053 for	
	Subchapter C school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period?	Yes No
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Yes

Yes

No

No

#### **SECTION 12: Qualified Property**

- 1. Attach a detailed description of the qualified property. [See §313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exactly, you may skip items a, b and c below.) The description must include:
  - a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021 (Tab 8);
  - 1b. a description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property (**Tab 8**); and
  - 1c. a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map (Tab 11).
- 2. Is the land upon which the new buildings or new improvements will be built part of the qualified property described by
  - §313.021(2)(A)? .....
    - 2a. If yes, attach complete documentation including:
      - a. legal description of the land (Tab 9);
      - each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the new improvements will be constructed, regardless of whether or not all of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property (Tab 9);
      - c. owner (Tab 9);
      - d. the current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel (Tab 9); and
      - e. a detailed map showing the location of the land with vicinity map (Tab 11).
- 3. Is the land on which you propose new construction or new improvements currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303? ....
  - 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 (Tab 16);
    - c. order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone (Tab 16);
    - d. guidelines and criteria for creating the zone (Tab 16); and
    - e. a map of the reinvestment zone or enterprise zone boundaries with vicinity map (Tab 11)
  - 3b. If 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?
     August 2017

#### SECTION 13: Information on Property Not Eligible to Become Qualified Property

- 1. In **Tab 10**, attach a specific and detailed description of all **existing property**. This includes buildings and improvements existing as of the application review start date (the date the application is determined to be complete by the Comptroller). The description must provide sufficient detail to locate all existing property on the land that will be subject to the agreement and distinguish existing property from future proposed property.
- 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;
  - c. appraisal district values and parcel numbers;
  - d. inventory lists;
  - e. existing and proposed property lists;
  - f. model and serial numbers of existing property; or
  - g. other information of sufficient detail and description.

4.	Total estimated market value of existing property (that property described in response to question 1):	0.00
5.	In <b>Tab 10</b> , include an appraisal value by the CAD of all the buildings and improvements existing as of a date 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	0.00
	(that property described in response to question 2):	0.00
No	te: 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	
rec	uirements of 313.021(1). Such property <u>cannot</u> become qualified property on Schedule B.	

	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Data Analysis and Transparency <b>Form 50-296-A</b>
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 2017	
3.	(year) 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 num necessary for the operation, according to industry standards.	ber of employees
7.	Attach in <b>Tab 13</b> the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation below, including documentation from the TWC actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from th based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start data application). See TAC §9.1051(21) and (22).	is estimate — will be
	a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is	650.00
	b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is	733.00
	c. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is	1,024.00
8.	Which Tax Code section are you using to estimate the qualifying job wage standard required for this project?	or §313.021(5)(B)
9.	What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property?	38,124.00
10	). What is the annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the new qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property?	38,150.00
11.	. Will the qualifying jobs meet all minimum requirements set out in Tax Code §313.021(3)?	. 🖌 Yes 🗌 No
12	2. 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 <b>Tab 12</b> supporting documentation from the TWC, pursuant to §313.021(3)(F).	
13	B. 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 <b>Tab 6</b> 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**.

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## TAB 2

Proof of Payment of Application Fee

Please find on the attached page, a copy of the check for the \$75,000 application fee to Seymour Independent School District.

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

(Page Inserted by Office of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)

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## TAB 3

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

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC is a newly formed entity, therefore; no annual reports have been filed. Future reports will be filed under Infinity Renewables Group, LLC with a list the affiliates.

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#### TAB 4

#### Detailed Description of the Project

<u>Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a</u> <u>minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature</u> <u>of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other</u> <u>relevant information.</u>

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC (Seymour Hills) is requesting an appraised value limitation from Seymour Independent School District (ISD) for the Seymour Hills Wind Project (the "Project"), a proposed wind powered electric generating facility in Baylor County. The proposed Seymour ISD Project (this application) will be constructed within a Reinvestment Zone that will be created by Baylor County in by August 2017. A map showing the location of the project is included in TAB 11.

The proposed Project is anticipated to have a capacity of up to 100 MW located in Seymour ISD. The exact number and location of wind turbines and size of each turbine will vary depending upon ongoing wind and siting analysis, turbine manufacturer's availability, prices, and the megawatt generating capacity of the Project when completed. Current plans are to install 2.5 MW GE turbines with an estimated 40 turbines located in Seymour ISD. Seymour Hills is also constructing transmission generation tie line in Seymour ISD which is estimated to be approximately 2 miles in length. The Applicant requests a value limitation for all materials, facilities and equipment installed for the Project, including but not limited to, wind turbines, towers, foundations, roadways, buildings and offices, meteorological towers, collection system, communication system, electric substation, electric switchyard, electric transformers, transmission line and associated towers, and interconnection facilities.

Full construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in the first half of 2018 with completion by December 31, 2018.

*\*NOTE:* The map in TAB 11 shows the potential locations of 40 wind turbines, a collector substation and an operations and maintenance (O&M) building within Seymour ISD boundaries; however, the final number of turbines and the location of each of these facilities is dependent upon ongoing negotiations with power purchasers and other factors.

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## TAB 5

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

Infinity's team has developed and delivered more than 1,300 MW of operational wind and photovoltaic projects and brought together more than 100 years of energy industry finance, development, technology and policy expertise. Infinity's team has approximately 100 MWs in the state of Texas and the rest of the MW are spread across 5 states. Infinity's team combines experience in renewable energy development market with a capital efficient approach to deliver renewable energy projects.

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

The Applicant is a national wind developer with the ability to locate projects of this type in other states within the United States and other regions within Texas with favorable wind characteristics. The Applicant is actively assessing and developing other projects that are competing for limited investment funds in states outside of Texas including, but not limited to, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Iowa. With Texas wholesale electricity prices already below the international average, it is necessary to limit the property tax liabilities for a wind project in order to be able to offer electricity at prices that are marketable to Texas customers at competitive rates. Markets such as California that have state wide available subsidies for renewable energy projects, and which have higher average contracted power rates, offer an attractive incentive for developers to build projects in those markets over Texas.

The property tax liability of a project without tax incentives in Texas would reduce the return to investors and financiers to an unacceptable level at todays contracted power rates under a power purchase agreement (PPA). Therefore, the applicant would not be able to finance and build the project in Texas even with a signed PPA because of the low price in the PPA. Without the 313 Value Limitation, the applicant would be forced to walk away from this project and spend the potential investment in other states where the rate of return is higher.

### ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY BY SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TO SEYMOUR ISD

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#### **TAB 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)

<ol> <li>Baylor County</li> <li>Baylor Hospital</li> </ol>	- 100% - 100%
<ul><li>3) Rolling Plains GWCD</li><li>4) Seymour ISD</li></ul>	- 100% - 100%

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### TAB 7

#### Description of Qualified Investment

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC plans to construct up to a 100 MW wind farm in Baylor County.

This application covers all qualified property within Seymour ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed wind farm described in Tab 4. Up to approximately one hundred megawatts (100 MW) will be located in Seymour ISD. Turbine placement is subject to change. For purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using 2.5 MW turbines manufactured by GE. Seymour Hills is also constructing approximately 2 miles of generation transmission tie line that will be in Seymour ISD.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the wind farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes, but is not limited to, turbines, towers, foundations, transformers, pad mounts, buildings and offices, underground collection systems, electric substation, transmission lines, electrical interconnections, met towers, roads, spare parts, and control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity.

The map in TAB 11 shows the proposed project area with the preliminary turbine locations. The exact placement of these turbines is subject to ongoing planning, soil studies, and engineering and will be determined before construction begins.

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#### TAB 8

Description of Qualified Property

(See Tab 7)

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY BY SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TO SEYMOUR ISD

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#### TAB 9

Description of Land

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY BY SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TO SEYMOUR ISD

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## **TAB 10**

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

Not Applicable

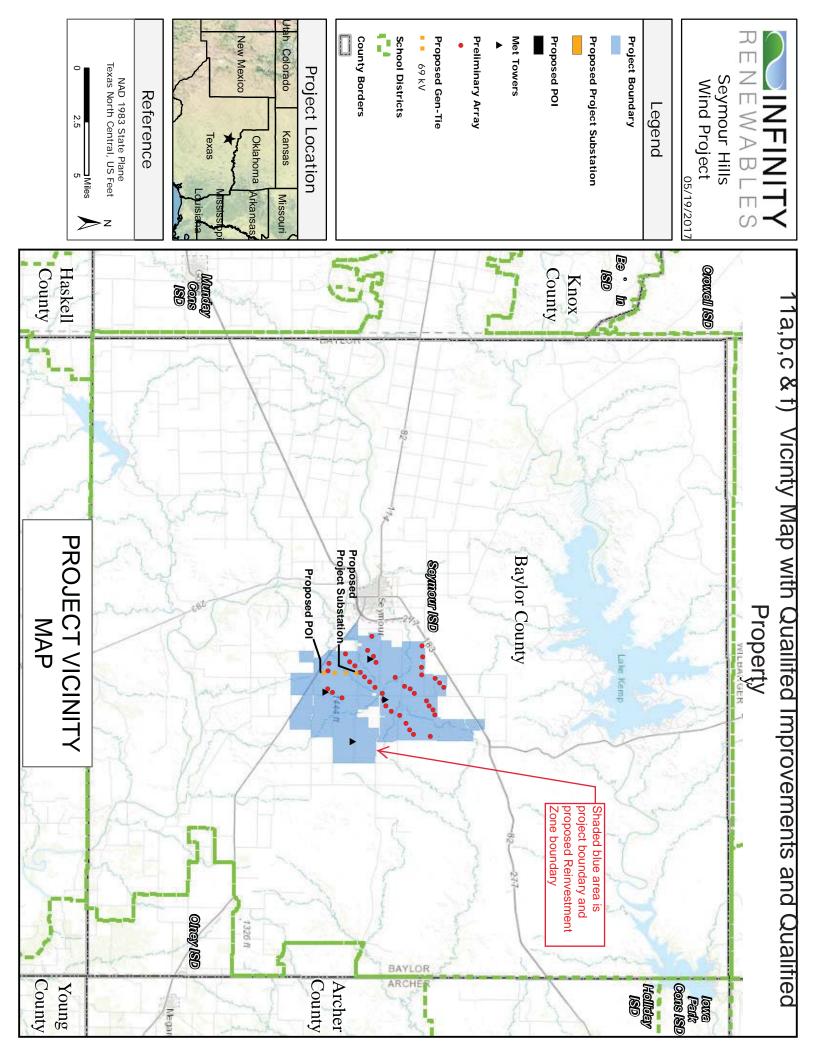
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## **TAB 11**

Maps that clearly show:

- a) <u>Project vicinity</u>
- b) <u>Qualified investment including location of new building or new</u> <u>improvements</u>
- c) Qualified property including location of new building or new improvements
- d) <u>Existing property</u>
- e) Land location within vicinity map
- f) Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone within vicinity map, showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size



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## **TAB 12**

<u>Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement and supporting information (if applicable)</u>

See Attached

# CUMMINGS WESTLAKE LLC

12837 Louetta Road, Suite 201 Cypress, Texas 77429-5611 713-266-4456 Fax: 713-266-2333

June 9, 2017

Dr. John Baker, Superintendent Seymour Independent School District 409 W. Idaho St. Seymour, TX 76380

# **Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request**

Dear Dr. Baker,

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC requests that the Seymour Independent School District's Board of Trustees waive the job requirement provision as allowed by Section 313.025(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.

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC requests that the Seymour Independent School District makes such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for 10 permanent jobs. In line with industry standards for job requirements, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC has committed to create 3 total jobs for the project, which will be in Seymour ISD.

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 turbines. This number will 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,

LA

Brandon Westlake Tax Consultant

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# **TAB 13**

Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation

- Baylor County average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries)
- Baylor County average weekly wage for all jobs (manufacturing)
- See attached Council of Governments Regional Wage Calculation and Documentation

# SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TAB 13 TO CHAPTER 313 APPLICATION - SEYMOUR ISD

QUARTER	YEAR	AVG V	EEKLY WAGES*	ANNUALIZED
FIRST	2016	\$	622	\$ 32,344
SECOND	2016	\$	637	\$ 33,124
THIRD	2016	\$	649	\$ 33,748
FOURTH	2016	\$	693	\$ 36,036
	AVERAGE	\$	650	\$ 33,813

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - ALL JOBS - ALL INDUSTRIES**

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - MANUFACTURING JOBS**

QUARTER	YEAR	AVG WEEKLY WAGE	S*	ANNUALIZED
FIRST	2015	\$	653	\$ 33,956
SECOND	2015	\$	639	\$ 33,228
THIRD	2015	\$	697	\$ 36,244
FOURTH	2015	\$	677	\$ 35,204
	AVERAGE	\$	667	\$ 34,658
	x	1	10%	110%
		\$	733	\$ 38,124

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - REGIONAL WAGE RATE**

REGION	YEAR	AVG W	EEKLY WAGES*	AN	NUALIZED
NORTEX	2015	\$	931	\$	48,413
		x	110%		110%
		\$	1,024	\$	53,254

\* SEE ATTACHED TWC DOCUMENTATION

# Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	<b>≜</b> Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2016	1st Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$622
2016	2nd Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$637
2016	3rd Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$649
2016	4th Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$693

# **Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)**

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2015	1st Qtr	Baylor County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$653
2015	2nd Qtr	Baylor County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$639
2015	3rd Qtr	Baylor County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$697
2015	4th Qtr	Baylor County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$677

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

	Wag	es
COG	Hourly	Annual
Texas	<b>\$24.4</b> 1	\$50,778
1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	\$20.64	\$42,941
2. South Plains Association of Governments	\$17.50	\$36,408
3. NORTEX Regional Planning Commission	\$23.28	\$48,413
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 $ $\$48,413 \times 110\% = \$53,254$	\$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.

