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May 24, 2010

Ms. Margo Knox  
Superintendent  
Vega Independent School District  
200 Longhorn Drive  
Vega, Texas 79092-5461

Dear Superintendent Knox:

On Feb. 24, 2010, the agency received the completed application for a limitation on appraised value originally submitted to the Vega Independent School District (Vega ISD) by Spinning Spur Wind LLC (Spinning Spur) on Feb. 12, 2010, under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313. This letter presents the Comptroller's recommendation regarding Spinning Spur's application as required by Section 313.025(d), using the criteria set out by Section 313.026. Our review assumes the truth and accuracy of the statements in the application and that, if the application is approved, the applicant would perform according to the provisions of the agreement reached with the school district. Filing an application containing false information is a criminal offense under Texas Penal Code Chapter 37.

According to the provisions of Chapter 313, Vega ISD is currently classified as a rural school district in Category 3. The applicant properly applied under the provisions of Subchapter C, as applicable to rural school districts, and the amount of proposed qualified investment (\$258 million) is consistent with the proposed appraised value limitation sought (\$10 million). The property value limitation amount noted in this recommendation is based on property values available at the time of application and may change prior to the execution of any final agreement.

Spinning Spur is proposing the construction of a wind power electricity generating facility in Oldham County. Spinning Spur is an active franchise taxpayer, as required by Tax Code Section 313.024(a), and is in good standing. After reviewing the application using the criteria listed in Section 313.026, and the information provided by Spinning Spur, the Comptroller's recommendation is that Spinning Spur's application under Tax Code Chapter 313 be approved.

Our recommendation does not address whether the applicant has complied with all Chapter 313 requirements. Chapter 313 places the responsibility to verify that all requirements of the statute have been fulfilled on the school district. Section 313.025 requires the school district to determine if the evidence supports making specific findings that the information in the application is true and correct, the applicant is eligible for a limitation and that granting the application is in the best interest of the school district and state. When approving a job waiver requested under Section 313.025(f-1), the school district must also find that the statutory jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility. As stated above, we prepared the recommendation by generally reviewing the application and supporting documentation in light of the Section 313.026 criteria and a cursory review of the industry standard evidence necessary to support the waiver of the required number of jobs.

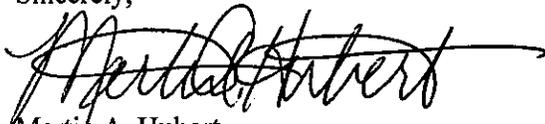
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The Comptroller's recommendation is contingent on creation of a reinvestment zone, as required by Section 313.021(2) of the Tax Code. When that zone has been created, please forward to our office maps and legal descriptions for the zone as well as detailed maps showing that all proposed qualified property will be located inside the reinvestment zone.

The Comptroller's recommendation is based on the final, completed application that has been submitted to this office, and may not be used to support an approval if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. This recommendation is contingent on the district approving and executing a limitation agreement within a year from the date of this letter, and is valid only for a qualifying time period that begins in accordance with the approved application and a conforming limitation agreement. As required by Comptroller Rule 9.1055 (34 T.A.C. 9.1055), the signed limitation agreement must be forwarded to our office as soon as possible after execution. During the 81st Legislative Session, House Bill 3676 made a number of changes to the chapter. Please visit our website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200) to find an outline of the program and links to applicable rules and forms.

Should you have any questions, please contact Robert Wood, director of Local Government Assistance and Economic Development, by e-mail at [robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us) or by phone at (800) 531-5441, ext. 3-3973, or direct in Austin at (512) 463-3973.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Hubert  
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Robert Wood

**Economic Impact for Chapter 313 Project**

Applicant	Spinning Spur Wind
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable energy electric generation - Wind
School District	Vega ISD
2008-09 Enrollment in School District	281
County	Oldham
Total Investment in District	\$290,351,250
Qualified Investment	\$258,151,250
Limitation Amount	\$10,000,000
Number of total jobs committed to by applicant	5*
Number of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	5
Average Weekly Wage of Qualifying Jobs committed to by applicant	\$804
Minimum Weekly Wage Required	\$802
Minimum Annual Wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$41,800
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$58,070,250
Estimated 13 year M&O levy without any limit or credit:	\$18,514,656
Estimated gross 13 year M&O tax benefit	\$13,957,734
Estimated 13 year M&O tax benefit ( <i>after</i> deductions for estimated school district revenue protection--but not including any deduction for yet-to-be negotiated supplemental payments or extraordinary educational expenses):	\$13,806,933
Tax Credits (estimated - part of total tax benefit in the two lines above - appropriated through Foundation School Program)	\$1,909,981
Net M&O Tax (13 years) After Limitation, Credits and Revenue Protection:	\$4,707,723
Tax benefit as a percentage of what applicant would have paid without value limitation agreement (percentage exempted)	74.6%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the limitation	86.3%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the credit.	13.7%
* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).	

