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October 6, 2011

Randy Allen  
Superintendent  
O'Donnell Independent School District  
P. O. Box 487  
O'Donnell, Texas 79351

Dear Superintendent Allen:

On September 21, 2011, the agency received the completed application for a limitation on appraised value originally submitted to the O'Donnell Independent School District (O'Donnell ISD) by Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC (Wind Tex Energy) in August, 2011, under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313. This letter presents the Comptroller's recommendation regarding Wind Tex Energy'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, O'Donnell 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 (\$219,407,232) 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.

Wind Tex Energy is proposing the construction of a wind power electric generation facility in Lynn and Borden Counties. Wind Tex Energy 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 Wind Tex Energy, the Comptroller's recommendation is that Wind Tex Energy'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 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 following:

1. No later than 10 days prior to the meeting scheduled by the district to consider approving the agreement, applicant submitting to this office a draft limitation agreement that complies with the statutes, the Comptroller's rules, and is consistent with the application;
2. The Comptroller providing written confirmation that it received and reviewed the draft agreement and affirming the recommendation made in this letter;
3. The district approving and executing a limitation agreement that has been reviewed by this office within a year from the date of this letter. 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 Web site 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 Economic Development & Analysis Division, by email at [robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us) or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, 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	Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	O'Donnell Independent School District
2008-09 Enrollment in School District	338
County	Lynn & Borden
Total Investment in District	\$224,966,000
Qualified Investment	\$219,407,232
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	\$713
Minimum Weekly Wage Required Tax Code, 313.051(b)	\$713
Minimum Annual Wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$37,089
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$44,993,200
Estimated 15 year M&O levy without any limit or credit:	\$24,473,760
Estimated gross 15 year M&O tax benefit	\$16,794,129
Estimated 15 year M&O tax benefit ( <i>after</i> deductions for estimated school district revenue protection--but not including any deduction for supplemental payments or extraordinary educational expenses):	\$16,461,699
Tax Credits (estimated - part of total tax benefit in the two lines above - appropriated through Foundation School Program)	\$2,252,067
Net M&O Tax (15 years) After Limitation, Credits and Revenue Protection:	\$8,012,061
Tax benefit as a percentage of what applicant would have paid without value limitation agreement (percentage exempted)	67.3%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the limitation	86.6%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the credit.	13.4%
* 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 Wind Tex Energy (the project) applying to O'Donnell 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 South Plains State Planning Region, where Lynn County is located was \$33,696 in 2010. The annual average manufacturing wage for 2010 for Lynn County is \$28,600. That same year, the county annual average wage for all industries was \$30,264. In addition to a salary of \$37,089, each qualifying position will receive benefits such as medical insurance coverage, paid holidays, paid vacation, and 401(k) retirement savings plan. The project's total investment is \$224 million, resulting in a relative level of investment per qualifying job of \$45 million.

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

According to Wind Tex Energy's application, "Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC has the ability to locate a wind farm in numerous locations in the United States."

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

During the past two years, zero project in the South Plains State Planning 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 focuses on attracting and developing industries using technology. It also identifies opportunities for existing Texas industries. The plan centers on promoting economic prosperity throughout Texas and the skilled workers that the Wind Tex Energy 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 Wind Tex Energy'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 project.

**Table 1: Estimated Statewide Economic Impact of Investment and Employment in Wind Tex Energy**

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2011	30	30	60	\$1,710,000	\$2,290,000	\$4,000,000
2012	80	77	157	\$4,460,445	\$4,539,555	\$9,000,000
2013	5	6	11	\$185,445	\$814,555	\$1,000,000
2014	5	14	19	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2015	5	16	21	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2016	5	16	21	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2017	5	16	21	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2018	5	18	23	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2019	5	18	23	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2020	5	18	23	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2021	5	18	23	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2022	5	16	21	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2023	5	17	22	\$185,445	\$2,814,555	\$3,000,000
2024	5	15	20	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2025	5	14	19	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000
2026	5	17	22	\$185,445	\$1,814,555	\$2,000,000

Source: CPA, REMI, Wind Tex Energy, LLC

The statewide average ad valorem tax base for school districts in Texas was \$1.6 billion in 2010. O'Donnell ISD's ad valorem tax base in 2010 was \$109.5 million. The statewide average wealth per WADA was estimated at \$345,067 for fiscal 2010-2011. During that same year, O'Donnell ISD's estimated wealth per WADA was \$176,788. 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, Lynn County, Lynn County Hospital District, and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from Wind Tex Energy's application. Wind Tex Energy has applied for both a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with Lynn County and Lynn County Hospital District. Table 3 illustrates the estimated tax impact of the Wind Tex Energy 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>	O'Donnell ISD I&S Levy	O'Donnell ISD M&O Levy	O'Donnell ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (Before Credit Credited)	O'Donnell ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (After Credit Credited)	Lynn County	Lynn County Hospital District	High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1	Estimated Total Property Taxes
				0.0000	1.1700			0.8611	0.2475	0.0079	
2012	\$6,550,000	\$6,550,000		\$0	\$76,635	\$76,635	\$76,635	\$56,402	\$16,208	\$520	\$149,765
2013	\$202,484,400	\$202,484,400		\$0	\$2,369,067	\$2,369,067	\$2,369,067	\$0	\$0	\$16,077	\$2,385,145
2014	\$194,387,250	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,434	\$132,434
2015	\$186,614,000	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$14,817	\$73,317
2016	\$179,151,500	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$14,225	\$72,725
2017	\$171,984,700	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$13,656	\$72,156
2018	\$161,667,600	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$12,836	\$71,336
2019	\$151,969,400	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$12,066	\$70,566
2020	\$142,853,100	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$11,343	\$69,843
2021	\$134,283,700	\$10,000,000		\$0	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$58,500	\$0	\$0	\$10,662	\$69,162
2022	\$126,228,300	\$126,228,300		\$0	\$1,476,871	\$1,476,871	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,023	\$10,023
2023	\$118,656,200	\$118,656,200		\$0	\$1,388,278	\$1,388,278	\$1,022,581	\$1,021,749	\$293,615	\$9,421	\$2,347,366
2024	\$111,538,400	\$111,538,400		\$0	\$1,304,999	\$1,304,999	\$1,304,999	\$960,457	\$276,002	\$8,856	\$2,550,314
2025	\$104,847,600	\$104,847,600		\$0	\$1,226,717	\$1,226,717	\$1,226,717	\$902,843	\$259,445	\$8,325	\$2,397,330
2026	\$98,558,200	\$98,558,200		\$0	\$1,153,131	\$1,153,131	\$1,153,131	\$848,685	\$243,882	\$7,826	\$2,253,523
						<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,679,631</b>	<b>\$3,790,135</b>	<b>\$1,089,152</b>	<b>\$166,087</b>	<b>\$12,725,005</b>