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# **TAB 14**

Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D completed and signed Economic Impact (if applicable)

See attached Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D

#### Date 6/15/2017

#### SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC Applicant Name

#### Schedule A1: Total Investment for Economic Impact (through the Qualifying Time Period)

Form 50-296A

SD Name SEYMOUR ISD								Revised May 20
				P	ROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS			
				(Estimated Inve	estment in each year. Do not put cumulative to	otals.)		
				Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	New investment (original cost) in <b>tangible</b> <b>personal property</b> placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Other new investment made during this year that will <u>not</u> become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Other new investment made during this year that may become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Total Investment (Sum of Columns A+B+C+D)
Investment made before filing complete application with district		Year preceding the		Not eligible to becom	ne Qualified Property		[The only other investment made before filing complete application with district that may become Qualified Property is land.]	0
Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application	-	first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals of qualifying	2017	0	0	0	0	0
Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period		time period)		0	0	0	0	0
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	QTP1	2018-2019	2018	126,800,000	700,000	0	0	127,500,000
Complete tax years or qualifying time period	QTP2	2019-2020	2019	0	0	0	0	0
Total Investment through Qualify	ng Time	Period [ENTER this r	ow in Schedule A2]	126,800,000	700,000	0	0	127,500,000
					Ente	er amounts from TOTAL row above in Scheduk	e A2	

Total Qualified Investment (sum of green cells

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

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.

127,500,000

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.

Date

ISD Name

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				PROPERTY INV	ESTMENT AMOUNTS			
				(Estimated Investment 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) YYYY	New investment (original cost) in <b>tangible</b> <b>personal property</b> placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Other investment made during this year that will <u>not</u> become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Other investment made during this year that will become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE]	Total Investment (A+B+C+D)
					Enter amounts	s from TOTAL row in Schedule A1 in the re	ow below	
Total Investment from Schedule A1*	-	TOTALS FROM	I SCHEDULE A1	126,800,000	700,000	0	0	127,500,000
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	3	2021-2022	2021	0	0		0	0
	4	2022-2023	2022	0	0		0	C
	5	2023-2024	2023	0	0		0	0
Value limitation period***	6	2024-2025	2024	0	0		0	0
	7	2025-2026	2025	0	0		0	0
	8	2026-2027	2026	0	0		0	-
	9	2027-2028	2027	0			0	-
	10	2027-2028	2028	0	0		0	0
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	15	2033-2034	2033					-
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	17	2035-2036	2035					٥
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	19	2037-2038	2037	_				
Additional years for 25 year economic impact as required by	20	2038-2039	2038					0
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	20	2043-2044	2043					0

\* 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.

\*\* 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 or the qualifying time period should be included in the 'year prior to start of value limitation period' row(s). 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 wermot 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.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" 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.

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35,537,200	35,537,200	35,537,200	35,138,000	399,200	0	2040	2040-2041	22	
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Final taxable value for M&O after all reductions	Final taxable value for I&S after all reductions	Market Value less any exemptions (such as pollution control) and before limitation	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new buildings or "In or on the new improvements"		Estimated Market Value of Land	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Year	5
	Estimated Taxable Value	Estin		Qualified Property			-	-	]
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		Estimated Market And Taxable Value (of Qualified Property Only)	Value (of Qual	ket And Taxable	stimated Mark	B	Schedule		7

Only include market value for eligible property on this schedule.

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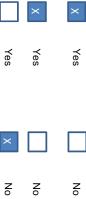
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Average annual wage of new qualifying jobs	Number of new qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Number of non-qualifying jobs applicant estimates it will create (cumulative)	Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	<b>Tax Year</b> (Actual tax year) ҮҮҮҮ	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Year	
Column E	Column D	Column C	Column B	Column A				
ng Jobs	Qualifying Jobs	Non-Qualifying Jobs	Construction	Const				
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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 statute (25 qualifying jobs in Subchapter B districts, 10 qualifying jobs in Subchapter C districts) If yes, answer the following two questions:  $\times$ 

C1a. Will the applicant request a job waiver, as provided under 313.025(f-1)?

C1b. Will the applicant avail itself of the provision in 313.021(3)(F)?



Schedule D:
Other
Incentives
(Estimated)

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	State and Lc	State and Local Incentives for which the Applicant intends to apply (Estimated)	e Applicant intends to ap	oply (Estimated)		
Incentive Description	Taxing Entity (as applicable)	Beginning Year of Benefit	Duration of Benefit	Annual Tax Levy without Incentive	Annual Incentive	Annual Net Tax Levy
	County:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax Code Chapter 311	City:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	County: Baylor County	2019	10 Years	\$613,000 Avg.	100%	\$
Tax Code Chapter 312	City:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Other: Baylor Hospital	2019	10 Years	\$177,000 Avg.	100%	-
	County:	N/A	A/N	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government Code Chapters	City:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Freeport Exemptions	N/A	N/A	A/N	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Annexation Agreements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enterprise Zone/Project	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economic Development Corporation	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Texas Enterprise Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Employee Recruitment	N/A	N/A	A/N		N/A	
Skills Development Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Training Facility Space and Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Infrastructure Incentives	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Permitting Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Other:	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	

Additional information on incentives for this project:

Annual estimate of incentives are based on 10 year average

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# **TAB 15**

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

None

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# **TAB 16**

Description of Reinvestment Zone 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 established the reinvestment zone\*
- d) Guidelines and criteria for creating the zone\*

To be submitted once County creates Reinvestment Zone

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# **TAB 17**

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

See Attached

# SECTION 16: Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification

fter the application and schedules are complete, an authorized representative from the school district and the business should review the application ocuments and complete this authorization page. Attach the completed authorization page in **Tab 17**. **NOTE:** If you amend your application, you will need to obtain new signatures and resubmit this page, Section 16, with the amendment request.

### 1. Authorized School District Representative Signature

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.

here Dr. John Baker	Superintendent
Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)	Title
sign here Signature (Authorized School District Representative)	6-29-17 Date
Authorized Company Representative (Applicant) Signature and Notarization	on

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.

here Matt Riley

Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

Manager Title

sign here

2.

Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

See attached

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the

\_\_ day of

Date

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

(Notary Seal)

My Commission expires:

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.

# **CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California	)
County of Santa Bar	Daro )
On 6/21/17	before me, Katherine. A. Dowling, Notary Public,
<i>Date</i>	Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared	Matt T. Riley
	Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

KATHERINE A. DOWLING Commission # 2166825 My Comm. Expires Nov 1, 2020

**Description of Attached Document** 

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature

Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

**OPTIONAL** .

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KEVIN O'HANLON CERTIFIED, CIVIL APPELATE CERTIFIED, CIVIL TRIAL

August 15, 2017

Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts P.O. Box 13528 Austin, Texas 78711-3528

RE: Application 1202 from Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC to Seymour Independent School District

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

In response to request for clarification or correction, please find enclosed Amendment 1 to Application 1202.

Item #1.1- Section 14: Wage and Employment Information – The applicant has updated wage data found in Section 14 of the application, revised Tab 13, as well as submitted a revised Schedule C.

Item # 1.2 – Section 14: Wage and Employment Information – The annual wage calculated for all jobs in a county has been updated.

Item #2 and #3– Tabs 7/8 have been updated

Item #4 – Tab 14 – The Applicant has resubmitted Schedules A2, B and C.

A copy of the amended application will be submitted to the Baylor County Appraisal District.

Sincerely, and the second s

Kevin O'Hanlon School District Consultant

Cc: Baylor County Appraisal District Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC Legal Services Agreement Page 2

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	August Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Data Analysis and Transparency Form 50-296-A
S	ECTION 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 2017 (year)	
З.	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.	<ul> <li>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)?</li> <li>6a. If yes, attach evidence in Tab 12 documenting that the new qualifying job creation requirement above exceeds the numl necessary for the operation, according to industry standards.</li> <li>Attach in Tab 13 the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation below, including documentation from the TWC</li> </ul>	
	actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from thi based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start da application). See TAC §9.1051(21) and (22).	s estimate — will be te (date of a completed
	a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is	650.25
	b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is	Not Available
	c. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is	1,061.99
8.	Which Tax Code section are you using to estimate the qualifying job wage standard required for this project?	or 🖌 §313.021(5)(B)
9.	What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property?	55,223.00
10	. What is the annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the new qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property?	55,223.00
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
1912101	12a. If yes, attach in <b>Tab 12</b> 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 <b>Tab 6</b> 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**.

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# TAB 7

# Description of Qualified Investment

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC plans to construct up to a 100 MW wind farm in Baylor County.

This application covers all qualified property within Seymour ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed wind farm described in Tab 4. Up to approximately one hundred megawatts (100 MW) will be located in Seymour ISD. Turbine placement is subject to change. For purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using 2.5 MW turbines manufactured by GE. Seymour Hills is also constructing approximately 2 miles of generation transmission tie line that will be in Seymour ISD.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the wind farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes, but is not limited to, turbines, towers, foundations, transformers, pad mounts, buildings and offices, underground collection systems, electric substation, transmission lines, electrical interconnections, met towers, roads, and control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity.

The map in TAB 11 shows the proposed project area with the preliminary turbine locations. The exact placement of these turbines is subject to ongoing planning, soil studies, and engineering and will be determined before construction begins.

# SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TAB 13 TO CHAPTER 313 APPLICATION - SEYMOUR ISD

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - ALL JOBS - ALL INDUSTRIES**

QUARTER	YEAR	AVG WE	EKLY WAGES*	ANNUALIZED
FIRST	2016	\$	622	\$ 32,344
SECOND	2016	\$	637	\$ 33,124
THIRD	2016	\$	649	\$ 33,748
FOURTH	2016	\$	693	\$ 36,036
	AVERAGE	\$	650.25	\$ 33,813

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - MANUFACTURING JOBS**

# Not Available

# **CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - REGIONAL WAGE RATE**

REGION	YEAR	AVG	WEEKLY WAGES*		ANNUALIZED
NORTEX	2016	\$	965	\$	50,203
		x	110%		110%
		\$	1,061.99	\$	55,223
		_		-	

\* SEE ATTACHED TWC DOCUMENTATION

# Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	lndustry	Avg Weekly Wages
2016	1st Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$622
2016	2nd Qtr	Baylor County	Pri∨ate	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$637
2016	3rd Qtr	Baylor County	Pri∨ate	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$649
2016	4th Qtr	Baylor County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$693

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	21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council	\$17.55	\$36,503
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	23. Central Texas Council of Governments	\$18.65	\$38,783
24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council\$23.05\$47,95	24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council	\$23.05	\$47,950

# 2016 Manufacturing Average Wages by Council of Government Region Wages for All Occupations

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: July 2017

Data published annually, next update will be July 31, 2018

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. Schedule A2: Total Investment for Economic Impact (including Qualified Property and other investments)

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				PROPERTY INV	ESTMENT AMOUNTS		Augu	u <del>st 15, 2017</del> **
				(Estimated Investment 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) YYYY	New investment (original cost) in <b>tangible</b> <b>personal property</b> placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Other investment made during this year that will <u>not</u> become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Other investment made during this year that will become Qualified Property {SEE NOTE]	Total Investment (A+B+C+D)
					Enter amounts	s from TOTAL row in Schedule A1 in the r	ow below	
Total Investment from Schedule A1*	-	TOTALS FROM	ASCHEDULE A1	126,800,000	700,000	0	0	127,500,000
Each year prior to start of value limitation period** Insert as many rows as necessary	O	2018-2019	2018	0	0	0	0	
	1	2019-2020	2019	0	-	-	0	
	2	2020-2021	2020	n n	0		0	
	3	2021-2022	2021	0			0	
	4	2022-2023	2022	0			0	
	5	2023-2024	2023	in a second s		n	0	
Value limitation period***	6	2024-2025	2024	0		1	0	
	7	2025-2026	2025	0		h	0	
	8	2026-2027	2026	0			0	
	9	2027-2028	2027	0		n	0	
	10	2028-2029	2028	0		n	0	
	Tot	al Investment mad	e through limitatior	126,800,000	700.000			127,5
	11	2029-2030	2029	120,000,000	100,000			1411
	12	2030-2031	2030					
Continue to maintain viable presence	13	2031-2032	2031	-				
	14	2032-2033	2032					
	15	2033-2034	2033					
	16	2034-2035	2034					
	17	2035-2036	2035					
	18	2036-2037	2036					
	19	2037-2038	2037					
Additional years for 25 year economic impact as required by	20	2038-2039	2038					
313.026(c)(1)	21	2039-2040	2039					
	22	2040-2041	2040					
	23	2041-2042	2041					
	24	2042-2043	2042					
	25	2043-2044	2043					

\* 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.

\*\* 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 or the qualifying time period start of the Value Limitation Period) should be included in the "year prior to start of value limitation period" row(s). 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 werenot 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.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" 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.