This presents the Comptroller's economic impact evaluation of Spinning Spur Wind LLC (the project) applying to Vega Independent School District (the district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026. This evaluation is based on information provided by the applicant and examines the following criteria:

- (1) the recommendations of the comptroller;
- (2) the name of the school district;
- (3) the name of the applicant;
- (4) the general nature of the applicant's investment;
- (5) the relationship between the applicant's industry and the types of qualifying jobs to be created by the applicant to the long-term economic growth plans of this state as described in the strategic plan for economic development submitted by the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Commission under Section 481.033, Government Code, as that section existed before February 1, 1999;
- (6) the relative level of the applicant's investment per qualifying job to be created by the applicant;
- (7) the number of qualifying jobs to be created by the applicant;
- (8) the wages, salaries, and benefits to be offered by the applicant to qualifying job holders;
- (9) the ability of the applicant to locate or relocate in another state or another region of this state;
- (10) the impact the project will have on this state and individual local units of government, including:
  - (A) tax and other revenue gains, direct or indirect, that would be realized during the qualifying time period, the limitation period, and a period of time after the limitation period considered appropriate by the comptroller; and
  - (B) economic effects of the project, including the impact on jobs and income, during the qualifying time period, the limitation period, and a period of time after the limitation period considered appropriate by the comptroller;
- (11) the economic condition of the region of the state at the time the person's application is being considered;
- (12) the number of new facilities built or expanded in the region during the two years preceding the date of the application that were eligible to apply for a limitation on appraised value under this subchapter;
- (13) the effect of the applicant's proposal, if approved, on the number or size of the school district's instructional facilities, as defined by Section 46.001, Education Code;
- (14) the projected market value of the qualified property of the applicant as determined by the comptroller;
- (15) the proposed limitation on appraised value for the qualified property of the applicant;
- (16) the projected dollar amount of the taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property, for each year of the agreement, if the property does not receive a limitation on appraised value with assumptions of the projected appreciation or depreciation of the investment and projected tax rates clearly stated;
- (17) the projected dollar amount of the taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property, for each tax year of the agreement, if the property receives a limitation on appraised value with assumptions of the projected appreciation or depreciation of the investment clearly stated;
- (18) the projected effect on the Foundation School Program of payments to the district for each year of the agreement;
- (19) the projected future tax credits if the applicant also applies for school tax credits under Section 313.103; and
- (20) the total amount of taxes projected to be lost or gained by the district over the life of the agreement computed by subtracting the projected taxes stated in Subdivision (17) from the projected taxes stated in Subdivision (16).

**Wages, salaries and benefits [313.026(6-8)]**

After construction, the project will create five new jobs when fully operational. All five jobs will meet the criteria for qualifying jobs as specified in Tax Code Section 313.021(3). According to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the regional manufacturing wage for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, where Oldham County is located was \$37,916 in 2008. The average manufacturing wage for the most recent four quarters (first, second third 2009, and fourth 2008) for Oldham County is \$26,468. During that same time period, the county annual average wage for all industries was \$28,691. In addition to an annual average salary of \$41,800, each qualifying position will receive benefits such as medical, dental and vision insurance, vacation time, sick leave and skills training. The project's total investment is \$290 million, resulting in a relative level of investment per qualifying job of \$58 million.

**Ability of applicant to locate to another state and [313.026(9)]**

According to Spinning Spur's application they "can locate the project anywhere in the U.S. with sufficient prevailing wind conditions conducive to power generation. Such locations include several counties in Texas and numerous other states within the U.S. However, after the facility is constructed, it is very difficult and costly to move to another location."

**Number of new facilities in region [313.026(12)]**

During the past two years, three projects in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Region applied for value limitation agreements under Tax Code, Chapter 313.

**Relationship of applicant's industry and jobs and Texas's economic growth plans [313.026(5)]**

The Texas Economic Development Plan does not mention Renewable Energy specifically. However, one theme of the plan is attracting and fostering industries in Texas using advanced technology. Renewable energy technology is an expanding industry and the skilled workers that the project requires appear to be in line with the focus and themes of the plan. Texas identified energy as one of six target clusters in the Texas Cluster Initiative. The plan stresses the importance of technology in all sectors of the energy industry.

**Economic Impact [313.026(10)(A), (10)(B), (11), (13-20)]**

Table 1 depicts the project's estimated economic impact to Texas. It depicts the direct, indirect and induced effects to employment and personal income within the state. The Comptroller's office calculated the economic impact based on 15 years of annual investment and employment levels using software from Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). The impact includes the construction period and the operating period of the.

**Table 1: Estimated Statewide Economic Impact of Investment and Employment in Spinning Spur**

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2011	200	270	470	\$8,360,000	\$21,140,000	\$29,500,000
2012	5	23	28	\$209,000	\$3,791,000	\$4,000,000
2013	5	19	24	\$209,000	\$3,491,000	\$3,700,000
2014	5	9	14	\$209,000	\$2,891,000	\$3,100,000
2015	5	7	12	\$209,000	\$2,491,000	\$2,700,000
2016	5	7	12	\$209,000	\$2,191,000	\$2,400,000
2017	5	4	9	\$209,000	\$1,991,000	\$2,200,000
2018	5	6	11	\$209,000	\$1,791,000	\$2,000,000
2019	5	7	12	\$209,000	\$2,091,000	\$2,300,000
2020	5	9	14	\$209,000	\$1,991,000	\$2,200,000
2021	5	9	14	\$209,000	\$2,191,000	\$2,400,000
2022	5	7	12	\$209,000	\$2,491,000	\$2,700,000
2023	5	10	15	\$209,000	\$2,491,000	\$2,700,000
2024	5	6	11	\$209,000	\$2,191,000	\$2,400,000
2025	5	9	14	\$209,000	\$2,691,000	\$2,900,000

Source: CPA, REMI, Spinning Spur

The statewide average ad valorem tax base for school districts in Texas was \$1.6 billion in 2008. Vega ISD’s ad valorem tax base in 2008 was \$146 million. The statewide average wealth per WADA was estimated at \$352,755 for fiscal 2009-2010. During that same year, Vega ISD’s estimated wealth per WADA was \$271,177. The impact on the facilities and finances of the district are presented in Attachment 2.