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatement with the County and Hospital District.

Source: CPA, Wind Tex Energy, LLC

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

Year	Estimated Taxable value for I&S	Estimated Taxable value for M&O	Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	O'Donnell ISD I&S Levy	O'Donnell ISD M&O Levy	O'Donnell ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Lynn County	Lynn County Hospital District	High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1	Estimated Total Property Taxes	
				0.0000	1.1700		0.8611	0.2475	0.0079		
2012	\$6,550,000	\$6,550,000		\$0	\$76,635	\$76,635	\$56,402	\$16,208	\$520	\$149,765	
2013	\$202,484,400	\$202,484,400		\$0	\$2,369,067	\$2,369,067	\$1,743,593	\$501,048	\$16,077	\$4,629,786	
2014	\$194,387,250	\$194,387,250		\$0	\$2,274,331	\$2,274,331	\$1,673,869	\$481,011	\$15,434	\$4,444,645	
2015	\$186,614,000	\$186,614,000		\$0	\$2,183,384	\$2,183,384	\$1,606,933	\$461,776	\$14,817	\$4,266,910	
2016	\$179,151,500	\$179,151,500		\$0	\$2,096,073	\$2,096,073	\$1,542,674	\$443,310	\$14,225	\$4,096,281	
2017	\$171,984,700	\$171,984,700		\$0	\$2,012,221	\$2,012,221	\$1,480,960	\$425,576	\$13,656	\$3,932,413	
2018	\$161,667,600	\$161,667,600		\$0	\$1,891,511	\$1,891,511	\$1,392,120	\$400,046	\$12,836	\$3,696,514	
2019	\$151,969,400	\$151,969,400		\$0	\$1,778,042	\$1,778,042	\$1,308,609	\$376,048	\$12,066	\$3,474,765	
2020	\$142,853,100	\$142,853,100		\$0	\$1,671,381	\$1,671,381	\$1,230,108	\$353,490	\$11,343	\$3,266,322	
2021	\$134,283,700	\$134,283,700		\$0	\$1,571,119	\$1,571,119	\$1,156,317	\$332,285	\$10,662	\$3,070,383	
2022	\$126,228,300	\$126,228,300		\$0	\$1,476,871	\$1,476,871	\$1,086,952	\$312,352	\$10,023	\$2,886,197	
2023	\$118,656,200	\$118,656,200		\$0	\$1,388,278	\$1,388,278	\$1,021,749	\$293,615	\$9,421	\$2,713,062	
2024	\$111,538,400	\$111,538,400		\$0	\$1,304,999	\$1,304,999	\$960,457	\$276,002	\$8,856	\$2,550,314	
2025	\$104,847,600	\$104,847,600		\$0	\$1,226,717	\$1,226,717	\$902,843	\$259,445	\$8,325	\$2,397,330	
2026	\$98,558,200	\$98,558,200		\$0	\$1,153,131	\$1,153,131	\$848,685	\$243,882	\$7,826	\$2,253,523	
						<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,473,760</b>	<b>\$18,012,269</b>	<b>\$5,176,096</b>	<b>\$166,087</b>	<b>\$47,828,211</b>

Source: CPA, Wind Tex Energy, LLC

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

Attachment 1 includes schedules A, B, C, and D provided by the applicant in the application. Schedule A shows proposed investment. Schedule B is the projected market value of the qualified property. Schedule C contains employment information, and Schedule D contains tax expenditures and other tax abatement 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 5" in this attachment shows the estimated 15 year M&O tax levy without the value limitation agreement would be \$24,473,760. The estimated gross 15 year M&O tax benefit, or levy loss, is \$16,794,129.

Attachment 3 is an economic overview of Lynn 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, C, and D provided by applicant in application
2. School finance and tax benefit provided by district
3. County Economic Overview

# **Attachment 1**

Applicant Name: Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC  
 ISD Name: O'Donnell ISD

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS

		(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A: Tangible Personal Property (The amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year)	Column B: Building or permanent nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B (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)			
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	Investment made before filing complete application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application (eligible to become qualified property)	2011-2012	2011	\$ 5,558,768.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,558,768			
	Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)										
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2012-2013	2012	\$ 7,391,232.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 7,541,232	\$ 7,541,232			
		2	2013-2014	2013	\$ 211,866,000	\$ -	\$ 211,866,000	\$ 211,866,000			
		3	2014-2015	2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		4	2015-2016	2015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		5	2016-2017	2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		6	2017-2018	2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		7	2018-2019	2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		8	2019-2020	2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		9	2020-2021	2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		10	2021-2022	2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		11	2022-2023	2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
		12	2023-2024	2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)											
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	13	2024-2025	2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Post-Settle-Up Period	14	2025-2026	2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Post-Settle-Up Period	15	2026-2027	2026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			

Qualifying Time Period usually begins with the final board 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 totals.  
 Column B: For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in tangible personal property. Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property-property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period. 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).  
 Column C: For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings. Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value-for planning, construction and operation of the facility. The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc.  
 Column D: Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.  
 Notes: 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. This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE: *[Signature]* DATE: Aug 5, 2011