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Schedule B: Estimated Market And Taxable Value (of Qualified Property Only) 1202-seymour-seymourhills-amendment001

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2	UL INIC	JURISD			Qualified Property		Estimated Taxable Value			
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	<b>Tax Year</b> (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new buildings or "in or on the new improvements"	Market Value less any exemptions (such as pollution control) and before limitation	Final taxable value for I&S after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O after all reductions	
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period	0	2018-2019	2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	1	2019-2020	2019	0	679,000	124,950,000	125,629,000	125,629,000	25,000,000	
	2	2020-2021	2020	0	662,000	116,204,000	116,866,000	116,866,000	25,000,000	
	3	2021-2022	2021	0	645,500	108,070,000	108,715,500	108,715,500	25,000,000	
	4	2022-2023	2022	0	629,400	100,505,000	101,134,400	101,134,400	25,000,000	
Value Limitation Period	5	2023-2024	2023	0	613,700	93,470,000	94,083,700	94,083,700	25,000,000	
	6	2024-2025	2024	0	598,400	86,927,000	87,525,400	87,525,400	25,000,000	
	7	2025-2026	2025	0	583,400	80,842,000	81,425,400	81,425,400	25,000,000	
	8	2026-2027	2026	0	568,800	75,183,000	75,751,800	75,751,800	25,000,000	
	9	2027-2028	2027	0	554,600	69,920,000	70,474,600	70,474,600	25,000,000	
	10	2028-2029	2028	0	540,700	65,026,000	65,566,700	65,566,700	25,000,000	
	11	2029-2030	2029	0	527,200	61,775,000	62,302,200	62,302,200	62,302,200	
Continue to maintain	12	2030-2031	2030	0	514,000	58,686,000	59,200,000	59,200,000	59,200,000	
viable presence	13	2031-2032	2031	0	501,200	55,752,000	56,253,200	56,253,200	56,253,200	
	14	2032-2033	2032	0	488,700	52,964,000	53,452,700	53,452,700	53,452,700	
		2033-2034	2033	0	476,500	50,316,000	50,792,500	50,792,500	50,792,500	
-		2034-2035	2034	0	464,600	47,800,000	48,264,600	48,264,600	48,264,600	
	17	2035-2036	2035	0	453,000	45,410,000	45,863,000	45,863,000	45,863,000	
	18	2036-2037	2036	0	441,700	43,140,000	43,581,700	43,581,700	43,581,700	
Additional years for	19	2037-2038	2037	0	430,700	40,983,000	41,413,700	41,413,700	41,413,700	
25 year economic impact	20	2038-2039	2038	0	419,900	38,934,000	39,353,900	39,353,900	39,353,900	
as required by 313.026(c)(1)		2039-2040	2039	0	409,400	36,987,000	37,396,400	37,396,400	37,396,400	
	22	2040-2041	2040	0	399,200	35,138,000	35,537,200	35,537,200	35,537,200	
	23	2041-2042	2041	0	389,200	33,381,000	33,770,200	33,770,200	33,770,200	
	24	2042-2043	2042	0	379,500	31,875,000	32,254,500	32,254,500	32,254,500	
	25	2043-2044	2043	0		31,875,000		32,245,000	32,245,000	

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.

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# Schedule C: Employment Information

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			Construction		Non-Qualifying Jobs	Qualifying 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)	<b>Average</b> annual wage rates for construction workers	Number of non-qualifying jobs applicant estimates it will create (cumulative)	Number of new qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	<b>Average</b> annual wage of new qualifying jobs
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period Insert as many rows as necessary	0	2018-2019	2018	250	36,000	0	0	8
	1	2019-2020	2019	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	2	2020-2021	2020	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	3	2021-2022	2021	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	4	2022-2023	2022	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
Value Limitation Period The qualifying time period could overlap the value limitation period.	5	2023-2024	2023	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	6	2024-2025	2024	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	7	2025-2026	2025	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	8	2026-2027	2026	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	9	2027-2028	2027	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
	10	2028-2029	2028	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22
Years Following Value Limitation Period	11 through 25	202 <del>9</del> -2044	2029-2043	N/A	N/A	0	3	55,22

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 statute? qualifying jobs in Subchapter B districts, 10 qualifying jobs in Subchapter C districts) If yes, answer the following two questions:	(25	X	Yes		No
C1a. Will the applicant request a job waiver, as provided under 313.025(f-1)?		X	Yes		No
C1b. Will the applicant avail itself of the provision in 313.021(3)(F)?			Yes	X	No

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# 1. Authorized School District Representative Signature

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	Dr. John Baker
sign here 🎽	Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)
	Signature (Authorized School District Representative)

Superintendent Title 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 here	Matt Riley	Manager
	Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Title
sign here 🎙		
	Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Date
		GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the
		day of,,
		Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
	(Notary Seal)	My Commission expires:

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. 1202-seymour-seymourhills-amendment001

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sign here		
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here Matt-Riley Derek. M. Harding	Manager
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))	Title
sign here William Attack Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicaqt))	August 8, 2017
See attached	GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the
	Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
(Notary Seal)	My Commission expires:

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State of California County of Santa	Barbara	)
On August 8 Date	2017 before me,	Katherine A. Dowling, Notary Public, Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared	Derek M. Ho	

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.



KATHERINE A. DOWLING Notary Public - California Santa Barbara County Commission # 2166825 ly Comm. Expires Nov 1, 2020

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# Attachment B

# Franchise Tax Account Status





# **Franchise Tax Account Status**

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SEYMOUR	R HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC
Texas Taxpayer Number	32044872185
Mailing Address	3000 EL CAMINO REAL STE 5-700 PALO ALTO, CA 94306-2116
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	DE
Effective SOS Registration Date	09/21/2016
Texas SOS File Number	0802546430
Registered Agent Name	CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY DBA CSC - LAWYERS INCO
Registered Office Street Address	211 E. 7TH STREET, SUITE 620 AUSTIN, TX 78701

# Attachment C

# State Comptroller's Certification



# GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O.Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

October 17, 2017

Dr. John Baker Superintendent Seymour Independent School District 409 W. Idaho St. Seymour, Texas 76380-1650

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes by and between Seymour Independent School District and Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC, Application 1202

Dear Superintendent Baker:

On August 23, 2017, the Comptroller issued written notice that Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1202) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.<sup>1</sup> This application was originally submitted on June 29, 2017, to the Seymour Independent School District (school district) by the applicant.

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

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

# Determination required by 313.025(h)

Sec. 313.024(a)	Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.
Sec. 313.024(b)	Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All Statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 313.024(d)	Applicant has requested a waiver to create the required number of new
	qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a
	wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the
	county where the jobs are located.
Sec. 313.024(d-2)	Not applicable to Application 1202.

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

# Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

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'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, 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, 2017.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of August 23, 2017, 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 toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 6-0758, or at 512-936-0758.

Sincerely, Mike Reissig Deputy Comptroller Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

#### Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller's economic impact analysis of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC (project) applying to Seymour Independent School District (district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

Applicant	Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Seymour ISD
Estimated 2015-2016 Average Daily Attendance	561
County	Baylor
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$127,500,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$127,500,000
Limitation Amount	\$25,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2018-2019
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	\$1,062
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(B)	\$1,062
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$55,223
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$650
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$33,814
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$42,500,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$12,575,400
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$5,532,806
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$7,042,594

Table 1 is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC.

\* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).

		Employment		Personal Income				
Year	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total		
2018	250	282	532	\$9,000,000	\$24,498,000	\$33,498,000		
2019	3	48	51.067	\$165,669	\$5,623,331	\$5,789,000		
2020	3	26	29	\$165,669	\$3,875,331	\$4,041,000		
2021	3	8	11	\$165,669	\$2,362,331	\$2,528,000		
2022	3	(2)	1	\$165,669	\$1,348,331	\$1,514,000		
2023	3	(6)	-3	\$165,669	\$716,331	\$882,000		
2024	3	(7)	-4	\$165,669	\$383,331	\$549,000		
2025	3	(6)	-3	\$165,669	\$303,331	\$469,000		
2026	3	(3)	0	\$165,669	\$364,331	\$530,000		
2027	3	(0)	3	\$165,669	\$508,331	\$674,000		
2028	3	2	5	\$165,669	\$689,331	\$855,000		
2029	3	3	6	\$165,669	\$765,331	\$931,000		
2030	3	5	8	\$165,669	\$896,331	\$1,062,000		
2031	3	6	9	\$165,669	\$1,014,331	\$1,180,000		
2032	3	6	9	\$165,669	\$1,116,331	\$1,282,000		
2033	3	7	10	\$165,669	\$1,199,331	\$1,365,000		

Table 2 is the estimated statewide economic impact of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC (modeled).

Source: CPA REMI, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

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

Table	3 Estimated Dir	ect Ad Valorem	Taxes with	out property tax	incentives				· London D. M.	
	Estimated Taxable Value	Estimated Taxable Value		Seymour ISD	Seymour ISD	Seymour ISD M&O and I&S	Baylor County	Baylor County Hospital District Tax	Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District Tax	Estimated Total
Year	for I&S	for M&O		I&S Tax Levy	M&O Tax Levy	Tax Levies	Tax Levy	Levy	Levy	Property Taxes
			Tax Rate*	0.0000	1.0400		0.6613	0.1910	0.0181	
2019	\$125.629,000	\$125.629,000		\$0	\$1,306,542	\$1,306,542	\$830,797	\$239,951	\$22,701	\$2,377,290
2020	\$116,866,000	\$116,866,000		\$0	\$1,215,406	\$1,215,406	\$772,847	\$223,214	\$21,118	\$2,211,467
2021	\$108,715,500	\$108.715.500		\$0	\$1,130,641	\$1,130,641	\$718,946	\$207,647	\$19,645	\$2,057,234
2022	\$101,134,400	\$101,134,400		\$0	\$1,051,798	\$1,051,798	\$668,812	\$193,167	\$18,275	\$1,913,776
2023	\$94,083.700	\$94,083,700		\$0	\$978,470	\$978,470	\$622,185	\$179,700	\$17,001	\$1,780,355
2024	\$87,525,400	\$87.525,400		\$0	\$910,264	\$910,264	\$578.814	\$167,174	\$15.816	\$1,656,252
2025	\$81,425,400	\$81,425,400		\$0	\$846,824	\$846.824	\$538.474	\$155,523	\$14,714	\$1,540,821
2026	\$75,751,800	\$75.751,800		\$0	\$787.819	\$787,819	\$500,954	\$144,686	\$13,688	\$1,433,459
2027	\$70,474,600	\$70,474,600		\$0	\$732.936	\$732,936	\$466,056	\$134,606	\$12,735	\$1,333,598
2028	\$65,566,700	\$65,566,700		\$0	\$681.894	\$681,894	\$433,599	\$125,232	\$11,848	\$1,240,725
2029	\$62,302,200	\$62,302,200		\$0	\$647.943	\$647,943	\$412.011	\$118,997	\$11,258	\$1.178.951
2030	\$59,200.000	\$59,200.000		\$0	\$615,680	\$615.680	\$391.496	\$113,072	\$10,697	\$1,120,248
2031	\$56.253,200	\$56.253,200		\$0	\$585,033	\$585,033	\$372.008	\$107.444	\$10.165	\$1.064,485
2032	\$53,452,700	\$53,452,700		\$0	\$555,908	\$555,908	\$353.488	\$102.095	\$9,659	\$1.011.491
2033	\$50,792.500	\$50.792,500		\$0	\$528,242	\$528,242	\$335,896	\$97,014	\$9,178	\$961,152
			77-4-1	0.0	E12 575 400	F13 F7F 400	67 00 ( 193	62 200 621	6318 408	613 001 303
	CDA Cou		Total	\$0	\$12,575,400	\$12,575,400	\$7,996,383	\$2,309,521	\$218,498	\$22,881,303

Source: CPA, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

'Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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

Table	4 Estimated Dir	ect Ad Valorem	Taxes with	all property tax	incentives sought					
	Estimated	Estimated				Seymour ISD		Baylor County Hospital	Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation	
	Taxable Value	Taxable Value		Seymour ISD	Seymour ISD	M&O and I&S	<b>Baylor County</b>	District Tax	District Tax	Estimated Total
Year	for 1&S	for M&O		1&S Tax Levy	M&O Tax Levy	Tax Levies	Tax Levy	Levy	Levy	<b>Property</b> Taxes
			Tax Rate*	0.0000	1.0400		0.6613	0.1910	0.0181	
2019	\$125,629,000	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$22,701	\$260,000
2020	\$116,866,000	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$21,118	\$260,000
2021	\$108,715,500	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260.000	\$0	\$0	\$19.645	\$260,000
2022	\$101,134,400	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0.	\$0	\$18,275	\$260,000
2023	\$94,083,700	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$17,001	\$260,000
2024	\$87,525,400	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,816	\$260,000
2025	\$81,425,400	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000.	\$260,000	\$0.	\$0	\$14.714	\$260,000
2026	\$75,751,800	\$25,000,000		\$0	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,688	\$260.000
2027	\$70,474,600	\$25,000,000		\$0,	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,735	\$260,000
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2029	\$62,302,200	\$62,302,200		\$0	\$647,943	\$647,943	\$412,011	\$118,997	\$11,258	\$1,178,951
2030	\$59,200,000	\$59,200,000		\$0	\$615.680	\$615.680	\$391,496	\$113,072	\$10,697	\$1,120,248
2031	\$56,253,200	\$56.253.200		\$0	\$585.033	\$585,033	\$372,008	\$107,444	\$10,165	\$1.064,485
2032	\$53,452,700	\$53,452,700		\$0	\$555,908	\$555,908	\$353,488	\$102,095	\$9.659	\$1,011,491
2033	\$50.792.500	\$50,792,500		\$0	\$528,242	\$528.242	\$335,896	\$97,014	\$9,178	\$961,152
			Total	\$0	\$5,532,806	\$5,532,806	\$1,864,898	\$538,621	\$218,498	\$7,936,326
			Diff	\$0	\$7,042,594	\$7,042,594	\$6,131,484	\$1,770,899.	\$0	\$14,944,978
Assume	es School Value L	imitation and Tax	k Abatement	s with the County	and Hospital Distric	t				

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

Source: CPA, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

'Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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