Table 2 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Oldham County with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from Spinning Spur’s application. Spinning Spur has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and a tax abatement with Oldham County, but no decision regarding terms has been made. Table 3 illustrates the estimated tax impact of the project on the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable value for I&S	Estimated Taxable value for M&O	Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	Vega ISD I&S Levy	Vega ISD M&O Levy	Vega ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (Before Credit Credited)	Vega ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (After Credit Credited)	Oldham County	School & County Property Taxes
			0.0000		1.0400			0.7470	
2010	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2011	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2012	\$193,652,025	\$193,652,025		\$0	\$2,013,981	\$2,013,981	\$2,013,981	\$1,446,581	\$3,460,562
2013	\$183,970,500	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$1,374,260	\$1,478,260
2014	\$174,773,000	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,305,554	\$1,357,554
2015	\$166,035,326	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,240,284	\$1,292,284
2016	\$157,734,490	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,178,277	\$1,230,277
2017	\$149,848,650	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,119,369	\$1,171,369
2018	\$142,357,061	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,063,407	\$1,115,407
2019	\$135,240,012	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$1,010,243	\$1,062,243
2020	\$128,478,775	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$52,000	\$959,736	\$1,011,736
2021	\$122,055,565	\$122,055,565		\$0	\$1,269,378	\$1,269,378	\$0	\$911,755	\$911,755
2022	\$115,953,481	\$115,953,481		\$0	\$1,205,916	\$1,205,916	\$929,313	\$866,173	\$1,795,486
2023	\$110,156,468	\$110,156,468		\$0	\$1,145,627	\$1,145,627	\$1,145,627	\$822,869	\$1,968,496
2024	\$104,648,644	\$104,648,644		\$0	\$1,088,346	\$1,088,346	\$1,088,346	\$781,725	\$1,870,071
2025	\$99,416,212	\$99,416,212		\$0	\$1,033,929	\$1,033,929	\$1,033,929	\$742,639	\$1,776,568
						<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,679,196</b>	<b>\$14,822,872</b>	<b>\$21,502,068</b>

Source: CPA, Spinning Spur

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



Attachment 1 includes schedules A, B, and C provided by the applicant in the application. Schedule A shows proposed investment and tax expenditures. Schedule B is the projected market value of the qualified property and Schedule C contains employment information.

Attachment 2, provided by the district and reviewed by the Texas Education Agency, contains information relating to the financial impact of the proposed project on the finances of the district as well as the tax benefit of the value limitation. "Table II" in this attachment shows the estimated 13 year M&O tax levy without the value limitation agreement would be \$18,514,656. The estimated gross 13 year M&O tax benefit, is \$13,957,734.

Attachment 3 is an economic overview of Oldham County.

**Disclaimer:** This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

# Attachments

1. Schedules A, B, and C provided by applicant in application
2. School finance and tax benefit provided by district
3. County Economic Overview

# **Attachment 1**

**SCHEDULE A-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): INVESTMENT & TAXES**

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS (\$)										TAX INFORMATION			
(Estimated Investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)										Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant	
Year	Tax Year (fill in actual tax year below)	Column A: Tangible Personal Property - the amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year	Column B: Building or nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B - Qualifying Investment (during the qualifying time period)	Column D: Other investment that is not qualified investment but investment affecting economic impact and total value	Column E: Total Investment (A+B+D)	Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant				
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	1	Investment made before filing application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)											
	2	Investment made after filing application with district, but before application approval (eligible to become qualified property)											
	3	Investment made after application approval and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)	257,900,000	561,250	258,151,250	32,200,000	290,351,250	26,335,901	36,325,735				
	4	Complete tax years of qualifying time period											
	5												
	6												
	7												
	8												
	9												
	10												
	11												
	12												
	13												
	14												
	15												
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)													
Credit Settle-Up Period													
Post-Settle-Up Period													
Post-Settle-Up Period													

Qualifying Time Period usually begins with the approval of the application and extends generally for the following two complete tax years.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property the applicant considers qualified investment - as defined in Tax Code §313.021(1)(A)-(D). For the purposes of investment, please list amount invested each year, not cumulative total.  
 \* For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period. Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property - property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period.

Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings that the applicant considers qualified investment under Tax Code §313.021(1)(E). For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings.

Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value.  
 The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc.  
 Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.

\* For planning, construction and operation of the facility.

Note: Information related to taxes in Columns F through H, for the year preceding the first complete year of the qualifying time period, need not be broken out by the time periods used for the requested investment information in Columns A through E.  
 Note: For advanced clean energy projects, nuclear projects, projects with deferred qualifying time periods, and projects with lengthy application review periods, insert additional rows as needed.

The information on this schedule is required pursuant to the provisions of HB 3676, 81st Legislature, effective June 19, 2009. Additionally, the Comptroller is authorized by 24 TAC § 9.1057(b) to request information from the school district or applicant that is reasonably necessary to complete the recommendation or economic impact evaluation at any time during the application review period.