**Schedule B (Rev. May 2010): Estimated Market And Taxable Value**  
**Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC**

Form 50-296

Applicant Name  
 ISD Name

O'Donnell ISD

	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Qualified Property			Reductions from Market Value		Estimated Taxable Value	
				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 building or "in or on the new improvement"	Exempted Value	Final taxable value for I&S - after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O - after all reductions	
	pre-year 1	2011-2012	2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2012-2013	2012	\$ -	\$ 6,475,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,550,000	\$ 6,550,000
	2	2013-2014	2013	\$ -	\$ 202,334,400	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,484,400	\$ 202,484,400
	3	2014-2015	2014		\$ 194,241,000	\$ 146,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,387,250	\$ 194,387,250
	4	2015-2016	2015		\$ 186,471,400	\$ 142,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,614,000	\$ 186,614,000
	5	2016-2017	2016		\$ 179,012,500	\$ 139,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,151,500	\$ 179,151,500
	6	2017-2018	2017		\$ 171,852,000	\$ 132,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,984,700	\$ 171,984,700
Value Limitation Period	7	2018-2019	2018		\$ 161,540,900	\$ 126,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,667,600	\$ 161,667,600
	8	2019-2020	2019		\$ 151,848,400	\$ 121,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,969,400	\$ 151,969,400
	9	2020-2021	2020		\$ 142,737,500	\$ 115,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,853,100	\$ 142,853,100
	10	2021-2022	2021		\$ 134,173,300	\$ 110,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,283,700	\$ 134,283,700
Credit Settle-Up Period	11	2022-2023	2022		\$ 126,122,900	\$ 105,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,228,300	\$ 126,228,300
	12	2023-2024	2023		\$ 118,555,500	\$ 100,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,656,200	\$ 118,656,200
	13	2024-2025	2024		\$ 111,442,200	\$ 96,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,538,400	\$ 111,538,400
Post-Settle-Up Period	14	2025-2026	2025		\$ 104,755,700	\$ 91,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,847,600	\$ 104,847,600
	15	2026-2027	2026		\$ 98,470,400	\$ 87,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,558,200	\$ 98,558,200

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

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**Schedule C- Application: Employment Information**

**Applicant Name**  
ISD Name

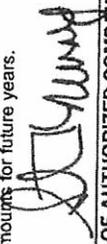
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	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Construction		New Jobs		Qualifying Jobs	
				Column A: Number of Construction FTE's or man- hours (specify [FTE])	Column B: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C: Number of new jobs applicant commits to create (cumulative)	Column D: Average annual wage rate for all new jobs.	Column E: Number of qualifying jobs applicant meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column F: Average annual wage of qualifying jobs
	pre- year 1	2011-2012	2011	30	\$ 57,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2012-2013	2012	75	\$ 57,000	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	2	2013-2014	2013	-	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	3	2014-2015	2014	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	4	2015-2016	2015	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	5	2016-2017	2016	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	6	2017-2018	2017	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	7	2018-2019	2018	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	8	2019-2020	2019	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	9	2020-2021	2020	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	10	2021-2022	2021	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
Credit Settle-Up Period	11	2022-2023	2022	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	12	2023-2024	2023	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	13	2024-2025	2024	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
Post- Settle-Up Period	14	2025-2026	2025	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089
	15	2026-2027	2026	0	\$ -	5	\$ 37,089	5	\$ 37,089

Notes: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code §313.021(3).

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Schedule D: (Rev. May 2010): Other Tax Information

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Applicant Name		Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC		ISD Name		O'Donnell ISD				
		Sales Tax Information		Franchise Tax		Other Property Tax Abatements Sought				
		Sales Taxable Expenditures		Franchise Tax						
		Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant	County	City	Hospital	Other		
Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax/Calendar Year YYYY								
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	2011-2012	2011	\$ 5,558,768	\$ 7,541,232	\$ -	n/a	n/a	n/a	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	
			\$ 6,178,901	\$ 205,687,099	\$ -	n/a	n/a	n/a	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	
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\*For planning, construction and operation of the facility.

*[Signature]*

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*Aug 5, 2011*  
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# **Attachment 2**



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Robert Scott  
Commissioner

September 28, 2011

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

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 Wind Tex Energy - Stephens LLC project on the number and size of school facilities in O'Donnell Independent School District (OISD). Based on the analysis prepared by Moak, Casey and Associates for the school district and a conversation with the OISD superintendent, Mr. Randy Allen, the TEA has found that the Wind Tex Energy - Stephens LLC project would not have a significant impact on the number or size of school facilities in OISD.

Please feel free to contact Al McKenzie, manager of forecasting, facilities, and transportation, by phone at (512) 463-9186 or by email at [al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us) if you need further information regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belinda Dyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Belinda Dyer  
Division Manager  
Office of School Finance

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September 28, 2011

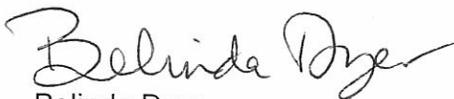
Mr. Robert Wood  
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Dear Mr. Wood:

The Texas Education Agency has analyzed the revenue gains that would be realized by the proposed Wind Tex Energy - Stephens LLC project for the O'Donnell Independent School District (OISD). Projections prepared by our Office of School Finance confirm the analysis that was prepared by Moak, Casey and Associates and provided to us by your division. We believe their assumptions regarding the potential revenue gain are valid, and their estimates of the impact of the Wind Tex Energy - Stephens LLC project on OISD are correct.

