

Attachment A

Application

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**JUSTIN DEMERATH**

December 17, 2013

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

RE: Application to the Rio Grande City Independent School District from Hidalgo  
Wind Farm LLC

**(First Qualifying Year 2015)**

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

By copy of this letter transmitting the application for review to the Comptroller's Office, the Rio Grande City Independent School District is notifying Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC of its intent to consider the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property. The Applicant submitted the Application to the school district on December 17, 2013. The Board voted to accept the application on December 17, 2013. The application has been determined complete as of December 17, 2013. Please prepare the economic impact report.

The Applicant has made a request to keep confidential certain information regarding the preliminary layout and construction timeline of the wind farm and corporate structure. These items have been submitted separately with a letter detailing the nature of the claim of confidentiality. In order to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of those items, they have not been transmitted electronically with this letter. Please keep these materials segregated from the remainder of the application, and please do not publish these items.

The school district has determined that the wage information included in the application represents the most recent wage data available at the time of the application.

The project is located entirely within an Enterprise Zone. No reinvestment zone materials will be provided.

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In accordance with 34 Tex. Admin Code §9.1054, a copy of the application will be submitted to the Starr County Appraisal District.

A hard copy and an electronic copy of the application will be hand delivered to your office today. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin O'Hanlon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin O'Hanlon  
School District Consultant

Cc: Starr County Appraisal District

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC



December 16, 2013

Mr. Roel A. Gonzalez  
Superintendent of Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District (RGCCISD)  
Fort Ringgold  
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582

Ref: CHAPTER 313 APPLICATION FOR HIDALGO WIND FARM LLC FOR RIO GRANDE CITY CISD

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

The 313 Application for Rio Grande City CISD for the Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC project has been completed for your review.

In addition to the one new qualifying job that Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC commits to create in connection with this project, the project will create 2-3 full-time positions with one of the applicant's contractors. These positions are not being counted as new qualifying jobs in this application at this time because it is not yet certain whether Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC will have a significant degree of control over the job description and job characteristics or performance as required by Comptroller Rule 9.1051(14).

We would request that maps provided with this Application and any landowner information containing legal real property descriptions remain confidential.

Respectfully,

John P. Taylor  
Property Tax Manager  
713-356-2531 direct  
713-408-6699 cell

[john.taylor@edpr.com](mailto:john.taylor@edpr.com)





# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

(Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

**Form 50-296**

(Revised July 2013)

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

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

- notify the Comptroller that the school board has elected to consider the application.

This notice must include:

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

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

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

The Comptroller will independently determine whether the application has been completed according to the Comptroller's rules (34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F). If the Comptroller finds the application is not complete, the Comptroller will request additional materials from the school district. When the Comptroller determines that the application is complete, it will send the school district a notice indicating so. The Comptroller will determine the eligibility of the project, make a recommendation to the school board regarding the application and prepare an economic impact evaluation by the 90th day after the Comptroller receives a complete application—as determined by the Comptroller.

The school board must approve or disapprove the application before the 151st day after the application review start date (the date the application is finally determined to be complete), unless an extension is granted. The Comptroller and school district are authorized to request additional information from the applicant that is reasonably necessary to complete the recommendation, economic impact evaluation or consider the application at any time during the application review period.

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

## SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION – CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

<b>Authorized School District Representative</b>		Date Application Received by District
First Name	Last Name	
Mr. Roel A.	Gonzalez	
Title		
Superintendent of Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District		
School District Name		
Rio Grande City CISD		
Street Address		
Fort Ringgold		
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP
Rio Grande City	Texas	78582
Phone Number	Fax Number	
956-716-6702	956-487-8506	
Mobile Number (optional)	Email Address	
	rgonzalez@rgccisd.org	

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will consultant be primary contact? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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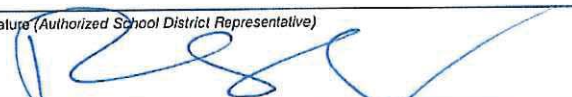
## Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

## SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION – CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

## Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)

First Name Mr. Kevin		Last Name O'Hanlon	
Title Partner			
Firm Name O'Hanlon, McCollom, & Demerath			
Street Address 808 West Ave.			
Mailing Address (same)			
City Austin	State Texas	ZIP 78701	
Phone Number 512-494-9949	Fax Number 512-494-9919		
Mobile Number (Optional)	Email Address Kohanlon@808west.com		