**SCHEDULE B-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): ESTIMATED MARKET AND TAXABLE VALUE**

All figures here are to be cumulative

	Year	Qualified Property				Reductions from market value (exemptions, etc)		Estimated Taxable Value	
		Column A: Estimated Market Value of Land	Column B: Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Column C: Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new building or "in or on the new improvement"	D: Due to pollution control property (estimated or actual as appropriate)	E: Due to other exemptions	F: Estimated total taxable value for I&S: (A+B+C)-(D+E)	G: Estimated total taxable value for M&O: (Column F amount with the limitation value in years 3-10)	
	pre- year 1	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-
	2	N/A	452,025	193,200,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	193,652,025	193,652,025
	3	N/A	430,500	183,540,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	183,970,500	10,000,000
	4	N/A	410,000	174,383,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	174,773,000	10,000,000
	5	N/A	390,476	165,644,850	N/A	N/A	N/A	166,035,326	10,000,000
Value Limitation Period	6	N/A	371,882	157,382,608	N/A	N/A	N/A	157,734,490	10,000,000
	7	N/A	354,173	149,494,477	N/A	N/A	N/A	149,848,650	10,000,000
	8	N/A	337,308	142,019,753	N/A	N/A	N/A	142,357,061	10,000,000
	9	N/A	321,248	134,918,786	N/A	N/A	N/A	135,240,012	10,000,000
	10	N/A	305,948	128,172,827	N/A	N/A	N/A	128,478,775	10,000,000
Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	N/A	291,379	121,764,166	N/A	N/A	N/A	122,055,565	122,055,565
	12	N/A	277,504	115,675,977	N/A	N/A	N/A	115,953,481	115,953,481
	13	N/A	264,290	108,892,178	N/A	N/A	N/A	110,158,468	110,158,468
Post-Settle-Up Period	14	N/A	251,076	104,397,589	N/A	N/A	N/A	104,648,844	104,648,844
	15	N/A	238,522	99,177,690	N/A	N/A	N/A	99,416,212	99,416,212

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

Applicant Name Spinning Spur Wind LLC  
 ISD Name Vega ISD

**SCHEDULE C-3676 (Temporary - July 2009): EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

	Year	Tax Year (fill in actual tax year)	Existing Jobs		Construction		Permanent New Jobs		Qualifying Jobs		
			Column A: Number of permanent existing full time jobs prior to application	Column B: Number of Construction FTE's or mar- hours (specify)	Column C: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column D: Total number of permanent full- time new jobs applicant commits to create	Column E: Average annual wage rate for all permanent new jobs for each year	Column F: Number of qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3)	Column G: Avg. annual wage of qualifying jobs		
	pre-year 1	0									
	1	2011	0	200	\$41,800	0	\$	-	0	0	\$
	2	2012	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	3	2013	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	4	2014	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	5	2015	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	6	2016	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	7	2017	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	8	2018	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	9	2019	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	10	2020	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	11	2021	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	12	2022	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	13	2023	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	14	2024	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
	15	2025	0	0	\$41,800	5		\$41,800	5	5	\$41,800
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)											
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period										
	Value Limitation Period										
	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence										
	Post-Settle-Up Period										
	Post-Settle-Up Period										

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Note: Section 313.024(t) Tax Code requires that, to be eligible for a limitation, 80 percent of all new jobs must be qualifying jobs.

Note: Applicants to school districts subject to Subchapter C because of demographic characteristics [see §313.051(e)(2)] must meet the regional wage standard described in 313.051(b).

# **Attachment 2**



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Dear Mr. Wood:

As required by the Tax Code, §313.025 (b-1), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has evaluated the impact of the proposed Spinning Spur Wind, LLC, project on the number and size of school facilities in Vega Independent School District (VISD). Based on the analysis prepared by Randy McDowell and Neal Brown for the school district and conversations with the VISD superintendent, Ms. Margo Knox, the TEA has found that the Spinning Spur Wind, LLC, project would not have a significant impact on the number or size of school facilities in VISD.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at (512) 463-9268 or by email at [helen.daniels@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:helen.daniels@tea.state.tx.us) if you need further information regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

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Helen Daniels  
Director of State Funding

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Robert Scott  
Commissioner

May 20, 2010

Mr. Robert Wood  
Director, Local Government Assistance and Economic Development  
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Building  
111 East 17th Street  
Austin, Texas 78774

Dear Mr. Wood:

The Texas Education Agency has analyzed the revenue gains that would be realized by the proposed Spinning Spur Wind, LLC, project for the Vega Independent School District (VISD). Projections prepared by our Forecasting and Fiscal Analysis Division confirm the analysis that was prepared by Randy McDowell and Neal Brown and provided to us by your division. We believe their assumptions are valid and their estimates of the impact of the Spinning Spur Wind, LLC, project on VISD are correct.

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**Summary of the District's Financial Impact  
of Chapter 313 Agreement  
with Spinning Spur Wind, LLC**

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**&**

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**Summary of Vega ISD Financial Impact  
of the  
Limited Appraised Value Application  
from  
Spinning Spur Wind, LLC**

## **Introduction**

Spinning Spur Wind, LLC, applied for a property value limitation from Vega Independent School District under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code. The application was submitted on February 12, 2010 and subsequently approved for consideration by the Vega ISD Board of Trustees. Spinning Spur Wind, LLC ("Spinning Spur"), is requesting the property value limitation as a "renewable energy electric generation" company as listed in Sec. 313.024.(b) of the Tax Code.