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**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED WIND  
TEX ENERGY - STEPHENS, LLC PROJECT ON THE FINANCES OF  
THE O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER A  
REQUESTED CHAPTER 313 PROPERTY VALUE LIMITATION**

**September 6, 2011**

**Final Report-Revised**

**PREPARED BY**



# **Estimated Impact of the Proposed Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC Project on the Finances of the O'Donnell Independent School District under a Requested Chapter 313 Property Value Limitation**

## **Introduction**

Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC (Wind Tex Energy) has requested that the O'Donnell Independent School District (O'DISD) consider granting a property value limitation under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code for a new renewable electric wind generation project. An application was submitted to O'DISD on August 16, 2011. Wind Tex Energy proposes to invest \$224.97 million to construct a new wind energy project in O'DISD.

The Wind Tex Energy 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, the original language in Chapter 313 of the Tax Code made companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, and renewable electric energy production eligible 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.

## **School Finance Mechanics**

Under the provisions of Chapter 313, O'DISD may offer a minimum value limitation of \$10 million. Based on the application, the qualifying time period would begin with the 2012-13 school year. The full taxable value of the investment is projected to reach \$202 million in 2014-15, with depreciation expected to reduce the taxable value of the project over the course of the value limitation agreement.

The provisions of Chapter 313 call for the project to be fully taxable in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years, unless the District and the Company agree to an extension of the start of the qualifying time period. For the purpose of this analysis, it is assumed that the qualifying time period will be the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. Beginning in 2014-15, the project would go on the local tax roll at \$10 million and remain at that level of taxable value for eight years for maintenance and operations taxes. O'DISD currently does not levy an I&S tax rate, having retired its most recent bond issue last year.

Under the current school finance system, the property values established by the Comptroller's Office that are used to calculate state aid and recapture lag by one year, a practical consequence of the fact that the Comptroller's Office needs this time to conduct their property value study and now the planned audits of appraisal district operations in alternating years. A taxpayer receiving a value limitation pays M&O taxes on the reduced value for the project in years 3-10 and receives a tax bill for I&S taxes—in districts where they are levied—based on the full project value throughout the qualifying and value limitation periods (and thereafter). The school funding formulas use the Comptroller's property values that reflect a reduction due to the property value limitation in years 4-11 as a result of the one-year lag in property values.

For the school finance system that operated prior to the approval of House Bill 1 (HB 1) in the 2006 special session, the third year was generally problematical for a school district that approved a Chapter 313 value limitation. This typically resulted in a revenue loss to the school district in the third year of the agreement that would not be reimbursed by the state, but require some type of compensation from the applicant under the revenue protection provisions of the agreement. In years 4-10, smaller revenue losses would be anticipated when the state property values are aligned at the minimum value established by the Board on both the local tax roll and the corresponding state property value study.

Under the HB 1 system, most school districts received additional state aid for tax reduction (ASATR) that was used to maintain their target revenue amounts established at the revenue levels under old law for the 2005-06 or 2006-07 school years, whichever was highest. In terms of new Chapter 313 property value limitation agreements, adjustments to ASATR funding often moderated the impact of the reduced M&O collections as a result of the limitation, in contrast with the earlier formula-driven finance system.

In the case of HB 3646—the school finance system changes approved by the Legislature in 2009—the starting point was the target revenue provisions from HB 1, that were then expanded through the addition of a series of school funding provisions that had operated previously outside the basic allotment and the traditional formula structure, as well as an additional \$120 per WADA guarantee.

Under the provisions of HB 3646, school districts did have the potential to earn revenue above the \$120 per WADA level, up to a maximum of \$350 per WADA above current law. Initial estimates indicate that about 70 percent of all school districts were funded at the minimum \$120 per WADA level, while approximately 30 percent school districts were expected to generate higher revenue amounts per WADA in the 2009-10 school year. This is significant because changes in property values and related tax collections under a Chapter 313 agreement once again have the potential to affect a school district's base revenue, although probably not to the degree experienced prior to the HB 1 target revenue system.

The formula reductions enacted under Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) as approved in the First Called Session in 2011 are designed to make \$4 billion in reductions to the existing school funding formulas for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. For the 2011-12 school year, across-the-board reductions were made that reduced each district's WADA count and resulted in an estimated 797 school districts still receiving ASATR to maintain their target revenue funding levels, while an estimated 227 districts operating directly on the state formulas.

For the 2012-13 school year, the SB 1 changes called for smaller across-the-board reductions and funding ASATR-receiving target revenue districts at 92.35 percent of the level provided for under the existing funding formula. For the 2013-14 school year and beyond, the ASATR reduction percentage will be set in the appropriations bill. The recent legislative session also saw the adoption of a statement of legislative intent to no longer fund target revenue (through ASATR) by the 2017-18 school year.

One key element in any analysis of the school finance implications is the provision for revenue protection in the agreement between the school district and the applicant. In the case of the Wind Tex Energy project, the agreement calls for a calculation of the revenue impact of the value limitation in years 3-10 of the agreement, under whatever school finance and property tax laws are in effect in each of those years. This meets the statutory requirement under Section 313.027(f) (1) of the Tax Code to provide school district revenue protection language in the agreement.

## **Underlying Assumptions**

There are several approaches that can be used to analyze the future revenue stream of a school district under a value limitation. Whatever method is used, a reasonable analysis requires the use of a multi-year forecasting model that covers the years in which the agreement is in effect. The Chapter 313 application now requires 15 years of data and analysis on the project being considered for a property value limitation.

The approach used here is to maintain static enrollment and property values in order to isolate the effects of the value limitation under the school finance system. The current SB 1 reductions are reflected in the underlying models. With regard to ASATR funding the 92.35 percent reduction enacted for the 2012-13 school year and thereafter, future changes are dependent on legislative action that is difficult to forecast. While there is a statement of intent to no longer fund target revenue by the 2017-18 school year, implementing this change will require future legislative action, with any changes coming through the appropriations process, statutory changes, or both.