This represents the Comptroller's determination that Seymour Hills Wind Project, 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	2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Years	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TTC-TCAIS	2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2019	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$1,046,542	\$1,046,542
	2020	\$260,000	\$520,000	\$955,406	\$2,001,948
	2021	\$260,000	\$780,000	\$870,641	\$2,872,589
	2022	\$260,000	\$1,040,000	\$791,798	\$3,664,387
Limitation Period	2023	\$260,000	\$1,300,000	\$718,470	\$4,382,857
(10 Years)	2024	\$260,000	\$1,560,000	\$650,264	\$5,033,122
	2025	\$260,000	\$1,820,000	\$586,824	\$5,619,946
	2026	\$260,000	\$2,080,000	\$527,819	\$6,147,764
	2027	\$260,000	\$2,340,000	\$472,936	\$6,620,700
	2028	\$260,000	\$2,600,000	\$421,894	\$7,042,594
	2029	\$647,943	\$3,247,943	\$0	\$7,042,594
Maintain Viable	2030	\$615,680	\$3,863,623	\$0	\$7,042,594
Presence	2031	\$585,033	\$4,448,656	\$0	\$7,042,594
(5 Years)	2032	\$555,908	\$5,004,564	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2033	\$528,242	\$5,532,806	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2034	\$501,952	\$6,034,758	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2035	\$476,975	\$6,511,733	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2036	\$453,250	\$6,964,983	\$0	\$7,042,594
Additional Years as	2037	\$430,702	\$7,395,685	\$0	\$7,042,594
Required by	2038	\$409,281	\$7,804,966	\$0	\$7,042,594
313.026(c)(1)	2039	\$388,923	\$8,193,889	\$0	\$7,042,594
(10 Years)	2040	\$369,587	\$8,563,475	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2041	\$351,210	\$8,914,686	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2042	\$335,447	\$9,250,132	\$0	\$7,042,594
	2043	\$335,348	\$9,585,480	\$0	\$7,042,594

**\$9,585,480** is greater than

\$7,042,594

Analysis Summary

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

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, Seymour Hills Wind Project, 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 Seymour Hills Wind Project, 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 Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
  - A. "The Applicant is a national wind developer with the ability to locate projects of this type in other states within the United States and other regions within Texas with favorable wind characteristics. The Applicant is actively assessing and developing other projects that are competing for limited investment funds in states outside of Texas including, but not limited to, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Iowa. With Texas wholesale electricity prices already below the international average, it is necessary to limit the property tax liabilities for a wind project in order to be able to offer electricity at prices that are marketable to Texas customers at competitive rates. Markets such as California that have state wide available subsidies for renewable energy projects, and which have higher average contracted power rates, offer an attractive incentive for developers to build projects in those markets over Texas."
  - B. "The property tax liability of a project without tax incentives in Texas would reduce the return to investors and financiers to an unacceptable level at todays contracted power rates under a power purchase agreement (PPA). Therefore, the applicant would not be able to finance and build the project in Texas even with a signed PPA because of the low price in the

PPA. Without the 313 Value Limitation, the applicant would be forced to walk away from this project and spend the potential investment in other states where the rate of return is higher."

- The applicant has considered the Seymour Hills Wind Project for at least eight years. In a December 29, 2016, *Wichita Falls Times Record News* article it states, "The project is a long time coming. It initially was started in 2009 but stalled for a number of reasons, including an inability to find a buyer for the electricity the turbines would generate. But now there's renewed interest in the deal, and success would mean the payment of a development fee to Carter Wind Energy for doing the heavy lifting almost a decade ago."
- In a December 16, 2016 *Wichita Falls Times Record News* article it states, "The plans are being proposed by Infinity Renewables, an employee with the California wind energy developer told the Times Record News on Friday, and is tentatively being referred to as the "Seymour Hills" project. It appears to be a continuation of a 2009 development that was initially explored by Carter Wind Energy but dropped before the plan was realized. That project was anticipated to produce 80 megawatts of power on about 8,000 acres. Matt Carter, president of Carter Wind Energy, said his company is involved in the new project, adding that it has significantly increased in scale -- when the project is completed, it could generate as much as 300 megawatts of electricity."
- Infinity Renewables, parent company to Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC, is collaborating with outside organizations on this project. A May 11, 2017 *Energy Manager Today* article states, "Akamai announced on May 10 that the company is making a 20-year investment in the planned 80-MW Seymour Hills Wind Farm, which will be based outside of Dallas and is expected to begin operating in 2018. ... The project is being developed by Infinity Renewables, and the plan is to construct 38 wind turbines across about 8,000 acres. Akamai said it intends to pull enough energy from the wind farm to offset its aggregate data center operations based in Texas, which account for about 7 percent of Akamai's global power load."
- Infinity Renewables website lists Seymour Hills as one of its projects under development.
- Supplemental information provided by the applicant indicated the following:
  - A. The project has applied to ERCOT and its Generation Interconnection Request No. is 121NR0055.
  - B. The project is also known by other project names "Baylor County Windfarm, Little Mountain Wind Project, Wolf Hollow Wind Project, and Mesquite Hills Wind Project. With the latter three, the project was only called by these three names for a very brief time. They had to be changed as we kept selecting names that were either identical or too close to the name of existing substations in ERCOT's system."

#### 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

		Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	Tran	inalysis isparence 1 50-296	cy	
5	ECTIO	N 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024	No. of Street	er en		
	The p	ou an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171? roperty will be used for one of the following activities: manufacturing		Yes		No No
		research and development		1	Y	
	(2)	a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code	Ξ.	Yes	¥	No
	(3) (4)	an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code		Yes Yes	¥ /	No No
		renewable energy electric generation		Yes	Y	No
	(5)			1	1	
	(6)	electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology		Yes	-	No
	(7)	nuclear electric power generation		Yes	V	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	1	No
	(9)	a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051		Yes	1	No
З.		u requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?	E.	Yes		No
	-	y of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?		Yes		No
5.	Will an	y of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?		Yes	<b>_</b>	No
6.	Are yo	u including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?		res [		No
7.		y property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of				
	your qu	ualified investment?		res	$\checkmark$	No
S	ECTIO	N 7: Project Description				
1.		4, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use o al property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information		nd tangi	ble	
2.	Check	the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:				
	V L	and has no existing improvements Land has existing improvements (complete Section 2)	ection 1	3)		
	E	expansion of existing operation on the land (complete Section 13) Relocation within Texas				
S	ECTION	V 8: Limitation as Determining Factor				
1.	Does th	ne applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur?	Y	/es	$\checkmark$	No
2.	Has the	e applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?	Y	/es	$\checkmark$	No
3.	Does th	ne applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?	Y	/es	$\checkmark$	No
4.		e applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the ed project location?	Y	/es	$\checkmark$	No
5.	Has the	applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site?	Y	/es	$\checkmark$	No
6.	Has the	applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site?	Y	res .		No
7.	Is the a	pplicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?	V Y	'es		No
8.		applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison		/es		No
9		applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project?		es .		No
		submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining				
		the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?	VY	es [		No
Chi	apter 31	3.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirma	tive de	termina	ation	í.

under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.

For more information, visit our website: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/

## **Supporting Information**

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

#### Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC

Chapter 313 Application to Seymour ISD

Cummings Westlake, LLC

#### TAB 5

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

Infinity's team has developed and delivered more than 1,300 MW of operational wind and photovoltaic projects and brought together more than 100 years of energy industry finance, development, technology and policy expertise. Infinity's team has approximately 100 MWs in the state of Texas and the rest of the MW are spread across 5 states. Infinity's team combines experience in renewable energy development market with a capital efficient approach to deliver renewable energy projects.

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

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#### ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY BY SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC TO SEYMOUR ISD

# **Supporting Information**

Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller



Wind tarm in the works near Seymour

to wind power development.

In Wilbarger County, wind turbines in the Harrold and Vernon school districts were scheduled to come online this fall. About 100 turbines went up at the Baylor/Knox County line in October 2015.

The most controversial of the projects is one near the town of Byers in Clay County, where Sheppard Air Force Base officials have said wind development could interfere with radar operations and flight training missions. Project leaders retorted by saying there's no proof the proposed turbines will interfere with base operations.





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#### Seymour wind farm may bring expansion

Wichita Falls Times Record News (TX) - December 29, 2016

Author/Byline: Christopher M. Collins, Times Record News

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If everything goes right in 2017, Wichita Falls could see a "Ray Clymer renaissance" of manufacturing, including ramped-up, local wind turbine production, says Matt Carter of Carter Wind Energy.

Forty-two-year-old Carter, a Wichita Falls native and third-generation wind farmer, said the so-called renaissance could partly be prompted by President-elect Donald Trump's nomination of former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Exxon-Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson to cabinet positions, but it also could hinge on the success of a proposal to develop a 300-megawatt wind farm just east of Seymour.

The project is a long time coming. It initially was started in 2009 but stalled for a number of reasons, including an inability to find a buyer for the electricity the turbines would generate. But now there's renewed interest in the deal, and success would mean the payment of a development fee to Carter Wind Energy for doing the heavy lifting almost a decade ago.

"We want to reinvest the money from this project into the community to start an industry. And we think this could be a huge industry," said Carter, seated in his company's office building in east Wichita Falls during a December interview. With Perry and Tillerson calling the shots nationally and internationally, and wind turbine construction in the works locally, "we can bring back what I call a Ray Clymer renaissance in Wichita Falls. He was a part of bringing so much manufacturing here and a lot of that is gone. We need to bring it back."

Earlier this year, plans for the proposed Baylor County wind farm were sent to the Federal Aviation Administration, the agency charged with reviewing development details to ensure turbines won't interfere with air traffic. As of Wednesday, the FAA determination was still pending. It does not appear the project will run afoul of Sheppard Air Force, whose officials have protested the development of wind energy in neighboring Clay County.

Carter said he expects the plans to be OK'd -- they were approved during the first round of development, after all -- and he's hopeful that partner Infinity Renewables, an alternative energy developer, will be able to find a buyer for the power. Though no buyer has yet been named, some typical power purchasers are Amazon, General Motors, Wal-Mart, TXU and NRG.

Like real estate, wind turbine placement is all about location -- Baylor County's wind resource "fantastic," Carter said, noting that the proposed installation zone is flanked by transmission lines, making it a "golden triangle" for development. To sweeten the deal, landowners, who sometimes can be prickly about wind farm plans, are on board with the project.

"This area's got a fantastic (wind) resource. It's probably 20 percent better than any every county around it: Clay County, Young, Wilbarger, Wichita. It's great," Carter said. "What we've seen with these landowners is many have owned the property for generations and they've been stewards of the land for generations. And they understand growing a crop, doing ranching, and that's renewable. This is a natural extension for them. Wind is natural, renewable, harvestable resource that they can add to their portfolio."

If a buyer is found, the Baylor County project likely will utilize traditional, three-bladed wind turbines, despite the fact that Carter Wind Energy produces a two-bladed alternative to the standard design. But if the deal does get pushed through, Carter said, the development fee can be used as a capital to ratchet up local production of the company's own turbine, which is predicted to be most successful in underserved markets.

Some of those markets depend heavily on diesel fuel to create electricity, a method that's decidedly expensive and unsustainable. Carter says his family's turbines could ease those communities' dependence on fossil fuels and fill the void with wind power.

"Think the islands in the South Pacific. Think the Caribbean. Think the islands between Greece and Turkey. Think Africa," he said. "We take for granted here turning the lights on or using electricity for water processing. Access to low-cost electricity is a key piece to improving global social productivity."

Carter wind turbines have in the past been deployed in the United States, India, Newfoundland and other locales. Jay Carter Jr., Matt Carter's father, sold the first two commercial wind farms in Texas in the early 1990s, both "three-turbine demonstrations" in Amarillo and the Metroplex.

A completion date for the Baylor County project is unknown, though construction on other projects sometimes does not occur until years after the FAA has reviewed plans. The project is joined by a flurry of related development in the area: in Foard County, the FAA approved in November the placement of meteorological towers near Crowell; in Wilbarger County, wind turbines in the Harrold and Vernon school districts were scheduled to come online this fall; and about 100 turbines went up at the Baylor/Knox County line in October 2015.

- Caption: Christopher Collins/Times Record NewsMatt Carter is pictured in the office of Carter Wind Energy. Behind him is a map of the
  power transmission lines that crisscross the state.
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## Akamai, a Mid-Market Corporation, Invests in Wind Farm Outside Dallas

May 11, 2017 by Cheryl Kaften



Akamai Technologies, a content delivery network and cloud computing services provider headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has invested in a Texas wind farm as it attempts to fulfill a promise made a year ago to use renewable energy to power half of its global network operations by 2020.

Akamai announced on May 10 that the company is making a 20-year investment in the planned 80-MW <u>Seymour Hills Wind</u> <u>Farm</u>, which will be based outside of Dallas and is expected to begin operating in 2018.

The 20-year investment places Akamai at the forefront of <u>an</u> emerging trend in which mid-market corporations are investing in renewable energy projects as a means of decarbonizing their operations.

The project is being developed by <u>Infinity Renewables</u>, and the plan is to construct 38 wind turbines across about 8,000 acres. Akamai said it intends to pull enough energy from the wind farm to offset its aggregate data center operations based in

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Texas, which account for about 7 percent of Akamai's global power load.

"Akamai has been seeing a strong trend with customers that value and demand clean-powered, decarbonized services from their supply chains," said company EVP Jim Benson, Akamai. "This project is one of several in which Akamai plans to invest to reach our 50 percent goal. Only recently have companies like Akamai with small, distributed loads, relative to big buyers like Apple, Google and Amazon, been able to make a meaningful impact on decarbonizing operations that go beyond purchasing unbundled renewable energy credits. We believe our innovative procurement strategy can be a model for others, and we're excited to help lead the way."

"<u>Corporate buyers</u> have become a very important market for the growth of utility-scale renewable energy deployment, having overtaken electric utilities in gigawatts purchased in 2015," said Matt Langley, VP of Finance and Origination at Infinity Renewables. "We predict that minor energy off-takers, like Akamai, represent the next big wave of corporate buyers, and we are eager to partner with them."