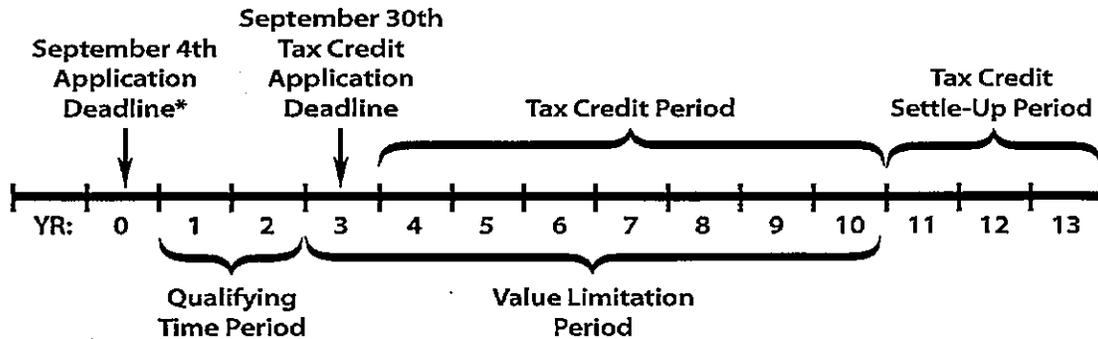
"The Economic Development Act", Tax Code Chapter 313, was created by House Bill 1200 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2001. Further amendments were made to Chapter 313 as a result of House Bill 1470 from the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session in 2007.

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

# Vega ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

## Timeline for Companies Applying for Tax Credit (in 3rd Year) After June 15, 2007

### Appraised Value Limitation and Credit Under Tax Code Chapter 313



\* Companies may apply throughout the year by agreement with the school district.  
Sept. 4th is the deadline for applications with agreements commencing in the following tax year.

The company must file an application with the school district to qualify for consideration of a Limited Appraised Value Agreement ("LAVA" or "Agreement"). The first two years of the agreement are considered the qualifying time period and the company's school district taxes will be levied at one-hundred percent of the appraised value. The applicant may then file a separate application with the school district to request tax credits (for taxes paid during the qualifying time period) to be applied during years four through ten of the LAVA, but not to exceed 50% of their tax levy for those years. Any tax credit balance remaining after this period can then be applied during years eleven through thirteen of the agreement, but cannot exceed the actual amount of taxes paid to the school district during the Settle-Up Period. After year thirteen, any leftover credits will not be applied and will expire.

During years three through ten of the LAVA, the qualifying entity's taxable value will be reduced to the minimum qualified investment for the applicable school district as determined by the State Comptroller's Office. Vega ISD is considered a Rural category 3 District as categorized with total taxable value of industrial property of greater than \$1 million and less than \$90 million, thus Vega ISD has a minimum qualified investment amount of \$10 million. A qualifying entity's taxable value would be reduced to \$10 million during years three through ten of the agreement for the purposes of computing the tax levy for the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax of Vega ISD. The entire appraised value will be used for computing the interest and sinking (I&S) tax levy.

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## Taxable Value Impact from LAVA

The “Additional Value from Spinning Spur” represents the values that the company estimated as their taxable values in the application that was filed with the district. During years three through ten, the company’s taxable value will be limited to the \$10,000,000 minimum qualified investment of Vega ISD.

**TABLE I- Calculation of Taxable Value:**

Tax Year	Additional Value from Spinning Spur	Minimum Qualified Investment	Abated Value	Taxable Value
Jan. 1, 2011	0	n/a	0	0
Jan. 1, 2012	193,652,025	n/a	0	193,652,025
Jan. 1, 2013	183,970,500	(10,000,000)	173,970,500	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2014	174,773,000	(10,000,000)	164,773,000	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2015	166,035,326	(10,000,000)	156,035,326	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2016	157,734,490	(10,000,000)	147,734,490	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2017	149,848,650	(10,000,000)	139,848,650	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2018	142,357,061	(10,000,000)	132,357,061	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2019	135,240,012	(10,000,000)	125,240,012	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2020	128,478,775	(10,000,000)	118,478,775	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2021	122,055,565	n/a	0	122,055,565
Jan. 1, 2022	115,953,481	n/a	0	115,953,481
Jan. 1, 2023	110,156,468	n/a	0	110,156,468

# Vega ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

## Spinning Spur Wind, LLC Tax Benefit from Agreement

The projected amount of the net tax savings for Spinning Spur is \$13.8 million over the life of the Agreement. This net savings is after all tax credits have been applied and after estimated payments have been made to the district to offset their revenue losses that were a direct result of entering into this Agreement.

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

Fiscal Year	Taxes w/o Agreement	Tax Savings with Agreement	Tax Credits	Payment of District's Revenue Losses	Net Tax Savings
2011-2012	0	0	n/a	0	0
2012-2013	2,013,981	0	n/a	0	0
2013-2014	1,913,293	1,809,293	n/a	(150,801)	1,658,492
2014-2015	1,817,639	1,713,639	52,000	0	1,765,639
2015-2016	1,726,767	1,622,767	52,000	0	1,674,767
2016-2017	1,640,439	1,536,439	52,000	0	1,588,439
2017-2018	1,558,426	1,454,426	52,000	0	1,506,426
2018-2019	1,480,513	1,376,513	52,000	0	1,428,513
2019-2020	1,406,496	1,302,496	52,000	0	1,354,496
2020-2021	1,336,179	1,232,179	52,000	0	1,284,179
2021-2022	1,269,378	0	1,269,378	0	1,269,378
2022-2023	1,205,916	0	276,603	0	276,603
2023-2024	1,145,627	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18,514,656</b>	<b>12,047,753</b>	<b>1,909,981</b>	<b>(150,801)</b>	<b>13,806,933</b>