Student enrollment counts are held constant at 296 students in average daily attendance (ADA) in analyzing the effects of the Wind Tex Energy project on the finances of O'DISD. The District's local tax base reached \$96.9 million for the 2011 tax year. While the district's tax base has decreased in 2011 from the prior year, the underlying \$96.9 million taxable value for 2011-12 is maintained for the forecast period in order to isolate the effects of the property value limitation. O'DISD is not a property-wealthy district in terms of its underlying tax base, with wealth per weighted ADA or WADA of approximately \$184,267 for the 2011-12 school year. These assumptions are summarized in Table 1 for the forecast period.

## **School Finance Impact**

A baseline model was prepared for O'DISD under the assumptions outlined above through the 2025-26 school year. Beyond the 2010-11 school year, no attempt was made to forecast the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile or Austin yield that influences future state funding. (The 2010-11 Austin yield is maintained for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years based on recent legislative changes.) In the analyses for other districts and applicants on earlier projects, these changes appeared to have little impact on the revenue associated with the implementation of the property value limitation, since the baseline and other models incorporate the same underlying assumptions.

Under the proposed agreement, a second model is established to make a calculation of the "Baseline Revenue" by adding the value of the proposed Wind Tex Energy facility to the model, but without assuming that a value limitation is approved. The results of the model are shown in Table 2.

A third model is developed which adds the Wind Tex Energy value but imposes the proposed property value limitation effective in the third year, which in this case is the 2014-15 school year. The results of this model are identified as "Value Limitation Revenue Model" under the revenue protection provisions of the proposed agreement (see Table 3). An M&O tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 is used throughout this analysis.

A summary of the differences between these models is shown in Table 4. The model results show approximately \$3.4 million a year in net General Fund revenue.

Under these assumptions, O'DISD would experience a revenue loss as a result of the implementation of the value limitation in the 2014-15 school year (-\$332,430). The revenue reduction results from the mechanics of six cents not subject to recapture, which reflect the one-year lag in value associated with the property value study.

As noted previously, no attempt was made to forecast further reductions in ASATR funding beyond the 92.35 percent adjustment adopted for the 2012-13 school year. One risk factor under the estimates presented here relates to the implementation of the value limitation in the 2014-15 school year. The formula loss of \$332,430 cited above between the base and the limitation models is based on an assumption of \$2,157,331 in M&O tax savings for Wind Tex Energy when the \$10 million limitation is implemented. Under the estimates presented here and as highlighted in Table 4, a \$117,401 reduction in recapture costs is expected to offset a portion of this reduction in M&O tax collections. In addition, a \$1,599,899 increase in ASATR funding is calculated under the assumptions used here.

Given that the ASATR amount falls below the anticipated tax savings for the project in the first year of implementation of the agreement, there is no financial risk to the school district as a result of the adoption of the value limitation agreement in response to future legislative changes in ASATR funding. But significant or complete elimination of ASATR funding could reduce the residual tax savings in the first year that the \$10 million value limitation takes effect. The estimates for the 2015-16 school year and thereafter show the offset coming almost entirely from an increase in state aid that would be owed to O'DISD.

On August 9, 2011, the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division announced at a meeting of the Property Tax Advisory Committee that it would be adopting a rule this fall that would implement the use of two values for school districts for its 2011 state property value study. These are the state values that will be used to calculate state aid and recapture in the 2012-13 school year. This change has been made in the models presented here. Given the fact that O'DISD does not currently levy an I&S tax, the change in the Comptroller's property value study will not have an impact that is inconsistent with current law.

### **Impact on the Taxpayer**

Table 5 summarizes the impact of the proposed property value limitation in terms of the potential tax savings under the property value limitation agreement. The focus of this table is on the M&O tax rate only. As noted previously, the property is fully taxable in the first two years under the agreement. A \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value M&O rate is assumed in 2011-12 and thereafter.

Under the assumptions used here, the potential tax savings from the value limitation total \$16.7 million over the life of the agreement. In addition, Wind Tex Energy would be eligible for a tax credit for taxes paid on value in excess of the value limitation in each of the first two years. The credit amount is paid out slowly through years 4-10 due to statutory limits on the scale of these payments over these seven years, with catch-up payments permitted in years 11-13. The tax credits are expected to total approximately \$2.2 million over the life of the agreement, with no unpaid tax credits anticipated.

The key O'DISD revenue losses are associated with the interaction of the reduction in local M&O taxes the first year the value limitation tax effect and state funding formulas. The net reduction in formula funding is expected to total approximately \$332,430 in the third year of the agreement, when the \$10 million value limitation takes effect. It is also anticipated that the District will be reimbursed in full by the state for the tax credit payments. In total, the potential net tax benefits

are estimated to total \$16.4 million over the life of the agreement. While legislative changes to ASATR funding could increase the hold-harmless amount owed in the 2014-15 school year, there would still be a substantial tax benefit to Wind Tex Energy under the value limitation agreement for the remaining years that the limitation is in effect.

### **Facilities Funding Impact**

The Wind Tex Energy project remains fully taxable for debt services taxes; however, O'DISD is not levying an I&S rate beginning in the 2011-12 school year. The value of the Wind Tex Energy project is expected to depreciate over the life of the agreement and beyond, but full access to the additional value will add to the District's projected wealth per ADA. At its peak taxable value, the project adds 209 percent to O'DISD's current tax base, which should assist the District in meeting any future debt service needs.

The Wind Tex Energy project is not expected to affect O'DISD in terms of enrollment. Continued expansion of the renewable energy industry 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.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed Wind Tex Energy wind energy project enhances the tax base of O'DISD. It reflects continued capital investment in renewable electric energy generation, one of the goals of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code, also known as the Texas Economic Development Act.

Under the assumptions outlined above, the potential tax benefits under a Chapter 313 agreement could reach an estimated \$16.4 million over the course of the agreement. This amount is net of any anticipated revenue losses for the District. The additional taxable value also enhances the tax base of O'DISD in meeting any future debt service needs.