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

Signature (Authorized School District Representative) 	Date 12/17/13
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Has the district determined this application complete? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date determined complete. .... 12/17/13

Have you completed the school finance documents required by TAC 9.1054(c)(3)? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

## SCHOOL DISTRICT CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

	Checklist	Page X of 16	Check Completed
1	Date application received by the ISD	1 of 16	✓
2	Certification page signed and dated by authorized school district representative	2 of 16	✓
3	Date application deemed complete by ISD	2 of 16	✓
4	Certification pages signed and dated by applicant or authorized business representative of applicant	4 of 16	✓
5	Completed company checklist	12 of 16	✓
6	School finance documents described in TAC 9.1054(c)(3) (Due within 20 days of district providing notice of completed application)	2 of 16	will supplement





## APPLICANT INFORMATION – CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

## Authorized Business Representative (Applicant)

First Name Mr. John P.		Last Name Taylor	
Title Property Tax Manager			
Organization EDP Renewables North America L.L.C.			
Street Address 808 Travis St., Suite 700			
Mailing Address (same)			
City Houston		State Texas	ZIP 77002
Phone Number 713-356-2531		Fax Number 713-265-0365	
Mobile Number (optional)		Business Email Address John.Taylor@edpr.com	

Will a company official other than the authorized business representative be responsible for responding to future information requests? .....

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.

First Name Ms. Danielle		Last Name Thurber	
Title Senior Property Tax Analyst			
Organization EDP Renewables North America L.L.C.			
Street Address 808 Travis St., Suite 700			
Mailing Address (same)			
City Houston		State Texas	ZIP 77002
Phone Number 713-356-2576		Fax Number 713-265-0365	
Mobile Number (optional)		Email Address Danielle.Thurber@edpr.com	

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application. .... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will consultant be primary contact? .... ☒ Yes ☐ No



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## Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

## APPLICANT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

## Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable)

First Name Mr. Renn G.		Last Name Neilson	
Title Partner			
Firm Name Baker Botts L.L.P.			
Street Address One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street			
Mailing Address (same)			
City Houston	State Texas	ZIP 77002-4995	
Phone Number 713-229-1671	Fax Number 713-229-7971		
Business Email Address Renn.Neilson@bakerbotts.com			

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

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

Signature (Authorized Business Representative (Applicant))



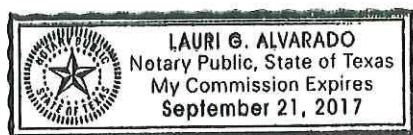
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John Taylor, Property Tax Manager  
EDP Renewables NA LLC  
713-356-2531-o 904-477-9661-c

Date

12/9/2013

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of December, \_\_\_\_\_



(Notary Seal)

Lauri G. Alvarado

Notary Public, State of TexasMy commission expires 9/21/17

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





## FEES AND PAYMENTS

☒ Enclosed is proof of application fee paid to the school district.

For the purpose of this question, "payments to the school district" include any and all payments or transfers of things of value made to the school district or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of thing of value being provided is in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for the agreement for limitation on appraised value.

Please answer only either A OR B:

A. Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to receive a property tax value limitation agreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code, 313.027(i)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

B. If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula or methodology without a specific amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the school district" that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## BUSINESS APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name Under Which Application is Made

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC

Texas Taxpayer I.D. Number of Entity Subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits)

32042891542

NAICS Code

221119

Is the applicant a party to any other Chapter 313 agreements? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name of school district and year of agreement.

A Chapter 313 Application was submitted in September 2013 to Edinburg CISD. The Comptroller's Office recommended approving the application in November 2013. We are negotiating Chapter 313 agreements with Edinburg CISD.

## APPLICANT BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Registered to do business in Texas with the Texas Secretary of State? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Identify Business Organization of Applicant (corporation, limited liability corporation, etc.)

Limited Liability Corporation

1. Is the applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined group, as defined by Texas Tax Code Chapter 171.0001(7)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, please attach documentation of the combined group membership and contact information.

2. Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ☐ NA ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the answer to either question is no, please explain and/or disclose any history of default, delinquencies and/or any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (Use attachment if necessary.)

**ELIGIBILITY UNDER TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.024**

Are you an entity to which Tax Code, Chapter 171 applies? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The property will be used as an integral part, or as a necessary auxiliary part, in one of the following activities:

- (1) manufacturing ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) research and development ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) renewable energy electric generation ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (7) nuclear electric power generation ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information. (Use attachments as necessary)

Please see Attachment 4, Description of the project.

Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state.

The Applicant can locate the Project anywhere in the U.S. with sufficient prevailing wind conditions conducive to power generation. See attachments for further description.

**PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

- ☒ New Jobs ☒ Construct New Facility ☐ New Business / Start-up ☐ Expand Existing Facility
- ☐ Relocation from Out-of-State ☐ Expansion ☒ Purchase Machinery & Equipment
- ☐ Consolidation ☐ Relocation within Texas

**PROJECTED TIMELINE**

Begin Construction April 2016 Begin Hiring New Employees June 2016

Construction Complete December 2016 Fully Operational December 2016

Purchase Machinery & Equipment April 2015 - December 2016

Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Note:** Improvements made before that time may not be considered qualified property.

When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service? December 2016



**ECONOMIC INCENTIVES**

Identify state programs the project will apply for:

State Source

Amount

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Total

Will other incentives be offered by local units of government? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please use the following box for additional details regarding incentives. (Use attachments if necessary.)

The project company plans to enter into a 312 agreement with Starr County. Ms. Rose Benavidez, head of the Starr County Industrial Foundation contact information is 956-487-2709 and email: rbenavidez@starrcounty.org. We have not received an application or proposal for the 312 Starr county abatement because the 312 abatements are awarded on a case by case basis.

**THE PROPERTY**Identify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Starr CountyCentral Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Starr County Appraisal DistrictWill this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property and the portion of project within each entity

County: Starr County-100%  
(Name and percent of project)City: N/A  
(Name and percent of project)Hospital District: Starr County Memorial Hospital District-100  
(Name and percent of project)Water District: Starr County Drainage District-100%  
(Name and percent of project)Other (describe): Starr Farm Road-100%  
(Name and percent of project)Other (describe): South Texas Community College District  
(Name and percent of project)Is the project located entirely within this ISD? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, please provide additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.

Not Applicable

**INVESTMENT**

**NOTE:** The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum amount of appraised value limitation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as rural, and the taxable value of the property within the school district. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's website at [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/).

At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district? ..... \$10,000,000

What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying? ..... \$10,000,000

What is your total estimated *qualified* investment? ..... \$66.9M

**NOTE:** See 313.021(1) for full definition. Generally, Qualified Investment is the sum of the investment in tangible personal property and buildings and new improvements made between beginning of the qualifying time period (date of application final approval by the school district) and the end of the second complete tax year.

What is the anticipated date of application approval? ..... June 30, 2014

What is the anticipated date of the beginning of the qualifying time period? ..... June 30, 2014

What is the total estimated investment for this project for the period from the time of application submission to the end of the limitation period? ..... \$72.7M

Describe the qualified investment.[See 313.021(1).]

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your minimum qualified investment and
- (3) a map of the qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.

Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or 313.053 for rural school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Except for new equipment described in Tax Code §151.318(q) or (q-1), is the proposed tangible personal property to be placed in service for the first time:

(1) in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

(2) if not in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation, is the personal property necessary and ancillary to the business conducted in the new building or other new improvement? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

(3) on the same parcel of land as the building for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

("First placed in service" means the first use of the property by the taxpayer.)

Will the investment in real or personal property you propose be counted toward the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023, (or 313.053 for rural school districts) be first placed in service in this state during the applicable qualifying time period? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the investment in tangible personal property meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the proposed investment includes a building or a permanent, non-removable component of a building, does it house tangible personal property? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

**QUALIFIED PROPERTY**

Describe the qualified property. [See 313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exactly you may skip items (1), (2) and (3) below.)

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property and
- (3) a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements – with vicinity map.