"Mid-market corporate buyers like Akamai represent a huge opportunity to significantly expand <u>private procurement of</u> <u>renewable energy</u>," said Lily Donge, Principal at <u>Business</u> <u>Renewables Center (BRC), Rocky Mountain Institute</u>. "As an early mover, Akamai is leading the way for other organizations to invest in renewables and demonstrating the value of BRC's mission to make that process as easy as possible through best practices, guides and educational programs and convenings."

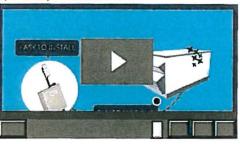
Greenpeace ranked Akamai in the top 20 percent of content delivery network and data center providers in its recent <u>Clicking Clean</u> report for action on energy efficiency, renewable energy and advocacy efforts. In addition to Akamai's renewable energy goal, Greenpeace recognized that the company's "distributed business model and relationships )ENERNO

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### Project Map

Kansas

#### Operating Projects

Nebraska

Ironwood	Shooting Star	Western Plains
Type: Wind	Type: Wind	Type: Wind
Size: 168 MW	Size: 104 MW	Size: 280MW
Acreage: 6,249	Acreage: 11,240	Acreage: 21,000 acres
Turbine type: Siemens 2.3 MW	Turbine type: GE Energy 1 6 MW	Turbine type: Siemens 2.3 MW
Number of turbines: 73	Number of turbines: 65	Number of turbines: 121
Year online: 2012	Year online: 2012	Year online: 2016
Developer: Infinity Wind Power /	Developer: Infinity Wind Power	Developer: Infinity Wind Power
Westar	Owner: Exelon Wind	Owner: Westar Energy, Inc.
Owner: Duke Energy, Sumitomo	Power Purchaser: Sunflower Electric	Power Purchaser: Westar Energy,
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North Dakota

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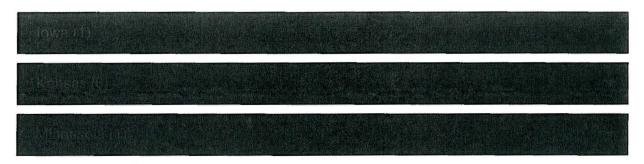
#### Projects Under Construction

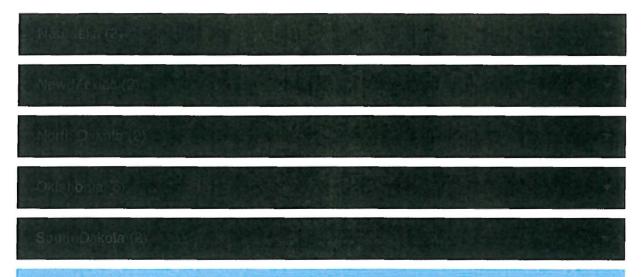
#### Texas

#### Buckthorn

Type:Wind Size: 100 MW Acreage: 8,065 acres Turbine type: Vestas 3.45 MW Number of turbines: 29 Year online: 2017 Developer: Infinity Wind Power Owner: Confidential Power Purchaser: Not Public

#### D Projects Under Development





#### Texas (6)

Buckthorn Type: Wind Projected Size: 100 MW

Jumbo Hill Type: Wind Projected Size: 200 MW

Live Oak Type: Wind Projected Size: 200 MW

Seymour Hills Type: Wind Projected Size: 100 MW

Tecovas Type: Wind Projected Size: 400 MW

Wildcat Ranch Type: Wind Projected Size: 150 MW

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#### COMPTROLLER QUERY RELATED TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.026(c)(2) – Seymour ISD – Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC App. #1202 –

Comptroller Questions (via email on September 12, 2017):

- 1) Is the Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC project currently known by any other project names?
- 2) Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's IGNR number.

Applicant Response (via email on September 12, 2017):

- 1) Baylor County Windfarm, Little Mountain Wind Project, Wolf Hollow Wind Project, and Mesquite Hills Wind Project. With the latter three, the project was only called by these three names for a very brief time. They had to be changed as we kept selecting names that were either identical or too close to the name of existing substations in ERCOT's system.
- 2) 121NR0055.

## Attachment D

## Summary of Financial Impact

CHAPTER 313 PROPERTY VALUE LIMITATION FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROJECT, LLC PROJECT IN THE SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (PROJECT # 1202)

**PREPARED BY** 



NOVEMBER 20, 2017

#### **Executive Summary**

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC (Company) has requested that the Seymour Independent School District (SISD) consider granting a property value limitation under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code, also known as the Texas Economic Development Act. In an application submitted to SISD on June 29, 2017 the Company plans to invest \$125.6 million to construct a renewable wind electric energy generation facility. Moak, Casey & Associates (MCA) has been retained to prepare an analysis of this value limitation and help the district navigate the overall application and agreement process.

The Seymour Hills Wind project is consistent with the state's goal to "encourage large scale capital investments in this state." When enacted as House Bill 1200 in 2001, Chapter 313 of the Tax Code granted eligibility to companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, and renewable electric energy production to apply to school districts for property value limitations. Subsequent legislative changes expanded eligibility to clean coal projects, nuclear power generation and data centers, among others.

Under the provisions of Chapter 313, SISD may offer a minimum value limitation of \$25 million. This value limitation, under the proposed application, will begin in the 2019-20 school year and remain at that level of taxable value for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax purposes for ten years. The entire project value will remain taxable for I&S or debt service purposes for the term of the agreement.

MCA's initial school finance analysis is detailed in this report, incorporating the major legislative changes adopted earlier this year. The overall conclusions are as follows, but please read all of the subsquent details in the report below for more information.

Total Revenue Loss Payment owed to SISD	\$1.2 million	
Total Savings to Company after Revenue Loss Payment. (This does not include any supplemental benefit payments to the district.)	\$5.8 million	

#### **Application Process**

After the school district has submitted an application to the Comptroller's Office (Comptroller), the Comptroller begins reviewing the application for completeness. The purpose of this review is to ensure all necessary information and attachments are included in the application before moving forward with the formal review process. The application was determined to be complete on August 23, 2017.

The issuance of a Completeness Letter is important because it sets the timeline for the rest of process. From the date of issuance, the Comptroller has 90 days to conduct its full review of the project and provide its certificate for a limitation on appraised value. The Certificate for this project was issued on October 17, 2017.

After the Comptroller's certificate is received, O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo contacted the school district to discuss the value limitation agreement and began negotiations of the supplemental benefit payment with the Company. A final version of the agreement must be submitted to the Comptroller for review prior to final adoption by the school district's board of trustees.

Prior to final board meeting, O'Hanlon, McCollom & Demerath will provide the district with the necessary agenda language and any additional action items. The school board will review the Value Limitation Agreement and Findings of Fact that detail the project's conformance with state law. The school board will also be required to consider the adoption of a job waiver during this meeting.

#### How the 313 Agreement Interacts with Texas School Finance

M&O funding for Texas schools relies on two methods of finance: local school district property taxes and state aid. State aid consists of two components: Tier I (based on ADA, special student populations and M&O taxes at the compressed tax rate) and Tier II (based on weighted ADA for each penny of tax effort above a specified level). (For more detailed information on the school finance funding system, please review the Texas Education Agency's <u>School Finance 101: Funding of Texas Public Schools.</u>)

Because the general school finance formula system calculates state aid entitlements using the Comptroller's certified property value for the preceding year, the first year is often problematic financially. The implementation of the value limitation often results in an M&O revenue loss to the school district in the first year of the limitation that would not be reimbursed by the state, but require some type of compensation from the Company under the revenue protection provisions of the agreement. If the full value of the project increases significantly during the value limitation period, the revenue losses may be greater than originally estimated.

A taxpayer receiving a value limitation pays M&O taxes on the reduced value for the project in years 1-10 and receives a tax bill for I&S taxes based on the full project value throughout the qualifying and value limitation period (and thereafter).

Future legislative action on school funding could potentially affect the impact of the value limitation on the school district's finances and result in revenue-loss estimates that differ from the estimates presented in this report.

#### Underlying School District Data Assumptions

The agreement between the school district and the applicant calls for a calculation of the revenue impact of the value limitation in years 1-10 of the agreement, under whatever school finance and property tax laws are in effect in each of those years. The Basic Allotment remained at \$5,140 and the Tier II Austin yield increased to \$99.41 for 2017-18 and \$106.28 for 2018-19, which is maintained for future years.



Static school district enrollment and property values are used to isolate the effects of the value limitation under the school finance system. Any previously-approved Chapter 313 projects are also factored into the M&O tax bases used. The impact of the Chapter 313 project value returning to the total tax roll for M&O funding purposes is beyond the scope of this revenue report.

ADA:	569
Local Tax Base:	\$191.9 million
M&O Tax Rate:	\$1.04 per \$100
I&S Tax Rate:	\$0.08 per \$100
Wealth per WADA:	\$380,681

Table 1 summarizes the enrollment and property value assumptions for the 15 years that are the subject of this analysis.

Table 1 - Base District Information with Seymour	Hills Wind Project Value and Limitation Values
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Year of Agreement	School Year	ADA	WADA	M&O Tax Rate	I&S Tax Rate	CAD Value with Project	CAD Value with Limitation	CPTD with Project	CPTD With Limitation	CPTD Value with Project per WADA	CPTD Value with Limitation per WADA
QTP0	2017-18	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$191,906,630	\$191,906,630	\$188,848,538	\$188,848,538	\$180,868	\$180,868
QTP1	2018-19	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$191,906,630	\$191,906,630	\$188,848,538	\$188,848,538	\$180,868	\$180,868
QTP2/VL1	2019-20	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$317,535,630	\$216,906,630	\$188,848,538	\$188,848,538	\$180,868	\$180,868
VL2	2020-21	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$308,772,630	\$216,906,630	\$314,477,538	\$213,848,538	\$301,188	\$204,812
VL3	2021-22	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$300,622,130	\$216,906,630	\$305,714,538	\$213,848,538	\$292,796	\$204,812
VL4	2022-23	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$293,041,030	\$216,906,630	\$297,564,038	\$213,848,538	\$284,989	\$204,812
VL5	2023-24	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$285,990,330	\$216,906,630	\$289,982,938	\$213,848,538	\$277,729	\$204,812
VL6	2024-25	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$539,520,288	\$476,994,888	\$282,932,238	\$213,848,538	\$270,976	\$204,812
VL7	2025-26	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$522,616,758	\$466,191,358	\$536,462,196	\$473,936,796	\$513,792	\$453,909
VL8	2026-27	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$506,571,769	\$455,819,969	\$519,558,666	\$463,133,266	\$497,603	\$443,562
VL9	2027-28	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$491,338,035	\$445,863,435	\$503,513,677	\$452,761,877	\$482,236	\$433,629
VL10	2028-29	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$476,871,863	\$436,305,163	\$488,279,943	\$442,805,343	\$467,646	\$424,093
VP1	2029-30	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$464,431,422	\$464,431,422	\$473,813,771	\$433,247,071	\$453,791	\$414,939
VP2	2030-31	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$452,520,318	\$452,520,318	\$461,373,330	\$461,373,330	\$441,876	\$441,876
VP3	2031-32	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$441,116,971	\$441,116,971	\$449,462,226	\$449,462,226	\$430,469	\$430,469
VP4	2032-33	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$430,198,186	\$430,198,186	\$438,058,879	\$438,058,879	\$419,547	\$419,547
VP5	2033-34	568.60	1,044.12	\$1.0400	\$0.0800	\$419,744,431	\$419,744,431	\$427,140,094	\$427,140,094	\$409,090	\$409,090

Basic Allotment: \$5,140; AISD Yield: \$106.28; Equalized Wealth: \$514,000 per WADA

Qualifying Time Period
Value Limitation
Viable Presence

#### M&O Impact of the Seymour Hills Wind project on SISD

A model is established to make a calculation of the "Baseline Revenue Model" (Table 2) by adding the total value of the project to the model, without assuming a value limitation is approved. A separate model is established to make a calculation of the "Value Limitation Revenue Model" (Table 3) by adding the project's limited value of \$25 million to the model. The difference between the two models (Table 4) indicates there will be a total revenue loss of \$1.2 million over the course of the Agreement, with all the loss reflected in the first limitation year (2019-20). Nearly all reduction in M&O taxes under the limitation agreement is offset through an increase in state aid under current law.



Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate	State Aid	Additional State Aid- Hold Harmless	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Homestead Hold Harmless	Other State Aid	Total General Fund
QTP0	2017-18	\$1,869,763	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$74,791	\$336,249	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,985,585
QTP1	2018-19	\$1,869,763	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$74,791	\$364,655	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,013,991
QTP2/VL1	2019-20	\$3,121,053	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$124,842	\$608,679	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$7,559,356
VL2	2020-21	\$3,033,423	\$2,435,326	\$0	\$0	\$121,337	\$306,954	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,910,206
VL3	2021-22	\$2,951,918	\$2,522,956	\$0	\$0	\$118,077	\$310,336	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,916,453
VL4	2022-23	\$2,876,107	\$2,604,461	\$0	\$0	\$115,044	\$314,295	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,923,073
VL5	2023-24	\$2,805,600	\$2,680,272	\$0	\$0	\$112,224	\$317,229	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,928,491
VL6	2024-25	\$5,288,882	\$2,750,779	\$0	\$0	\$211,555	\$618,418	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$8,882,800
VL7	2025-26	\$5,122,008	\$215,479	\$0	\$0	\$204,880	\$218,974	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,774,507
VL8	2026-27	\$4,963,632	\$384,514	\$0	\$0	\$198,545	\$225,432	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,785,289
VL9	2027-28	\$4,813,286	\$544,964	\$0	\$0	\$192,531	\$231,561	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,795,508
VL10	2028-29	\$4,670,536	\$697,302	\$0	\$0	\$186,821	\$238,002	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,805,827
VP1	2029-30	\$4,540,506	\$841,963	\$0	\$0	\$181,620	\$243,542	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,820,797
VP2	2030-31	\$4,423,778	\$966,368	\$0	\$0	\$176,951	\$248,955	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,829,218
VP3	2031-32	\$4,312,025	\$1,085,479	\$0	\$0	\$172,481	\$253,529	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,836,680
VP4	2032-33	\$4,205,021	\$1,199,512	\$0	\$0	\$168,201	\$257,907	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,843,807
VP5	2033-34	\$4,102,574	\$1,308,700	\$0	\$0	\$164,103	\$262,100	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,850,643

#### Table 2- "Baseline Revenue Model" -- Project Value Added with No Value Limitation

QTP= Qualifying Time Period VL= Value Limitation VP= Viable Presence

Table 3- "Value Limitation Revenue Model" -- Project Value Added with Value Limit

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate	State Aid	Additional State Aid- Hold Harmless	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Homestead Hold Harmless	Other State Aid	Total General Fund
QTP0	2017-18	\$1,869,763	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$74,791	\$336,249	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,985,585
QTP1	2018-19	\$1,869,763	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$74,791	\$364,655	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,013,991
QTP2/VL1	2019-20	\$2,114,763	\$3,691,616	\$0	\$0	\$84,591	\$412,539	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,316,675
VL2	2020-21	\$2,114,763	\$3,441,616	\$0	\$0	\$84,591	\$354,755	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,008,891
VL3	2021-22	\$2,114,763	\$3,441,616	\$0	\$0	\$84,591	\$354,755	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,008,891
VL4	2022-23	\$2,114,763	\$3,441,616	\$0	\$0	\$84,591	\$354,755	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,008,891
VL5	2023-24	\$2,114,763	\$3,441,616	\$0	\$0	\$84,591	\$354,755	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,008,891
VL6	2024-25	\$4,663,628	\$3,441,616	\$0	\$0	\$186,545	\$781,177	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$9,086,132
VL7	2025-26	\$4,557,754	\$840,733	\$0	\$0	\$182,310	\$244,766	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,838,729
VL8	2026-27	\$4,456,114	\$948,768	\$0	\$0	\$178,245	\$248,926	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,845,219
VL9	2027-28	\$4,358,540	\$1,052,482	\$0	\$0	\$174,342	\$252,919	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,851,449
VL10	2028-29	\$4,264,869	\$1,152,048	\$0	\$0	\$170,595	\$256,752	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,857,430
VP1	2029-30	\$4,540,506	\$1,247,630	\$0	\$0	\$181,620	\$283,431	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$6,266,353
VP2	2030-31	\$4,423,778	\$966,368	\$0	\$0	\$176,951	\$248,955	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,829,218
VP3	2031-32	\$4,312,025	\$1,085,479	\$0	\$0	\$172,481	\$253,529	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,836,680
VP4	2032-33	\$4,205,021	\$1,199,512	\$0	\$0	\$168,201	\$257,907	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,843,807
VP5	2033-34	\$4,102,574	\$1,308,700	\$0	\$0	\$164,103	\$262,100	\$0	\$0	\$13,167	\$5,850,643

QTP=	Qualifying Time Period
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#### Table 4 - Value Limit less Project Value with No Limit

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate	State Aid	Additional State Aid- Hold Harmless	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Homestead Hold Harmless	Other State Aid	Total General Fund
QTP0	2017-18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2018-19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP2/VL1	2019-20	-\$1,006,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$40,251	-\$196,140	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$1,242,681
VL2	2020-21	-\$918,660	\$1,006,290	\$0	\$0	-\$36,746	\$47,801	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,685
VL3	2021-22	-\$837,155	\$918,660	\$0	\$0	-\$33,486	\$44,419	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,438
VL4	2022-23	-\$761,344	\$837,155	\$0	\$0	-\$30,453	\$40,460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,818
VL5	2023-24	-\$690,837	\$761,344	\$0	\$0	-\$27,633	\$37,526	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,400
VL6	2024-25	-\$625,254	\$690,837	\$0	\$0	-\$25,010	\$162,759	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$203,332
VL7	2025-26	-\$564,254	\$625,254	\$0	\$0	-\$22,570	\$25,792	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,222
VL8	2026-27	-\$507,518	\$564,254	\$0	\$0	-\$20,300	\$23,494	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,930
VL9	2027-28	-\$454,746	\$507,518	\$0	\$0	-\$18,189	\$21,358	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,941
VL10	2028-29	-\$405,667	\$454,746	\$0	\$0	-\$16,226	\$18,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51,603
VP1	2029-30	\$0	\$405,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$39,889	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$445,556
VP2	2030-31	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP3	2031-32	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP4	2032-33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP5	2033-34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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#### M&O Impact on the Taxpayer

Under the assumptions used here, the potential tax savings from the value limitation total \$7.0 million over the life of the agreement. The SISD revenue losses are expected to total approximately \$1.2 million over the course of the agreement. In total, the potential net tax benefits (after hold-harmless payments are made) are estimated to reach \$5.8 million, prior to any negotiations with Seymour Hills Wind on supplemental payments.

#### **I&S Funding Impact on School District**

The project remains fully taxable for debt services taxes, with SISD currently levying a \$0.08 per \$100 I&S rate. The project is not expected to affect school district enrollment and is expected to depreciate over the life of the agreement and beyond. Local taxpayers should benefit from the addition of the Seymour Hills Wind project to the local I&S tax roll. Continued expansion of the project and related development could result in additional employment in the area and an increase in the school-age population, but this project is unlikely to have much impact on a stand-alone basis.



### Table 5 - Estimated Financial Impact of the Seymour Hills Wind Project Property Value LimitationRequest Submitted to SISD at \$1.04 per \$100 M&O Tax Rate

Year of Agreement	School Year	Project Value	Estimated Taxable Value	Value Savings	Assumed M&O Tax Rate	Taxes Before Value Limit	Taxes after Value Limit	Tax Savings @ Projected M&O Rate	School District Revenue Losses	Estimated Net Tax Benefits
QTP0	2017-18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1.040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2018-19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1.040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP2/VL1	2019-20	\$125,629,000	\$25,000,000	\$100,629,000	\$1.040	\$1,306,542	\$260,000	\$1,046,542	-\$1,242,681	-\$196,139
VL2	2020-21	\$116,866,000	\$25,000,000	\$91,866,000	\$1.040	\$1,215,406	\$260,000	\$955,406	\$0	\$955,406
VL3	2021-22	\$108,715,500	\$25,000,000	\$83,715,500	\$1.040	\$1,130,641	\$260,000	\$870,641	\$0	\$870,641
VL4	2022-23	\$101,134,400	\$25,000,000	\$76,134,400	\$1.040	\$1,051,798	\$260,000	\$791,798	\$0	\$791,798
VL5	2023-24	\$94,083,700	\$25,000,000	\$69,083,700	\$1.040	\$978,470	\$260,000	\$718,470	\$0	\$718,470
VL6	2024-25	\$87,525,400	\$25,000,000	\$62,525,400	\$1.040	\$910,264	\$260,000	\$650,264	\$0	\$650,264
VL7	2025-26	\$81,425,400	\$25,000,000	\$56,425,400	\$1.040	\$846,824	\$260,000	\$586,824	\$0	\$586,824
VL8	2026-27	\$75,751,800	\$25,000,000	\$50,751,800	\$1.040	\$787,819	\$260,000	\$527,819	\$0	\$527,819
VL9	2027-28	\$70,474,600	\$25,000,000	\$45,474,600	\$1.040	\$732,936	\$260,000	\$472,936	\$0	\$472,936
VL10	2028-29	\$65,566,700	\$25,000,000	\$40,566,700	\$1.040	\$681,894	\$260,000	\$421,894	\$0	\$421,894
VP1	2029-30	\$62,302,200	\$62,302,200	\$0	\$1.040	\$647,943	\$647,943	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP2	2030-31	\$59,200,000	\$59,200,000	\$0	\$1.040	\$615,680	\$615,680	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP3	2031-32	\$56,253,200	\$56,253,200	\$0	\$1.040	\$585,033	\$585,033	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP4	2032-33	\$53,452,700	\$53,452,700	\$0	\$1.040	\$555,908	\$555,908	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP5	2033-34	\$50,792,500	\$50,792,500	\$0	\$1.040	\$528,242	\$528,242	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Note: School district revenue-loss estimates are subject to change based on numerous factors, including:

- Legislative and Texas Education Agency administrative changes to the underlying school finance formulas used in these calculations.
- Legislative changes addressing property value appraisals and exemptions.
- Year-to-year appraisals of project values and district taxable values.
- Changes in school district tax rates and student enrollment.

## Attachment E

## Taxable Value of Property

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### School and Appraisal Districts Property Value Study 2015 Report

### 2015 ISD Summary Worksheet

#### 012/Baylor

#### 012-901/Seymour ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Value	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assigned
A. Single-Family Residences	58,949,460	.9080	64,922,313	58,949,460
B. Multi-Family Residences	0	N/A	0	0
C1. Vacant Lots	739,540	N/A	739,540	739,540
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0
D1. Rural Real (Taxable)	44,358,680	1.1091	39,993,856	44,358,680
D2. Real Prop Farm & Ranch	4,774,670	N/A	4,774,670	4,774,670
E. Real Prop NonQual Acres	19,572,340	1.0501	18,638,549	19,572,340
F1. Commercial \Real	10,245,580	.9460	10,830,423	10,245,580
F2. Industrial Real	112,013,010	N/A	112,013,010	112,013,010
G. Oil, Gas, Minerals	10,484,400	.9822	10,674,404	10,484,400
J. Utilities	36,290,800	1.0530	34,464,198	36,290,800

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L1. Commercial Personal	11,106,350	N/A	11,106,350	11,106,350
L2. Industrial Personal	1,167,020	N/A	1,167,020	1,167,020
M. Other Personal	498,490	N/A	498,490	498,490
N. Intangible Personal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inventory	0	N/A	0	0
S. Special Inventory	818,350	N/A	818,350	818,350
Subtotal	311,018,690		310,641,173	311,018,690
Less Total Deductions	30,047,051		31,499,631	30,047,051
Total Taxable Value	280,971,639		279,141,542	280,971,639 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

T1	T2	ТЗ	Т4
288,356,609	280,971,639	288,356,609	280,971,639

Loss To	50% of the loss
the Additional	to the Local Optional
\$10,000 Homestead	Percentage Homestead
Exemption	Exemption
7,384,970	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

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288,356,609	280,971,639	288,356,609	280,971,639

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

#### 138/Knox

#### 012-901/Seymour ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Value	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assigned
A. Single-Family Residences	284,150	N/A	284,150	284,150
B. Multi-Family Residences	0	N/A	0	0
C1. Vacant Lots	2,950	N/A	2,950	2,950
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0

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D1. Rural Real (Taxable)	2,893,510	N/A	2,893,510	2,893,510
D2. Real Prop Farm & Ranch	68,440	N/A	68,440	68,440
E. Real Prop NonQual Acres	1,926,520	N/A 1,926,520		1,926,520
F1. Commercial Real	5,640	N/A 5,640		5,640
F2. Industrial Real	143,800	N/A	143,800	143,800
G. Oil, Gas, Minerals	0 N/A		0 0	
J. Utilities	492,670	N/A	492,670	492,670
L1. Commercial Personal	61,730	N/A	61,730	61,730
L2. Industrial Personal	0	N/A	0	0
M. Other Personal	0	N/A	0	0
N. Intangible Personal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inventory	0	N/A 0		0
S. Special Inventory	0	N/A	0	0
Subtotal	5,879,410		5,879,410	5,879,410
Less Total Deductions	569,662		569,662	569,662
Total Taxable Value	5,309,748		5,309,748	5,309,748 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

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#### Value Taxable For M&O Purposes

T1	T2	ТЗ	T4
5,469,068	5,309,748	5,469,068	5,309,748

Loss To	50% of the loss
the Additional	to the Local Optional
\$10,000 Homestead	Percentage Homestead
Exemption	Exemption
159,320	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

77	Т8	Т9	Т10
5,469,068	5,309,748	5,469,068	5,309,748

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

### 012-901/Seymour ISD

Category	Local Tax Roll Value	2015 WTD Mean Ratio	2015 PTAD Value Estimate	2015 Value Assigned
A. Single-Family Residences	59,233,610	.9084	65,206,463	59,233,610
B. Multi-Family Residences	0	N/A	0	0
C1. Vacant Lots	742,490	N/A	742,490	742,490
C2. Colonia Lots	0	N/A	0	0
D1. Rural Real (Taxable)	47,252,190	1.1018	42,887,366	47,252,190
D2. Real Prop Farm & Ranch	4,843,110	N/A	4,843,110	4,843,110
E. Real Prop NonQual Acres	21,498,860	1.0454	20,565,069	21,498,860
F1. Commercial Real	10,251,220	.9460	10,836,063	10,251,220
F2. Industrial Real	112,156,810	N/A	112,156,810	112,156,810
G. Oil, Gas, Minerals	10,484,400	.9822	10,674,404	10,484,400
J. Utilities	36,783,470	1.0523	34,956,868	36,783,470
L1. Commercial Personal	11,168,080	N/A	11,168,080	11,168,080
L2. Industrial Personal	1,167,020	N/A	1,167,020	1,167,020
M. Other Personal	498,490	N/A	498,490	498,490
N. Intangible Personal Prop	0	N/A	0	0
O. Residential Inventory	0	N/A	0	0
S. Special Inventory	818,350	N/A	818,350	818,350
Subtotal	316,898,100		316,520,583	316,898,100

Less Total Deductions	30,616,713	32,069,293	30,616,713
Total Taxable Value	286,281,387	284,451,290	286,281,387 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

## Attachment F

## **TEA's Facilities Value**

## Attachment G

# Participation Agreement

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

by and between

### SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

and

### SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROECT, LLC

(Texas Taxpayer ID #32044872185)

Comptroller Application #1202

Dated

December 14, 2017

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

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

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BAYLOR §

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 **SEYMOUR 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 **SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROECT**, LLC, Texas Taxpayer Identification Number 32044872185 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 29, 2017 the Superintendent of Schools of the Seymour 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 29, 2017 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 August 23, 2017 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 Baylor County Appraisal District established in Baylor County, Texas (the "Baylor 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 17, 2017, 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 14, 2017, 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 14, 2017, 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 14, 2017, 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) of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

*WHEREAS*, on December 5, 2017, 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; and

*WHEREAS*, on December 14, 2017, 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 the Board Vice President, 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, as amended.

