

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
(year)

3. What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)? 0
Note: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051 and Tax Code §313.021(3).

4. What is the number of new qualifying jobs you are committing to create? 6

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 **Tab 12** documenting that the new qualifying job creation requirement above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards.

7. Attach in **Tab 13** the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation below, including documentation from the TWC website. The final actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimate — will be based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of a completed application). See TAC §9.1051(21) and (22).
 - a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is 701.50
 - b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is 1,060.40
 - c. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is 1,062.00

8. Which Tax Code section are you using to estimate the qualifying job wage standard required for this project? §313.021(5)(A) or §313.021(5)(B)

9. What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property? 55,224.00

10. What is the annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the new qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property? 56,000.00

11. Will the qualifying jobs meet all minimum requirements set out in Tax Code §313.021(3)? Yes No

12. Do you intend to satisfy the minimum qualifying job requirement through a determination of cumulative economic benefits to the state as provided by §313.021(3)(F)? Yes No
 - 12a. If yes, attach in **Tab 12** supporting documentation from the TWC, pursuant to §313.021(3)(F).

13. Do you intend to rely on the project being part of a single unified project, as allowed in §313.024(d-2), in meeting the qualifying job requirements? Yes No
 - 13a. If yes, attach in **Tab 6** supporting documentation including a list of qualifying jobs in the other school district(s).

SECTION 15: Economic Impact

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

Tab Item 2
Proof of Payment of Application Fee
(see enclosed)

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

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Public Accounts)

Tab Item 12

Request For Waiver of Job Creation Requirement

June 1, 2018

Superintendent Jeff Byrd
Vernon ISD
1713 Wilbarger Street
Vernon, TX 76384

Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request

Dear Superintendent Byrd,

Please consider this letter to be Lockett Windfarm, LLC's formal request to waive the minimum new job creation requirement, as provided under Texas Tax Code 313.025(f-1).

The governing body of a school district may waive the new jobs creation requirement in Section 313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b) or 313.051(b) and approve an application if the governing body makes a finding 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 that is described in this application. Wind energy projects create a large number of full-time jobs during the construction phase, but these jobs are temporary by nature. Once the project is in operation, a small crew of full-time employees will maintain and operate the facility. Based upon our experience in the wind industry, we expect that it will take one (1) wind technician to maintain 15 turbines for a total of five (5) wind technicians and one (1) additional supervisor to oversee the technicians. In total, we would then need six (6) employees to operate a 184 MW facility with 75 turbines, and we can commit to creating six (6) full-time positions to fill those needs. All would be qualifying jobs as described in Section 313.021(3) of the Texas Tax Code.

The applicant requests that the Vernon ISD's Board of Trustees make such a finding and waive the job creation requirement. This waiver request is in line with industry standards for the job requirements for a wind energy facility of this size, as evidenced by limitation agreement applications that have been filed by other wind energy developers, and by documentation related to the development and operation of wind generation facilities.

The project stands to provide significant benefits to the community with respect to increased tax base and the ongoing royalty payments it will make to local landowners.

Kind Regards,



Charlie Smith
Development Director
Lockett Windfarm, LLC

Wilbarger County Appraisal District

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Vernon, TX 76385-1519

May 11, 2018

Lockett Windfarm
401 N Michigan Ave.
Suite 501
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: **Preliminary Construction**
Lockett Windfarm / Wilbarger County TX

Dear Representative of Lockett Windfarm:

It is our understanding that Lockett Windfarm, LLC conducted preliminary construction activity consisting of approximately 2000 linear feet of roads in Wilbarger County, Texas for the purposes of qualifying the wind energy project for the federal Production Tax Credit for Wind Energy. A preliminary depiction of said construction activity is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This letter serves as confirmation that the earth moving activities performed by Lockett Windfarm, LLC in 2015 did not include structures and was not deemed to be a taxable improvement.

Please contact the Wilbarger County Appraisal District with any questions.

Regards,

Sandy Burkett, RPA

Chief Appraiser
Wilbarger CAD

Exhibit A

The construction occurred in Section 42, Block 14, H & TC Survey as pictured below:



Lockett Windfarm, LLC

Tab Item 13

Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation

Average Weekly Wage for All Jobs (All Industries) in Wilbarger County

YEAR	PERIOD	AREA	OWNERSHIP	IND-CODE	INDUSTRY	AVG. WEEKLY WAGES
2017	4 th Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	\$708
2017	1 st Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	\$718
2017	2 nd Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	\$685
2017	3 rd Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	\$695
Average						\$701.50

110% of \$701.50 = \$771.65

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2017	1st Qtr	Wilbarger County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, all industries	\$718
2017	2nd Qtr	Wilbarger County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, all industries	\$685
2017	3rd Qtr	Wilbarger County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, all industries	\$695
2017	4th Qtr	Wilbarger County	Total All	00	0	10	Total, all industries	\$708

Average Weekly Wage for Manufacturing Jobs in Wilbarger County

YEAR	PERIOD	AREA	OWNERSHIP	IND-CODE	INDUSTRY	AVG. WEEKLY WAGES
2017	4 th Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	\$979
2017	1 st Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	\$1031
2017	2 nd Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	\$908
2017	3 rd Qtr	Wilbarger Co.	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	\$938
Average						\$964

110% of \$964 = **\$1,060.40**

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 Year	 Period	 Area	 Ownership	 Division	 Level	 Ind Code	 Industry	 Avg Weekly Wages
2017	1st Qtr	Wilbarger County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$1,031
2017	2nd Qtr	Wilbarger County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$908
2017	3rd Qtr	Wilbarger County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$938
2017	4th Qtr	Wilbarger County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$979

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Data Analysis and
Transparency
Form 50-296-A

SECTION 16: Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification

After the application and schedules are complete, an authorized representative from the school district and the business should review the application documents 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.

print here → Jeff Byrd
Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)

sign here → [Signature]
Signature (Authorized School District Representative)

Superintendent
Title

5-22-18
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 → PHILIP MOCAY
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

sign here → [Signature]
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

VICE PRESIDENT
Title

6/1/2018
Date

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the

1st day of June, 2018

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires: 5/11/19



(Notary Seal)

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.