**Land**

Is the land on which you propose new construction or improvements currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "no" to the question above, what is the anticipated date on which you will submit proof of a reinvestment zone with boundaries encompassing the land on which you propose new construction or improvements? .... Not Applicable

Will the applicant own the land by the date of agreement execution? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the project be on leased land? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No



**QUALIFIED PROPERTY (CONTINUED)**

If the land upon which the new building or new improvement is to be built is part of the qualified property described by §313.021(2)(A), please attach complete documentation, including:

1. Legal description of the land
2. Each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the improvements will be constructed, regardless of whether or not all of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property
3. Owner
4. The current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel.
5. A detailed map (with a vicinity map) showing the location of the land

Attach a map of the reinvestment zone boundaries, certified to be accurate by either the governmental entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor. (With vicinity map)

Attach the order, resolution or ordinance establishing the zone, and the guidelines and criteria for creating the zone, if applicable.

**Miscellaneous**

Is the proposed project a building or new improvement to an existing facility? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Attach a description of any existing improvements and include existing appraisal district account numbers.

List current market value of existing property at site as of most recent tax year. Not Applicable Not Applicable  
(Market Value) (Tax Year)

Is any of the existing property subject to a value limitation agreement under Tax Code 313? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will all of the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation be free of a tax abatement agreement entered into by a school district for the duration of the limitation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

What is the estimated number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year), with the applicant or a contractor of the applicant, on the proposed qualified property during the last complete quarter before the application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? None

The last complete calendar quarter before application review start date is the:

☐ First Quarter ☐ Second Quarter ☒ Third Quarter ☐ Fourth Quarter of 2013  
(year)

What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the TWC? None

**Note:** For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code 313.021(3). If the applicant intends to apply a definition for "new job" other than TAC §9.1051(14)(C), then please provide the definition of "new job" as used in this application.

Total number of new jobs that will have been created when fully operational 1

Do you plan to create at least 25 new jobs (at least 10 new jobs for rural school districts) on the land and in connection with the new building or other improvement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum new job creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "yes" to the question above, attach evidence documenting that the new job creation requirement above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards. **Note: Even if a minimum new job waiver is provided, 80% of all new jobs must be qualifying jobs pursuant to Texas Tax Code, §313.024(d).**

What is the maximum number of qualifying jobs meeting all criteria of §313.021(3) you are committing to create? 1

If this project creates more than 1,000 new jobs, the minimum required wage for this project is 110% of the average county weekly wage for all jobs as described by 313.021(3)(E)(ii).

If this project creates less than 1,000 new jobs, does this district have territory in a county that meets the demographic characteristics of 313.051(2)? (see table of information showing this district characteristic at [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/))

If yes, the applicant must meet wage standard described in 313.051(b) (110% of the regional average weekly wage for manufacturing)

If no, the applicant shall designate one of the wage standards set out in §§313.021(5)(A) or 313.021(5)(B).

**WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

For the following three wage calculations please include on an attachment the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation. Show the average and the 110% calculation. Include documentation from TWC website. The final actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimate — will be based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of a completed application). See TAC §9.1051(7).

110% of the county average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is .....	\$427.08
110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is .....	\$392.98
110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is .....	\$595.76

Please identify which Tax Code section you are using to estimate the wage standard required for this project:

☐ §313.021(5)(A) or ☐ §313.021(5)(B) or ☐ §313.021(3)(E)(ii), or ☒ §313.051(b)?

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property? ..... 30,987.00

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property? ..... 30,987.00

Will 80% of all new jobs created by the owner be qualifying jobs as defined by 313.021(3)? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will each qualifying job require at least 1,600 of work a year? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be jobs transferred from one area of the state to another? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be retained jobs? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be created to replace a previous employee? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will any required qualifying jobs be filled by employees of contractors? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, what percent? Not Applicable

Does the applicant or contractor of the applicant offer to pay at least 80% of the employee's health insurance premium for each qualifying job? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe each type of benefits to be offered to qualifying jobholders. (Use attachments as necessary.)

Please reference Attachment 15, Description of Benefits.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Is an Economic Impact Analysis attached (If supplied by other than the Comptroller's office)? ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is Schedule A completed and signed for all years and attached? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule B completed and signed for all years and attached? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule C (Application) completed and signed for all years and attached? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is Schedule D completed and signed for all years and attached? ..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: Excel spreadsheet versions of schedules are available for download and printing at URL listed below.