"<u>Agreement</u>" 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.

"<u>Applicant</u>" means SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROECT, LLC, (Texas Taxpayer ID #32044872185), 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.

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

"<u>Applicant's Qualified Property</u>" 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.

"<u>Application</u>" 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 29, 2017. 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.

"<u>Application Review Start Date</u>" 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 Baylor County Appraisal Districts.

"*Board of Trustees*" means the Board of Trustees of the SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

"<u>Commercial Operation</u>" means the generation of electricity (other than test energy) by Applicant from all of the wind turbines included in the Qualified Property for which electricity Applicant is entitled to receive compensation from a third party power purchaser, offtaker, merchant buyer, spot market buyer, or other third party purchaser. "<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 Baylor County, Texas.

"<u>District</u>" or "<u>School District</u>" means the Seymour 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 sixty (60) business days of the existence of such Force Majeure or otherwise waive this right as a defense.

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

"<u>Maintain Viable Presence</u>" 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.

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

"<u>New Qualifying Jobs</u>" 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.

"<u>New Non-Qualifying Jobs</u>" 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 the Comptroller's Rules and the Texas Attorney General, as these provisions existed on the Application Review Start Date.

"<u>Qualifying Time Period</u>" 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.

"<u>Supplemental Payment</u>" 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.

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

"*Taxable Value*" 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.

"<u>Applicable School Finance Law</u>" means Chapters 41 and 42 of the Texas Education Code; the Act (Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code); the provisions of Chapter 403; Subchapter M, of the Texas Government Code applicable to the District; the Constitution and general laws of the State applicable to the independent school districts of the State; 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 or all of the above. The term also includes any amendments or successor statutes that may be adopted in the future which impact or alter the calculation of the Applicant's ad valorem tax obligation to the District, either with or without the limitation of property values made pursuant to this Agreement.

"<u>Net Aggregate Limit</u>" means, for any Tax Year of this Agreement, the Total Supplemental Payment Limit, less all amounts previously paid by the Applicant to or on behalf of the District under Article VI, below.

"<u>Net Tax Benefit</u>" means, (i) the amount of maintenance and operations *ad valorem* taxes that the Applicant would have paid to the District for all Tax Years if this Agreement had not been entered into by the Parties, (ii) less 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 Tax Years of this Agreement, plus (B) any payments due to the District under Articles IV and V under this Agreement, plus (C) any payments due to the District under Article VI of this Agreement for all Tax Years prior to the subject Tax Year.

"<u>Revenue Protection Amount</u>" means the amount to be paid by the Applicant to compensate the District for loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District would have received for the Tax Year, under the Applicable School Finance Law had this Agreement not been entered into by the Parties and the Applicant's Qualified Property been subject to the ad valorem maintenance & operations tax at the rate applicable for such Tax Year. For purposes of this calculation, the Third Party will base its calculations upon actual local taxable values for each applicable year as certified by the County Appraisal District for all other taxable accounts in the District, save and except for the Qualified Property subject to this Agreement, plus the total appraised value of the Qualified Property subject to this Agreement. In this calculation, the total appraised value of the Qualified Property subject to this Agreement will be used for the Qualified Property in lieu of the property's M&O taxable value. (For clarification, the taxable value used by the District in calculating the taxes payable for Interest and Sinking Fund taxation purposes on Applicant's Qualified Property will be used for the Qualified Property in lieu of the property's M&O taxable value.)

#### 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 August 23, 2017, 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 14, 2017.
- C. The Qualifying Time Period for this Agreement:
  - i. Starts on December 14, 2017, the Application Approval Date; and
  - ii. Ends on December 31, 2019, 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, 2019, the first complete Tax Year that begins after the date of the commencement of Commercial Operation; and
  - ii. Ends on December 31, 2028.
- E. The Final Termination Date for this Agreement is December 31, 2033.

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 Section 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-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00).

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 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) 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 \$650.25 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 OUALIFIED 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 sixty (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 for renewable energy electricity generation.

#### ARTICLE IV <u>PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF FUTURE DISTRICT REVENUES</u>

**Section 4.1. INTENT OF THE PARTIES.** 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 in each year of this Agreement for which this Agreement was a sole and direct cause, all as calculated in Section 4.2 below. Such payments shall be independent of, and in addition to such other payments as set forth in Article V and Article VI in this Agreement.

The Parties hereto expressly understand and agree that, for all years to which this Agreement may apply, the calculation of losses that District incurs in its Maintenance and Operations Revenue will be defined for each applicable Tax Year in accordance with the Applicable School Finance Law, as defined in Section 1.2 above, and that such definition specifically contemplates that calculations made under this Agreement may periodically change in accordance with changes made from time to time in the Applicable School Finance Law. The Parties further agree that the printouts and projections produced during the negotiations and approval of this Agreement are: i) for illustrative purposes only, are not intended to be relied upon, and have not been relied upon by the Parties as a prediction of future consequences to either Party to the Agreement; ii) are based upon current School Finance Law, which is subject to change by statute, by administrative regulation, or by judicial decision at any time; and, iii) may change in future years to reflect changes in the Applicable School Finance Law.

Section 4.2. CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF LOSS OF REVENUES BY THE DISTRICT. 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, 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. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the M&O Amount owed by Applicant to District means the Original M&O Revenue minus the New M&O Revenue.
- B. In making the calculations 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 as that law exists for each year for which the calculation is made.
  - 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, the negative number will be considered to be zero.
  - iv. For All calculations made for years during the Tax Limitation Period under Section 4.2 of this Agreement, Subsection ii of this subsection will reflect the Tax Limitation Amount for such year.
- C. Annual Limitation of Payments by Applicant

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, for each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period (beginning with Tax Year 2020), amounts due to be paid by Applicant under this Article IV for any Tax Year during the Limitation Period shall not exceed an amount equal to Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of Applicant's Cumulative Unadjusted Tax Benefit under this Agreement. Beginning with the first Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period (Tax Year 2020) and for each subsequent year of this Agreement through the third Tax Year after the end of the Tax Limitation Period (2032), any amounts due and owing by Applicant to the District pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement which, by virtue of the payment limitation set forth in this Section 4.2.C, were not paid in prior years, shall be carried forward and added to the amounts due pursuant to Articles IV for each subsequent Tax Year until paid. In no event shall the amounts paid by the Applicant, calculated under Article IV for each Tax Year, including unpaid amounts carried forward from prior years, be in excess of (i) an amount equal to Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of Applicant's Cumulative Unadjusted Tax Benefit under this Agreement from the first day of the Qualifying Time Period through the current Tax Year, less (ii) all amounts paid by Applicant for all previous Tax Years under Article IV of this Agreement. The amounts described in this Section 4.2.C shall be included in all calculations made pursuant to Section 4.3.

**Section 4.3.** CALCULATIONS TO BE MADE BY THIRD PARTY. All calculations under this Agreement shall be made annually by an independent third party (the "Third Party") jointly approved each year by the District and the Applicant. If the Parties cannot agree on the Third Party, then the Third Party shall be selected by the mediator provided in Section 9.3 of this Agreement.

**Section 4.4. DATA USED FOR CALCULATIONS.** The calculations under this Agreement shall be initially based upon the valuations that are placed upon all taxable property in the District, including Applicant's Qualified Investment and/or the Applicant's Qualified Property by the Appraisal District in its annual certified tax roll submitted to the District pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 26.01 on or about July 25 of each year of this Agreement. Immediately upon receipt of the valuation information by the District, the District shall submit the valuation information to the Third Party selected under Section 4.3. The certified tax roll data shall form the basis of the calculation of any and all amounts due under this Agreement. All other data utilized by the Third Party to make the calculations contemplated by this Agreement shall be based upon the best available current estimates. The data utilized by the Third Party shall be adjusted from time to time by the Third Party to reflect actual amounts, subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's certified tax roll or any other changes in student counts, tax collections, or other data.

**Section 4.5. DELIVERY OF CALCULATIONS.** On or before November 1 of each year for which this Agreement is effective, the Third Party selected pursuant to Section 4.3 of this Agreement shall forward to the Parties a certification containing the calculations required under Section 4.2 and Article VI, or under Section 7.1 of this Agreement in sufficient detail to allow the Parties to understand the manner in which the calculations were made. The Third Party shall simultaneously submit his, her or its invoice for fees for services rendered to the Parties, if any fees are being claimed. Upon reasonable prior notice, the employees and agents of the Applicant shall have access, at all reasonable times, to the Third Party's calculations, records, and correspondence pertaining to the calculation and fee for the purpose of verification. The Third Party shall maintain supporting data consistent with generally accepted accounting practices, and the employees and agents of the Applicant shall have the right to reproduce and retain for purpose of audit, any of these documents. The Third Party shall preserve all documents pertaining to the calculation until the Final Termination Date of this Agreement. The Applicant shall not be liable for any of Third Party's costs resulting from an audit of the Third Party's books, records, correspondence, or work papers pertaining to the calculations contemplated by this Agreement.

**Section 4.6. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT**. The Applicant shall pay any amount determined to be due and owing to the District under this Agreement on or before the January 31 of the year following the tax levy for each year for which this Agreement is effective. By such date, the Applicant shall also pay any amount billed by the Third Party for all calculations under this Agreement under Section 4.5, above, plus any reasonable and necessary legal expenses by the District to its attorneys, auditors, or financial consultants for the preparation and filing of any financial reports, disclosures, or other reimbursement applications filed with or sent to the State of Texas, for any audits conducted by the State Auditor's Office, or for other legal expenses which are, or may be required under the terms or because of the execution of this Agreement. In no year shall the Applicant be responsible for the payment of total expenses under this Section and Section 4.5, above, in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

**Section 4.7. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.** Should the Applicant disagree with the certification containing the calculations, the Applicant may appeal the findings, in writing, to the Third Party within thirty (30) days following the later of (i) receipt of the certification, or (ii) the date the Applicant is granted access to the books, records and other information in accordance with Section 4.6 for purposes of auditing or reviewing the information in connection with the certification. Within

thirty (30) days of receipt of the Applicant's appeal, the Third Party will issue, in writing, a final determination of the certification containing the calculations. Thereafter, the Applicant may appeal the final determination of the certification containing the calculations to the District's Board of Trustees. Any appeal by the Applicant of the final determination of the Third Party may be made, in writing, to the District's Board of Trustees within thirty (30) days of the final determination of the certifications, without limitation of Applicant's other rights and remedies available hereunder, in law or in equity.

#### Section 4.8. EFFECT OF PROPERTY VALUE APPEAL OR OTHER ADJUSTMENT.

A. In the event that, at the time the Third Party selected under Section 4.3 makes its calculations under this Agreement, the Applicant has appealed any matter relating to the valuations placed by the Appraisal District on the Qualified Property, and such appeal is unresolved, the Third Party shall base its calculations upon the values initially placed upon the Qualified Property by the Appraisal District.

B. In the event that the result of an appraisal appeal or for any other reason, the Taxable Value of the Applicant's Qualified Investment and/or the Applicant's Qualified Property is changed, once the determination of the new Taxable Value becomes final, the Parties shall immediately notify the Third Party who shall immediately issue new calculations for the applicable year or years using the new Taxable Value. In the event the new calculations result in a change in any amount paid or payable by the Applicant under this Agreement, the Party from whom the adjustment is payable shall remit such amounts to the counter-party within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the new calculations from the Third Party.

**Section 4.10. EFFECT OF STATUTORY CHANGES.** 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, 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's Maintenance and Operations Revenue, 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 the District.

#### ARTICLE V PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION-RELATED EXPENSES

Section 5.1. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Section 4.2 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.

#### ARTICLE VI SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

#### Section 6.1. INTENT OF PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.

A. <u>Amounts Exclusive of Indemnity Amounts</u>. In addition to undertaking the responsibility for the payment of all of the amounts set forth under Articles IV and V, and as further consideration for the execution of this Agreement by the District, the Applicant shall also be responsible for Supplemental Payments to be calculated as set forth in this Article VI. The Applicant shall not be responsible 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, Texas Tax Code, unless it is explicitly set forth in this Agreement.

B. <u>Adherence to Statutory Limits on Supplemental Payments</u>. It is the express intent of the Parties that any Supplemental Payments made to or on behalf of the District by the Applicant, under this Article VI, shall not exceed the limit imposed by the provisions of Texas Tax Code § 313.027(i) unless that limit is allowed or required to be increased by the Legislature at a future date, in which case all references to statutory limits in this Agreement will be automatically adjusted to reflect the new, higher limits, but only if, and to the extent that such increases are authorized by law.

#### 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 Application;

B. Supplemental Payments may only be made during the period starting the first complete or partial year of the Qualifying Time Period (2017) and ending December 31 of the third Tax Year after the end of the Tax Limitation Period (2032).

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 Average Daily Attendance for the prior year.

#### Section 6.3. STIPULATED SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

Beginning with the first year of the Qualifying Time Period of this Agreement (Tax Year 2017) and ending the third tax year after the Limitation expires (Tax Year 2031), the District shall receive Supplemental Payments on in the dates set forth on the following schedule, in an annual amount equal to Eight and Thirty-Three One Hundredths Percent (8.33%) of the Total Supplemental Payment Limit as defined in Section 1.2, above.