# Vega ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

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## Financial Impact Study

This Financial Impact Study was performed to determine the financial impact of the Limited Appraised Value Agreement on Vega ISD. First, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared to establish a baseline without the added values of the renewable energy electric generation company. Second, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporated the additional taxable value of the company without a LAVA in effect. Third, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporates the additional taxable value of the company with an approved LAVA. The following assumptions were used to compare the financial impact of the LAVA:

- The current state funding formulas (in effect for 2009-2010 fiscal year) were used for state aid and recapture calculation purposes
  - Level 2 of Tier II yield - \$59.97 per weighted student in average daily attendance (WADA) per penny of tax effort
- The district's tax rate for maintenance & operations (M&O) will remain at the same rate as for tax year 2009
- A tax collection rate of 100% on current year tax levy with no projected delinquent taxes
- A constant taxable value was used with no projected increase or decrease, except as it related to the requested LAVA. The district's 2009 taxable value was used as a baseline for all projections. A previous LAVA agreement that the district entered into does have an impact on the district's taxable values during the life of this agreement.
- The district's enrollment is projected to remain constant; therefore, the projected ADA and WADA for school year 2009-2010 was used for the life of the agreement.

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

## Vega ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

The tables displayed below (Table III, IV, V) are provided to show the school's financial impact as a result of the LAVA. These scenarios were computed to compare the District's revenue without the additional taxable value of Spinning Spur (Table III), the addition of Spinning Spur taxable values without a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table IV), and the addition of Spinning Spur taxable values with a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table V).

**TABLE III – District Revenues without Spinning Spur:**

Fiscal Year	M&O Taxes			Recapture Amount	Hold	M&O	Total
	Total Taxable Value	Compressed Rate	State Revenue		Harmless Revenue	Taxes > Comp Rate	District Revenue
2011-2012	111,978,484	1,045,095	1,619,805	0	2,664,900	274,114	2,939,014
2012-2013	114,646,507	1,069,996	1,594,904	0	2,664,900	273,606	2,938,506
2013-2014	117,181,128	1,093,651	1,571,249	0	2,664,900	273,147	2,938,047
2014-2015	119,589,018	1,116,124	1,548,776	0	2,664,900	272,730	2,937,630
2015-2016	121,876,514	1,137,474	1,527,426	0	2,664,900	272,351	2,937,251
2016-2017	124,049,635	1,157,755	1,507,145	0	2,664,900	272,004	2,936,904
2017-2018	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	334,645	2,999,545
2018-2019	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139
2019-2020	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139
2020-2021	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139
2021-2022	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139
2022-2023	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139
2023-2024	155,338,932	1,449,778	1,215,122	0	2,664,900	267,239	2,932,139

**TABLE IV- District Revenues with Spinning Spur without Chapter 313 Agreement:**

Fiscal Year	M&O Taxes			Recapture Amount	Hold	M&O	Total
	Total Taxable Value	Compressed Rate	State Revenue		Harmless Revenue	Taxes > Comp Rate	District Revenue
2011-2012	111,978,484	1,045,095	1,619,805	0	2,664,900	274,114	2,939,014
2012-2013	308,298,532	2,877,350	0	212,450	2,664,900	735,761	3,400,661
2013-2014	301,151,628	2,810,648	448,474	594,222	2,664,900	261,044	2,925,944
2014-2015	294,362,018	2,747,281	443,763	526,144	2,664,900	261,214	2,926,114
2015-2016	287,911,840	2,687,081	439,218	461,400	2,664,900	261,383	2,926,283
2016-2017	281,784,125	2,629,891	434,834	399,825	2,664,900	261,551	2,926,451
2017-2018	305,187,582	2,848,316	193,990	377,406	2,664,900	289,434	2,954,334
2018-2019	297,695,993	2,778,397	450,153	563,650	2,664,900	260,679	2,925,579
2019-2020	290,578,944	2,711,973	445,279	492,353	2,664,900	260,850	2,925,750
2020-2021	283,817,707	2,648,871	440,575	424,546	2,664,900	261,021	2,925,921
2021-2022	277,394,497	2,588,923	436,035	360,057	2,664,900	261,191	2,926,091
2022-2023	271,292,413	2,531,972	431,652	298,724	2,664,900	261,360	2,926,260
2023-2024	265,495,400	2,477,869	427,421	240,389	2,664,900	261,529	2,926,429

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**TABLE V – District Revenues with Spinning Spur with Chapter 313 Agreement:**

Fiscal Year	M&O		Taxes			M&O			
	Total Taxable Value	Comp Rate	After Credits	State Revenue	Recapture Amount	Hold Harmless Revenue	Taxes >	Payment	Total
							Comp	for District	District
							Rate	Losses	Revenue
2011-2012	111,978,484	1,045,095	1,619,805	0	2,664,900	274,114	0	2,939,014	
2012-2013	308,298,532	2,877,350	0	212,450	2,664,900	735,761	0	3,400,661	
2013-2014	127,181,128	1,186,981	1,728,868	250,949	2,664,900	110,243	150,801	2,925,944	
2014-2015	129,589,018	1,209,454	1,455,446	0	2,664,900	272,298	0	2,937,198	
2015-2016	131,876,514	1,230,804	1,434,096	0	2,664,900	271,956	0	2,936,856	
2016-2017	134,049,635	1,251,085	1,413,815	0	2,664,900	271,643	0	2,936,543	
2017-2018	165,338,932	1,543,108	1,121,792	0	2,664,900	329,617	0	2,994,517	
2018-2019	165,338,932	1,543,108	1,121,792	0	2,664,900	267,239	0	2,932,139	
2019-2020	165,338,932	1,543,108	1,121,792	0	2,664,900	267,239	0	2,932,139	
2020-2021	165,338,932	1,543,108	1,121,792	0	2,664,900	267,239	0	2,932,139	
2021-2022	277,394,497	2,588,923	75,977	0	2,664,900	448,355	0	3,113,255	
2022-2023	271,292,413	2,531,972	431,652	298,724	2,664,900	261,360	0	2,926,260	
2023-2024	265,495,400	2,477,869	427,421	240,389	2,664,900	261,529	0	2,926,429	