If there are any other payments made in the state or economic information that you believe should be included in the economic analysis, please attach a separate schedule showing the amount for each year affected, including an explanation.



**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

**Property Tax Limitation Agreement Applications**  
**Texas Government Code Chapter 313**  
**Confidential Information Submitted to the Comptroller**

Generally, an application for property tax value limitation, the information provided therein, and documents submitted in support thereof, are considered public information subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

There is an exception, outlined below, by which information will be withheld from disclosure.

The Comptroller's office will withhold information from public release if:

- 1) it describes the specific processes or business activities to be conducted or the specific tangible personal property to be located on real property covered by the application;
- 2) the information has been segregated in the application from other information in the application; and
- 3) the party requesting confidentiality provides the Comptroller's office a list of the documents for which confidentiality is sought and for each document lists the specific reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the material is believed to be confidential.

All applications and parts of applications which are not segregated and marked as confidential as outlined above will be considered public information and will be posted on the internet.

Such information properly identified as confidential will be withheld from public release unless and until the governing body of the school district acts on the application, or we are directed to do so by a ruling from the Attorney General.

Other information in the custody of a school district or the comptroller submitted in connection with the application, including information related to the economic impact of a project or the essential elements of eligibility under Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, such as

the nature and amount of the projected investment, employment, wages, and benefits, will not be considered confidential business information and will be posted on the internet.

All documents submitted to the Comptroller, as well as all information in the application once the school district acts thereon, are subject to public release unless specific parts of the application or documents submitted with the application are identified as confidential. Any person seeking to limit disclosure of such submitted records is advised to consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and also to take the appropriate precautions to safeguard copyrighted material, trade secrets, or any other proprietary information. The Comptroller assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by respondents. A person seeking to limit disclosure of information must submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why that person believes the material to be confidential.

The following outlines how the Comptroller's office will handle requests for information submitted under the Texas Public Information Act for application portions and submitted records appropriately identified as confidential.

- This office shall forward the request for records and a copy of the documents at issue to the Texas Attorney General's office for an opinion on whether such information may be withheld from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.
- The Comptroller will notify the person who submitted the application/documents when the information is forwarded to the Attorney General's office.
- Please be aware that this Office is obligated to comply with an Attorney General's decision, including release of information ruled public even if it was marked confidential.



## COMPANY CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

	Checklist	Page X of 16	Check Completed
1	Certification pages signed and dated by Authorized Business Representative (applicant)	4 of 16	✓
2	Proof of Payment of Application Fee (Attachment)	5 of 16	✓
3	For applicant members, documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7) (if Applicable) (Attachment)	5 of 16	✓
4	Detailed description of the project	6 of 16	✓
5	If project is located in more than one district, name other districts and list percentage in each district (Attachment)	7 of 16	✓
6	Description of Qualified Investment (Attachment)	8 of 16	✓
7	Map of qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.	8 of 16	✓
8	Description of Qualified Property (Attachment)	8 of 16	✓
9	Map of qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map	8 of 16	✓
10	Description of Land (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
11	A detailed map showing location of the land with vicinity map.	9 of 16	✓
12	A description of all existing (if any) improvements (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
13	Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement (if applicable) (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
14	Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation. (Attachment)	10 of 16	✓
15	Description of Benefits	10 of 16	✓
16	Economic Impact (if applicable)	10 of 16	✓
17	Schedule A completed and signed	13 of 16	✓
18	Schedule B completed and signed	14 of 16	✓
19	Schedule C (Application) completed and signed	15 of 16	✓
20	Schedule D completed and signed	16 of 16	✓
21	Map of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment) (Showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size, Certified to be accurate by either the government entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor, with vicinity map)*	9 of 16	✓
22	Order, Resolution, or Ordinance Establishing the Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓
23	Legal Description of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓
24	Guidelines and Criteria for Reinvestment Zone(Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓

\* To be submitted with application or before date of final application approval by school board.