Supplemental Payment Number	Tax Year	School Year	Payment Due Date	Stipulated Supplemental Payment
1.	2017	2017-2018	January 31, 2018	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
2.	2018	2018-2019	January 31, 2019	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
3.	2019	2019-2020	January 31, 2020	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
4.	2020	2020-2021	January 31, 2021	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
5.	2021	2021-2022	January 31, 2022	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
6.	2022	2022-2023	January 31, 2023	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
7.	2023	2023-2024	January 31, 2024	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
8.	2024	2024-2025	January 31, 2025	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
9.	2025	2025-2026	January 31, 2026	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
10	2026	2026-2027	January 31, 2027	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
11.	2027	2027-2028	January 31, 2028	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
12.	2028	2028-2029	January 31, 2029	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
13.	2029	2029-2030	January 31, 2030	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
14.	2030	2030-2031	January 31, 2031	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100
15.	2031	2031-2032	January 31, 2032	Greater of \$50,000 or prior year's ADA*\$100

**Section 6.4. PROCEDURES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT CALCULATIONS.** All calculations required by this Article VI, including but not limited to: (i) the calculation of the Applicant's Stipulated Supplemental Payment Amount; (ii) the determination of both the Total Supplemental Payment Limit and the Aggregate Limit; (iii) the effect, if any, of the Aggregate Limit upon the actual amount of Supplemental Payments eligible to be paid to the District by the Applicant; and (iv) the carry forward and accumulation of any of the Applicant's Stipulated Supplemental Payment Amounts unpaid by the Applicant due to the Aggregate Limit in previous years, shall be calculated by the Third Party selected pursuant to Section 4.4.

- (a) The calculations made by the Third Party shall be made at the same time and on the same schedule as the calculations made pursuant to Section 4.6.
- (b) The payment of all amounts due under this Article VI shall be made at the time set forth in Section 4.7.

**Section 6.5. DISTRICT'S OPTION TO DESIGNATE SUCCESSOR BENEFICIARY.** At any time during this Agreement, the District's Board of Trustees may, in its sole discretion, so long as such decision does not result in additional costs to the Applicant under this Agreement, direct that the Applicant's payment obligations under Article VI of this agreement be made to its educational foundation, or to a similar entity. The alternative entity may only use such funds received under this Article to support the educational mission of the District and its students. Any designation of an alternative entity must be made by recorded vote of the District's Board of Trustees at a properly posted public Board meeting. Any such designation will become effective after public vote and the delivery of notice of said vote to the Applicant in conformance with the provisions of Section 10.1, below. Such designation may be rescinded, with respect to future payments only, by action of the District's Board of Trustees at any time.

Any designation of a successor beneficiary under this Section shall not alter the Supplemental Payments calculated as described in Section 6.3, above.

#### 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 the Applicant determines that it will not commence or complete construction of the Applicant's Qualified Investment, the Applicant shall have the option, prior to the beginning of the Tax Limitation Period, to terminate this Agreement by notifying the District in writing of its exercise of such option. Additionally, 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 7.2 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 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 recapture 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.

After receipt of notice of the Board of Trustee's Determination of Breach and Α. Notice of Contract Termination under Section 9.2, the Applicant shall have not greater than ninety (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 (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 BAYLOR 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 BAYLOR 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 payment 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 (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 Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) 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.** 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 thirty (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:

Dr. John Baker Superintendent Seymour Independent School District 409 W. Idaho St. Seymour, TX 76380 Phone: (940) 889-3525 Fax: (940) 889-5340 Email: john.baker@seymour-isd.net C. Notices to the Applicant shall be addressed to its Authorized Representatives as follows:

Matt Riley Manager SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROECT, LLC 3760 State Street, Suite 200 Santa Barbara, CA 93105 Phone: (805) 569-6180 Email: <u>cwillis@infinitywind.com</u>

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 ninety (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 ninety (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. 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. 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 Baylor 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. 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. 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.

B. B. The Applicant represents that, after diligent inquiry, each of its agents, as defined in Chapter 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, involved in the representation of the Applicant with the District has complied with the provisions of Chapter 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The Applicant represents that it and its agents, as defined in Chapter 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.

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.

**Section 10.15. PROVISIONS SURVIVING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION.** Notwithstanding the expiration or termination (by agreement, breach, or operation of time) of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement regarding payments (including liquidated damages and tax payments), reports, records, and dispute resolution of the Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration dates of this Agreement until the following occurs:

- 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).

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties in multiple originals on this 14th day of December, 2017.

### SEYMOUR HILLS WIND PROECT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By:	m	
Name:	Matt T. Riley	
Title:	Manager	

## SEYMOUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By

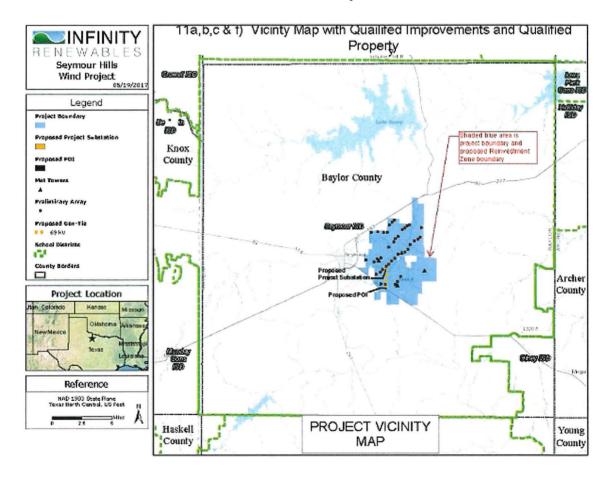
BRYAN BALDWIN PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**ATTEST:** By: 200

**ROYCE WOODS** SECRETARY, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

At the time of the Application Approval Date, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, the Baylor County Commissioner's Court designated the below tracts of land as the Seymour Hills Reinvestment Zone. A map of this Seymour Hills Reinvestment Zone is attached before the legal description of the zone. All of the Applicant's Qualified Property and Applicant's Qualified Investment will be located within the boundaries of the Seymour Hills Reinvestment Zone.



### **EXHIBIT 2 DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF LAND**

The Land on which the Qualified Property shall be located and on which the Qualified Investment shall be made is described by the map attached to **Exhibit 1**.

#### **APPLICANT'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT**

#### Description of Qualified Investment

Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC plans to construct up to a 100 MW wind farm in Baylor County.

This application covers all qualified property within Seymour ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed wind farm described in Tab 4. Up to approximately one hundred megawatts (100 MW) will be located in Seymour ISD. Turbine placement is subject to change. For purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using 2.5 MW turbines manufactured by GE with an estimated 40 turbines located in Seymour ISD. Seymour Hills is also constructing approximately 2 miles of generation transmission tie line that will be in Seymour ISD.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the wind farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes, but is not limited to, turbines, towers, foundations, transformers, pad mounts, buildings and offices, underground collection systems, electric substation, transmission lines, electrical interconnections, met towers, roads, and control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity.

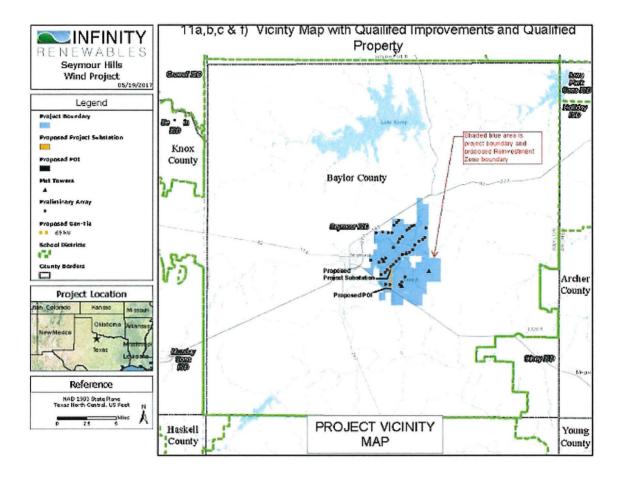
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### AGREEMENT SCHEDULE

Full Tax Year of Agreement	Date of Appraised Value Determination	School Year	Tax Year	Summary Description of Provisions
Application Review Start Date	January 1, 2017	2017-18	2017	Application Approval Date (12/14/17). Partial year Qualifying Time Period. No limitation on appraised value.
Year prior to start of value	January 1, 2018	2018-2019	2018	Qualifying Time Period. No limitation on value.
limitation period	January 1, 2019	2019-2020	2019	Qualifying Time Period.
1	January 1, 2019	2019-2020	2019	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
2	January 1, 2020	2020-2021	2020	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
3	January 1, 2021	2021-2022	2021	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
4	January 1, 2022	2022-2023	2022	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
5	January 1, 2023	2023-2024	2023	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
6	January 1, 2024	2024-2025	2024	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
7	January 1, 2025	2026-2026	2025	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
8	January 1, 2026	2026-2027	2026	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
9	January 1, 2027	2027-2028	2027	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
10	January 1, 2028	2028-2029	2028	\$ 25 million property value limitation.
11	January 1, 2029	2029-2030	2029	No tax limitation. Applicant obligated to Maintain Viable Presence if no early termination.
12	January 1, 2030	2030-2031	3030	No tax limitation. Applicant obligated to Maintain Viable Presence if no early termination.
13	January 1, 2031	2031-2032	2031	No tax limitation. Applicant obligated to Maintain Viable Presence if no early termination.
14	January 1, 2032	2032-2033	2032	No tax limitation. Applicant obligated to Maintain Viable Presence if no early termination.
15	January 1, 2033	2033-2034	2033	No tax limitation. Applicant obligated to Maintain Viable Presence if no early termination.

# Attachment H

## **Consultant Verification Letter**



LYNN M. MOAK, PARTNER

DANIEL T. CASEY, PARTNER

December 14, 2017

President and Members Board of Trustees Seymour Independent School District 409 W. Idaho St. Seymour, Texas 76380-1650

> Re: Recommendations and Findings of the firm Concerning Application of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes

Dear President and Members of the Board of Trustees:

Please accept this letter as formal notification of the completion of due diligence research on behalf of the Seymour Independent School District, with respect to the pending Application of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes. Since our engagement on behalf of the District, we have been actively engaged in reviewing the pending Application and verifying its contents. Based upon our review, we have drawn the following conclusions:

- 1. All statements of current fact contained in the Application are true and correct.
- 2. The project proposed in the Application meets all applicable eligibility criteria of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
- 3. The Applicant has the current means and ability to complete the proposed project.
- 4. All applicable school finance implications arising from the contemplated Agreement have been explored.
- 5. The proposed Agreement contains adequate revenue protection provisions to protect the interests of the District over the course of the Agreement.

As a result of the foregoing it is our recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the Application of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Casey

www.moakcasey.com

O'HANLON, MCCOLLOM & DEMERATH

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

808 WEST AVENUE AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701 TELEPHONE: (512) 494-9949 FACSIMILE: (512) 494-9919

KEVIN O'HANLON CERTIFIED, CIVIL APPELLATE CERTIFIED, CIVIL TRIAL

LESLIE MCCOLLOM CERTIFIED, CIVIL APPELLATE CERTIFIED, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

JUSTIN DEMERATH

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- 5. The proposed Agreement contains adequate legal provisions so as to protect the interests of the District.

As a result of the foregoing conclusions it is our recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the Application of Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

Sincerely,

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Kevin O'Hanlon For the Firm

Attachment I

# Agreement Review Letter



#### GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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

December 5, 2017

Dr. John Baker Superintendent Seymour Independent School District 409 W. Idaho St. Seymour, Texas 76380-1650

Re: Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Seymour Independent School District and Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC, Application 1202

Dear Superintendent Baker:

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 Seymour Independent School District and Seymour Hills Wind Project, 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 the agreement complies with the provisions of Tax Code, Chapter 313 and 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Luera with our office. She can be reached by email at michelle.luera@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-6053, or at 512-463-6053.

Sincerely,

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Will Counihan Director Data Analysis & Transparency Division

cc: Dan Casey, Moak, Casey & Associates Matt Riley, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC Casey Willis, Seymour Hills Wind Project, LLC Brandon Westlake, Cummings Westlake, LLC

# Attachment J

## Conflict Of Interest Disclosure

#### **Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Procedure**

In its recent audits of Chapter 313 Agreements, The Texas State Auditor's Office has required documentation of inquiries concerning Board Member conflicts of interest at critical junctions in the Chapter 313 approval process. A local public official or a person related to a local public official in the first degree by either affinity or consanguinity has a substantial interest in a business entity or in real property, the local public official, before a vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity or the real property, is required to file an affidavit with an official Board record keeper stating the nature and extent of the interest and shall abstain from further participation in the matter if:

- 1. In the case of a substantial interest in a business entity, the action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the business entity that is distinguishable from the effect on the public; or
- 2. In the case of a substantial interest in real property, it is reasonably foreseeable that an action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the value of the property, distinguishable from its effect on the public.
- 3. A person has a substantial interest in a business entity if:

The person owns at least:

- a. Ten percent of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or
- b. Either ten percent or \$15,000 of the fair market value of the business entity; or
- c. Funds received by the person from the business entity exceed ten percent of the person's gross income for the previous year.
- 4. In the case of a substantial interest in real property, it is reasonably foreseeable that an action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the value of the property, distinguishable from its effect on the public.

The Board may contract with a business entity in which a Trustee has a substantial interest if the Trustee follows the disclosure and abstention procedure set out above.

Does any Board Member have a conflict of interest as defined above?

If so, has the required Affidavit, set forth at District Policy BBFA (Exhibit) been filed?

Please have the answers to the foregoing 2 questions and a copy of this Procedure included in the minutes of this meeting.