**Table 1 – Base District Information with Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC Project Value and Limitation Values**

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
1	2012-13	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$103,443,644	\$103,443,644	\$95,131,448	\$95,131,448	\$163,487	\$163,487
2	2013-14	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$299,378,044	\$299,378,044	\$101,681,448	\$101,681,448	\$174,744	\$174,744
3	2014-15	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$291,280,894	\$106,893,644	\$297,615,848	\$297,615,848	\$511,466	\$511,466
4	2015-16	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$283,507,644	\$106,893,644	\$289,518,698	\$105,131,448	\$497,550	\$180,673
5	2016-17	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$276,045,144	\$106,893,644	\$281,745,448	\$105,131,448	\$484,192	\$180,673
6	2017-18	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$268,878,344	\$106,893,644	\$274,282,948	\$105,131,448	\$471,367	\$180,673
7	2018-19	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$258,561,244	\$106,893,644	\$267,116,148	\$105,131,448	\$459,051	\$180,673
8	2019-20	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$248,863,044	\$106,893,644	\$256,799,048	\$105,131,448	\$441,320	\$180,673
9	2020-21	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$239,746,744	\$106,893,644	\$247,100,848	\$105,131,448	\$424,653	\$180,673
10	2021-22	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$231,177,344	\$106,893,644	\$237,984,548	\$105,131,448	\$408,987	\$180,673
11	2022-23	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$223,121,944	\$223,121,944	\$229,415,148	\$105,131,448	\$394,260	\$180,673
12	2023-24	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$215,549,844	\$215,549,844	\$221,359,748	\$221,359,748	\$380,416	\$380,416
13	2024-25	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$208,432,044	\$208,432,044	\$213,787,648	\$213,787,648	\$367,403	\$367,403
14	2025-26	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$201,741,244	\$201,741,244	\$206,669,848	\$206,669,848	\$355,171	\$355,171
15	2026-27	295.93	581.89	\$1.1700	\$0.0000	\$195,451,844	\$195,451,844	\$199,979,048	\$199,979,048	\$343,673	\$343,673

\*Tier II Yield: \$47.65; AISD Yield: \$59.97; Equalized Wealth: \$476,500 per WADA

**Table 2 – “Baseline Revenue Model”--Project Value Added with No Value Limitation**

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate	State Aid	Additional State Aid-Hold Harmless	Excess Formula Reduction	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid From Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Total General Fund
1	2012-13	\$1,016,963	\$1,818,217	\$60,705	\$0	\$0	\$257,809	\$358,064	\$0	\$3,511,757
2	2013-14	\$2,809,199	\$1,757,081	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$712,157	\$879,505	\$0	\$6,157,942
3	2014-15	\$2,765,820	\$69,526	\$231,883	\$0	-\$171,344	\$701,160	\$30,672	-\$196,432	\$3,431,284
4	2015-16	\$2,693,266	\$100,599	\$198,229	\$0	-\$96,209	\$682,767	\$35,544	-\$182,375	\$3,431,820
5	2016-17	\$2,623,613	\$121,314	\$174,898	\$0	-\$23,940	\$665,109	\$40,234	-\$168,863	\$3,432,364
6	2017-18	\$2,556,720	\$146,053	\$193,111	\$0	\$0	\$648,151	\$44,746	-\$155,872	\$3,432,909
7	2018-19	\$2,460,422	\$212,946	\$222,517	\$0	\$0	\$623,738	\$48,460	-\$141,534	\$3,426,548
8	2019-20	\$2,369,901	\$309,244	\$216,740	\$0	\$0	\$600,791	\$54,673	-\$123,788	\$3,427,560
9	2020-21	\$2,284,811	\$399,765	\$211,308	\$0	\$0	\$579,220	\$60,543	-\$107,058	\$3,428,589
10	2021-22	\$2,204,827	\$484,855	\$206,203	\$0	\$0	\$558,943	\$66,091	-\$91,286	\$3,429,632
11	2022-23	\$2,111,675	\$564,840	\$219,370	\$0	\$0	\$535,328	\$70,733	-\$75,769	\$3,426,176
12	2023-24	\$2,042,412	\$640,027	\$213,445	\$0	\$0	\$517,769	\$75,680	-\$61,887	\$3,427,448
13	2024-25	\$1,977,305	\$710,704	\$207,876	\$0	\$0	\$501,264	\$80,365	-\$48,784	\$3,428,730
14	2025-26	\$1,916,103	\$777,140	\$202,641	\$0	\$0	\$485,749	\$84,802	-\$36,415	\$3,430,020
15	2026-27	\$1,858,573	\$839,591	\$197,720	\$0	\$0	\$471,165	\$89,005	-\$24,737	\$3,431,318

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

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate		Additional State Aid-Hold Harmless	Excess Formula Reduction	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid From Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Total General Fund
		State Aid								
1	2012-13	\$1,016,963	\$1,818,217	\$60,705	\$0	\$0	\$257,809	\$358,064	\$0	\$3,511,757
2	2013-14	\$2,809,199	\$1,757,081	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$712,157	\$879,505	\$0	\$6,157,942
3	2014-15	\$1,048,520	\$69,526	\$1,831,782	\$0	-\$53,943	\$265,809	\$11,628	-\$74,467	\$3,098,854
4	2015-16	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
5	2016-17	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
6	2017-18	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
7	2018-19	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
8	2019-20	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
9	2020-21	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
10	2021-22	\$1,048,520	\$1,724,879	\$122,485	\$0	\$0	\$265,809	\$308,776	\$0	\$3,470,470
11	2022-23	\$2,111,675	\$1,724,879	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$535,328	\$621,861	\$0	\$4,993,743
12	2023-24	\$2,042,412	\$640,027	\$213,445	\$0	\$0	\$517,769	\$75,680	-\$61,887	\$3,427,448
13	2024-25	\$1,977,305	\$710,704	\$207,876	\$0	\$0	\$501,264	\$80,365	-\$48,784	\$3,428,730
14	2025-26	\$1,916,103	\$777,140	\$202,641	\$0	\$0	\$485,749	\$84,802	-\$36,415	\$3,430,020
15	2026-27	\$1,858,573	\$839,591	\$197,720	\$0	\$0	\$471,165	\$89,005	-\$24,737	\$3,431,318