## Current School Finance Law

A major overhaul of the school finance formulas was implemented as a result of House Bill 1 of the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and became effective for the 2006-2007 school year. These formula changes have had an effect on the district’s financial impact from granting a property value limitation. Due to the district’s “Hold Harmless” provision that was enacted in the new funding formulas, it is presumed that the majority of the district’s revenue losses in year three of the LAVA will be offset with additional state funding or a reduction of recapture payments made to the State. Prior to these recent formula changes, school districts felt a significant loss in revenues in year three because the state funding formulas considered the district more property wealthy based on their prior year taxable value. However, districts were only able to tax on the lower value that was a result of the LAVA. Districts are currently “held harmless” for the majority amount of the loss in year three; however, it is possible that a future legislative session could eliminate this provision. If the “hold harmless” provision is eliminated, then the company would be required to offset the district’s losses as computed in Article III of the Agreement.

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## Impact of Projected Student Growth

### On District Facilities

**TABLE VII – Campus Capacity and Available Growth**

Campus	# of Regular Classrooms	Building Capacity	Current Enrollment	Enrollment Growth Available
Vega Elem. (K-6)	10	220	139	81
Vega High (7-12)	16	352	156	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>277</b>

The building capacities are based on 22 students per classroom for the elementary campuses, and also for the high school.

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

Based on average statewide figures provided by a demographer, it is projected that each new household would produce .5 students. Thus the new five positions equates to 2.5 new students.

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

# Vega ISD Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement

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## Conclusion

This Financial Impact Study displays that entering into a Limited Appraised Value Agreement with Spinning Spur Wind LLC, would be beneficial to both Spinning Spur Wind and Vega ISD under the current school finance system.

Spinning Spur Wind would benefit from reduced property taxes during years three through ten of the LAVA. Although some of the tax savings would be used to offset district's revenue losses and payments in lieu of taxes to the District, Spinning Spur is projected to benefit from a \$13.4 million tax savings over the thirteen year period of this agreement. Spinning Spur Wind also has the option of terminating the Agreement if the amount paid to the District during a tax year is greater than the amount of taxes that would have been paid without the agreement; therefore, there is no inherent risk for the company from entering into the Agreement.

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

# Attachment 3

## Oldham County

### Population

Total county population in 2008 for Oldham County: 2,062, up 0.0 percent from 2007. State population increased 2.0 percent in the same time period. Oldham County was the state's 236th largest county in population in 2008 and the 171st fastest growing county from 2007 to 2008. Oldham County's population in 2008 was 81.7 percent Anglo (above the state average of 47.4 percent), 2.7 percent African-American (below the state average of 11.3 percent) and 13.0 percent Hispanic (below the state average of 36.5 percent).

2008 population of the largest cities and places in Oldham County:

<b>Vega:</b>	871	<b>Adrian:</b>	149
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### Economy and Income

#### Employment

March 2010 total employment in Oldham County: 861, down 1.8 percent from March 2009. State total employment increased 1.3 percent during the same period.

*(April 2010 employment data will be available May 21, 2010).*

March 2010 Oldham County unemployment rate: 6.6 percent, up from 5.6 percent in March 2009. The statewide unemployment rate for March 2010 was 8.2 percent, up from 7.0 percent in March 2009.

March 2010 unemployment rate in the city of: NA

**(Note: County and state unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, but the Texas Workforce Commission city unemployment rates are not. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates are not comparable with unadjusted rates.)**

#### Income

Oldham County's ranking in per capita personal income in 2008: 150th with an average per capita income of \$29,986, down 6.8 percent from 2007. Statewide average per capita personal income was \$37,809 in 2008, up 2.6 percent from 2007.

#### Industry

Agricultural cash values in Oldham County averaged \$71.63 million annually from 2005 to 2008. County total agricultural values in 2008 were down 22.4 percent from 2007. Major agriculture related commodities in Oldham County during 2008 included:

Horses	Sorghum	Wheat	Fed Beef	Beef Total
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2009 oil and gas production in Oldham County: 197,130.0 barrels of oil and 117,989.0 Mcf of gas. In February 2010, there were 23 producing oil wells and 7 producing gas wells.

### Taxes

#### Sales Tax - Taxable Sales

**(County and city taxable sales data for 4th quarter 2010 is currently targeted for release in mid-June 2010.)**

*Quarterly (July through September 2009)*

Taxable sales in Oldham County during the third quarter 2009: \$1.40 million, up 3.0 percent from the same quarter in 2008.

Taxable sales during the third quarter 2009 in the city of:

<b>Vega:</b>	\$682,746.00, down 3.8 percent from the same quarter in 2008.
<b>Adrian:</b>	\$170,881.00, up 33.6 percent from the same quarter in 2008.