**Table 4 – Value Limit less Project Value with No Limit**

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate		Additional State Aid-Hold Harmless	Excess Formula Reduction	Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid From Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Total General Fund
		State Aid								
1	2012-13	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	2013-14	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	2014-15	-\$1,717,300	\$0	\$1,599,899	\$0	\$117,401	-\$435,351	-\$19,044	\$121,965	-\$332,430
4	2015-16	-\$1,644,746	\$1,624,281	-\$75,744	\$0	\$96,209	-\$416,957	\$273,231	\$182,375	\$38,649
5	2016-17	-\$1,575,092	\$1,603,566	-\$52,413	\$0	\$23,940	-\$399,300	\$268,542	\$168,863	\$38,106
6	2017-18	-\$1,508,200	\$1,578,826	-\$70,626	\$0	\$0	-\$382,342	\$264,030	\$155,872	\$37,560
7	2018-19	-\$1,411,901	\$1,511,933	-\$100,032	\$0	\$0	-\$357,929	\$260,316	\$141,534	\$43,921
8	2019-20	-\$1,321,381	\$1,415,635	-\$94,254	\$0	\$0	-\$334,982	\$254,103	\$123,788	\$42,909
9	2020-21	-\$1,236,291	\$1,325,114	-\$88,823	\$0	\$0	-\$313,411	\$248,233	\$107,058	\$41,881
10	2021-22	-\$1,156,306	\$1,240,024	-\$83,718	\$0	\$0	-\$293,134	\$242,685	\$91,286	\$40,838
11	2022-23	\$0	\$1,160,039	-\$219,370	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$551,128	\$75,769	\$1,567,567
12	2023-24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	2024-25	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	2025-26	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15	2026-27	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 5 - Estimated Financial impact of the Wind Tex Energy - Stephens, LLC Project Property Value Limitation Request Submitted to O'DISD at \$1.17 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	Tax Credits for First Two Years Above Limit	Tax Benefit to Company Before Revenue Protection	School District Revenue Losses	Estimated Net Tax Benefits
1	2012-13	\$6,550,000	\$6,550,000	\$0	\$1.170	\$76,635	\$76,635	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	2013-14	\$202,484,400	\$202,484,400	\$0	\$1.170	\$2,369,067	\$2,369,067	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	2014-15	\$194,387,250	\$10,000,000	\$184,387,250	\$1.170	\$2,274,331	\$117,000	\$2,157,331	\$0	\$2,157,331	-\$332,430	\$1,824,901
4	2015-16	\$186,614,000	\$10,000,000	\$176,614,000	\$1.170	\$2,183,384	\$117,000	\$2,066,384	\$58,500	\$2,124,884	\$0	\$2,124,884
5	2016-17	\$179,151,500	\$10,000,000	\$169,151,500	\$1.170	\$2,096,073	\$117,000	\$1,979,073	\$58,500	\$2,037,573	\$0	\$2,037,573
6	2017-18	\$171,984,700	\$10,000,000	\$161,984,700	\$1.170	\$2,012,221	\$117,000	\$1,895,221	\$58,500	\$1,953,721	\$0	\$1,953,721
7	2018-19	\$161,667,600	\$10,000,000	\$151,667,600	\$1.170	\$1,891,511	\$117,000	\$1,774,511	\$58,500	\$1,833,011	\$0	\$1,833,011
8	2019-20	\$151,969,400	\$10,000,000	\$141,969,400	\$1.170	\$1,778,042	\$117,000	\$1,661,042	\$58,500	\$1,719,542	\$0	\$1,719,542
9	2020-21	\$142,853,100	\$10,000,000	\$132,853,100	\$1.170	\$1,671,381	\$117,000	\$1,554,381	\$58,500	\$1,612,881	\$0	\$1,612,881
10	2021-22	\$134,283,700	\$10,000,000	\$124,283,700	\$1.170	\$1,571,119	\$117,000	\$1,454,119	\$58,500	\$1,512,619	\$0	\$1,512,619
11	2022-23	\$126,228,300	\$126,228,300	\$0	\$1.170	\$1,476,871	\$1,476,871	\$0	\$1,476,871	\$1,476,871	\$0	\$1,476,871
12	2023-24	\$118,656,200	\$118,656,200	\$0	\$1.170	\$1,388,278	\$1,388,278	\$0	\$365,696	\$365,696	\$0	\$365,696
13	2024-25	\$111,538,400	\$111,538,400	\$0	\$1.170	\$1,304,999	\$1,304,999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	2025-26	\$104,847,600	\$104,847,600	\$0	\$1.170	\$1,226,717	\$1,226,717	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15	2026-27	\$98,558,200	\$98,558,200	\$0	\$1.170	\$1,153,131	\$1,153,131	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>						<b>\$24,473,760</b>	<b>\$9,931,698</b>	<b>\$14,542,062</b>	<b>\$2,252,067</b>	<b>\$16,794,129</b>	<b>-\$332,430</b>	<b>\$16,461,699</b>

**Tax Credit for Value Over Limit in First 2 Years**

	Year 1	Year 2	Max Credits
	\$0	\$2,252,067	\$2,252,067
Credits Earned			\$2,252,067
Credits Paid			<u>\$2,252,067</u>
Excess Credits Unpaid			\$0

# Attachment 3

## Lynn County

### Population

Total county population in 2009 for Lynn County: 5,674, down 0.5 percent from 2008. State population increased 2.0 percent in the same time period. Lynn County was the state's 196th largest county in population in 2009 and the 205th fastest growing county from 2008 to 2009. Lynn County's population in 2009 was 48.1 percent Anglo (above the state average of 46.7 percent), 3.4 percent African-American (below the state average of 11.3 percent) and 47.0 percent Hispanic (above the state average of 36.9 percent).

2009 population of the largest cities and places in Lynn County:

<b>Tahoka:</b>	2,465	<b>O'Donnell:</b>	895
<b>Wilson:</b>	451	<b>New Home:</b>	297

### Economy and Income

#### *Employment*

August 2011 total employment in Lynn County: 2,621, up 1.6 percent from August 2010. State total employment increased 0.6 percent during the same period.

August 2011 Lynn County unemployment rate: 8.3 percent, up from 7.2 percent in August 2010. The statewide unemployment rate for August 2011 was 8.5 percent, up from 8.2 percent in August 2010.

August 2011 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*

Lynn County's ranking in per capita personal income in 2009: 201st with an average per capita income of \$28,608, up 5.7 percent from 2008. Statewide average per capita personal income was \$38,609 in 2009, down 3.1 percent from 2008.

#### *Industry*

Agricultural cash values in Lynn County averaged \$127.18 million annually from 2007 to 2010. County total agricultural values in 2010 were up 80.0 percent from 2009. Major agriculture related commodities in Lynn County during 2010 included:

Sorghum	Sunflowers	Other Beef	Cottonseed	Cotton
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2010 oil and gas production in Lynn County: 230,776.0 barrels of oil and 74,330.0 Mcf of gas. In February 2011, there were 91 producing oil wells and 0 producing gas wells.

### Taxes

#### *Sales Tax - Taxable Sales*

##### *Quarterly (September 2010 through December 2010)*

Taxable sales in Lynn County during the fourth quarter 2010: \$3.80 million, up 20.5 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

Taxable sales during the fourth quarter 2010 in the city of:

<b>Tahoka:</b>	\$2.68 million, up 31.9 percent from the same quarter in 2009.
<b>O'Donnell:</b>	\$134,697.00, up 15.3 percent from the same quarter in 2009.
<b>Wilson:</b>	\$29,691.00, down 33.1 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

##### *Annual (2010)*

Taxable sales in Lynn County during 2010: \$14.86 million, up 10.7 percent from 2009.

Lynn County sent an estimated \$928,816.50 (or 0.01 percent of Texas' taxable sales) in state sales taxes to the state treasury in 2010.

Taxable sales during 2010 in the city of:

<b>Tahoka:</b>	\$10.41 million, up 15.5 percent from 2009.
<b>O'Donnell:</b>	\$425,338.00, down 3.8 percent from 2009.
<b>Wilson:</b>	\$137,355.00, down 25.9 percent from 2009.

#### *Sales Tax – Local Sales Tax Allocations*

##### *Monthly*

Statewide payments based on the sales activity month of July 2011: \$483.96 million, up 10.0 percent from July 2010.

Payments to all cities in Lynn County based on the sales activity month of July 2011: \$12,475.73, up 21.4 percent from July 2010.

Payment based on the sales activity month of July 2011 to the city of:

<b>Tahoka*:</b>	\$10,690.15, up 20.8 percent from July 2010.
<b>O'Donnell:</b>	\$1,088.54, up 17.3 percent from July 2010.
<b>Wilson:</b>	\$697.04, up 41.3 percent from July 2010.

##### *Annual (2010)*

Statewide payments based on sales activity months in 2010: \$5.77 billion, up 3.3 percent from 2009.

Payments to all cities in Lynn County based on sales activity months in 2010: \$149,412.89, up 32.4 percent from 2009.

Payment based on sales activity months in 2010 to the city of:

<b>Tahoka*:</b>	\$119,838.43, up 40.4 percent from 2009.
<b>O'Donnell:</b>	\$18,727.17, up 6.8 percent from 2009.
<b>Wilson:</b>	\$10,847.29, up 9.0 percent from 2009.

\*On 4/1/2010, the city of Tahoka's local sales tax rate increased by 0.00 from 1.500 percent to 1.500 percent.

### **Property Tax**

As of January 2009, property values in Lynn County: \$531.96 million, up 12.2 percent from January 2008 values. The property tax base per person in Lynn County is \$93,754, above the statewide average of \$85,809. About 7.8 percent of the property tax base is derived from oil, gas and minerals.

### **State Expenditures**

Lynn County's ranking in state expenditures by county in fiscal year 2010: 196th. State expenditures in the county for FY2010: \$20.12 million, down 0.1 percent from FY2009.

In Lynn County, 5 state agencies provide a total of 21 jobs and \$726,829.00 in annualized wages (as of 4th quarter 2010).

Major state agencies in the county (as of fourth quarter 2010):

Department of Transportation	AgriLife Extension Service
Health & Human Services Commission	Department of Public Safety

### **Higher Education**

Community colleges in Lynn County fall 2010 enrollment:

None.

Lynn County is in the service area of the following:

South Plains College with a fall 2010 enrollment of 10,153. Counties in the service area include:

Bailey County  
Cochran County  
Crosby County  
Floyd County  
Gaines County  
Garza County  
Hale County  
Hockley County  
Lamb County  
Lubbock County  
Lynn County  
Motley County  
Terry County  
Yoakum County

Institutions of higher education in Lynn County fall 2010 enrollment:

None.

### **School Districts**

Lynn County had 4 school districts with 8 schools and 1,312 students in the 2009-10 school year.

**(Statewide, the average teacher salary in school year 2009-10 was \$48,263. The percentage of students, statewide, meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all 2009-10 TAKS tests was 77 percent.)**

New Home ISD had 184 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$41,576. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 84 percent.

O'Donnell ISD had 338 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$44,625. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 71 percent.

Tahoka ISD had 640 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$40,132. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 75 percent.

Wilson ISD had 150 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$39,194. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 65 percent.