*Taxable Sales through end of 3rd quarter 2009 (through September 30, 2009)*

Taxable sales in Oldham County through the third quarter of 2009: \$3.70 million, down 1.8 percent from the same period in 2008.

Taxable sales through the third quarter of 2009 in the city of:

<b>Vega:</b>	\$1.82 million, down 10.2 percent from the same period in 2008.
<b>Adrian:</b>	\$392,700.00, up 19.2 percent from the same period in 2008.

*Annual (2008)*

Taxable sales in Oldham County during 2008: \$4.88 million, down 0.9 percent from 2007.

Oldham County sent an estimated \$305,070.50 (or 0.00 percent of Texas' taxable sales) in state sales taxes to the state treasury in 2008.

Taxable sales during 2008 in the city of:

<b>Vega:</b>	\$2.62 million, up 7.3 percent from 2007.
<b>Adrian:</b>	\$427,872.00, down 12.7 percent from 2007.

#### Sales Tax - Local Sales Tax Allocations

**(The release date for sales tax allocations to cities for the sales activity month of April 2010 is currently scheduled for June 11, 2010.)**

*Monthly*

Statewide payments based on the sales activity month of March 2010: \$567.08 million, up 4.7 percent from March 2009.

Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on the sales activity month of March 2010: \$5,931.69, up 12.1 percent from March 2009.

Payment based on the sales activity month of March 2010 to the city of:

<b>Vega:</b>	\$5,214.55, up 12.4 percent from March 2009.
<b>Adrian:</b>	\$717.14, up 9.9 percent from March 2009.

### **Fiscal Year**

Statewide payments based on sales activity months from September through March 2010: \$3.31 billion, down 6.8 percent from the same period in 2009.

Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months from September through March 2010: \$30,345.84, down 13.8 percent from fiscal 2009.

Payments based on sales activity months from September through March 2010 to the city of:

**Vega:** \$26,242.85, up 1.1 percent from fiscal 2009.  
**Adrian:** \$4,102.99, down 55.7 percent from fiscal 2009.

### **January 2010 through March 2010 (Sales Activity Year-To-Date)**

Statewide payments based on sales activity months through March 2010: \$1.37 billion, down 1.4 percent from the same period in 2009.

Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months through March 2010: \$13,522.76, up 7.0 percent from the same period in 2009.

Payments based on sales activity months through March 2010 to the city of:

**Vega:** \$11,823.64, up 6.8 percent from the same period in 2009.  
**Adrian:** \$1,699.12, up 8.7 percent from the same period in 2009.

### **12 months ending in March 2010**

Statewide payments based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in March 2010: \$5.57 billion, down 7.3 percent from the previous 12-month period.

Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in March 2010: \$53,730.76, down 17.8 percent from the previous 12-month period.

Payments based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in March 2010 to the city of:

**Vega:** \$44,853.13, up 1.7 percent from the previous 12-month period.  
**Adrian:** \$8,877.63, down 58.3 percent from the previous 12-month period.

### **Annual (2009)**

Statewide payments based on sales activity months in 2009: \$5.6 billion, down 7.3 percent from 2008.

Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months in 2009: \$52,846.36, down 22.6 percent from 2008.

Payment based on sales activity months in 2009 to the city of:

**Vega:** \$44,104.34, down 6.3 percent from 2008.  
**Adrian:** \$8,742.02, down 58.8 percent from 2008.

## **Property Tax**

As of January 2007, property values in Oldham County: \$319.2 million, up 26.7 percent from January 2006 values. The property tax base per person in Oldham County is \$153,845, above the statewide average of \$78,684. About 4.2 percent of the property tax base is derived from oil, gas and minerals.

## **State Expenditures**

Oldham County's ranking in state expenditures by county in fiscal year 2008: 205th. State expenditures in the county for FY2008: \$20.80 million, down 43.0 percent from FY2007.

In Oldham County, 5 state agencies provide a total of 24 jobs and \$787,544.00 in annualized wages (as of 4th quarter 2009).

Major state agencies in the county (as of fourth quarter 2009):

Department of Transportation  
Department of Public Safety  
AgriLife Extension Service  
Department of Family and Protective Services

## **Higher Education**

Community colleges in Oldham County fall 2009 enrollment:

None.

Oldham County is in the service area of the following:

Amarillo College with a fall 2009 enrollment of 10,945. Counties in the service area include:  
Carson County  
Castro County  
Deaf Smith County  
Moore County  
Oldham County  
Parmer County  
Potter County  
Randall County  
Swisher County

Institutions of higher education in Oldham County fall 2009 enrollment:

None.

## School Districts

Oldham County had 4 school districts with 8 schools and 825 students in the 2008-09 school year.

**(Statewide, the average teacher salary in school year 2008-09 was \$47,158. The percentage of students, statewide, meeting the 2009 TAKS passing standard for all 2008-09 TAKS tests was 74 percent.)**

Adrian ISD had 132 students in the 2008-09 school year. The average teacher salary was \$40,996. The percentage of students meeting the 2009 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 89 percent.

Boys Ranch ISD had 319 students in the 2008-09 school year. The average teacher salary was \$46,225. The percentage of students meeting the 2009 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 55 percent.

Vega ISD had 281 students in the 2008-09 school year. The average teacher salary was \$44,136. The percentage of students meeting the 2009 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 88 percent.

Wildorado ISD had 93 students in the 2008-09 school year. The average teacher salary was \$38,121. The percentage of students meeting the 2009 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 83 percent.