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

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

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**APPLICANT BUSINESS STRUCTURE-DOCUMENTATION OF THE COMBINED GROUP MEMBERSHIP &  
CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- 1) Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC is a Texas Limited Liability Company formed on October 10, 2010.
- 2) Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC is part of the Combined Group of Texas tax return as stated (a) for the annual reporting year of 2013. The 2013 annual reporting year was for the 2012 calendar year end.
  - a. EDP Renewables North America LLC-100%

*Reporting Entity Taxpayer No. 32003192591*

- 3) Contact Information for Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC is as follows:

Registered Agent: C T Corporation System

Address: 350 N. St. Paul Street, Suite 2900, Dallas, TX 75201-4234

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Ver. 4.0 (Rev. 9-11/14)

## Texas Franchise Tax Affiliate Schedule

Tcode 13253 Annual

Reporting entity taxpayer number

Report year

Reporting entity taxpayer name

32003192591

2013

EDP RENEWABLES NORTH AMERICA LLC

Reporting entity must be included on Affiliate Schedule. Affiliate reporting period dates must be within combined group's accounting period dates.

1. Legal name of affiliate		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number)		3. Affiliate NAICS code	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
4. Check box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax	5. Check box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 010112	7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 123112		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations)		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations)			
0 .00		0 .00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations)		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations)			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>			

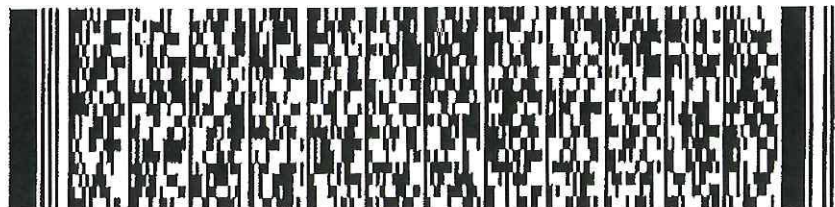
1. Legal name of affiliate		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number)		3. Affiliate NAICS code	
HIDALGO WIND FARM LLC		32042891542		221119	
4. Check box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax	5. Check box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 010112	7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 123112		
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The reporting entity of a combined group with a temporary credit for business loss carryforwards preserved for itself and/or affiliates must electronically submit common owner information online at [window.texas.gov/commonowner](http://window.texas.gov/commonowner). This information must be provided to satisfy franchise tax reporting requirements.

An information report (Form 05-102 or Form 05-187) must be filed for each affiliate that is organized in Texas or that has a physical presence in Texas.

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Disclosing un-redacted copies of our combined group's Texas Franchise Tax Affiliate Schedule would allow competitors to ascertain certain specific business activities to be conducted on the property covered by this application. Furthermore, this information is confidential and may not be disclosed to the public under Texas Tax Code, Section 171.206.





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Corporations Section  
P.O.Box 13697  
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State

## Office of the Secretary of State

October 25, 2010

CT Corporation System  
701 Brazos, Ste. 720  
Austin, TX 78701 USA

RE: Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC  
File Number: 801334738

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It has been our pleasure to file the application for registration and issue the enclosed certificate of filing evidencing the authority of the foreign limited liability company (llc) to transact business in Texas.

Unless exempted, the foreign entity is subject to state tax laws, including franchise tax laws. Shortly, the Comptroller of Public Accounts will be contacting the entity at its registered office for information that will assist the Comptroller in setting up the franchise tax account for the foreign entity. Information about franchise tax, and contact information for the Comptroller's office, is available on their web site at <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise/index.html>.

The registered foreign entity is not required to file annual reports with the Secretary of State. An application for amended registration must be filed with the Secretary of State if the foreign entity changes its name, changes the purposes to be pursued in Texas, or changes the assumed name it elected to use on its application for registration. It is important for the foreign entity to continuously maintain a registered agent and office in Texas. Failure to maintain an agent or office or file a change to the information in Texas may result in the revocation of the entity's registration by the Secretary of State.

If we can be of further service at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Corporations Section  
Business & Public Filings Division  
(512) 463-5555

Enclosure

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## Office of the Secretary of State

### CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC  
File Number: 801334738

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, hereby certifies that an Application for Registration for the above named Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC) to transact business in this State has been received in this office and has been found to conform to the applicable provisions of law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the secretary by law, hereby issues this certificate evidencing the authority of the entity to transact business in this State from and after the effective date shown below for the purpose or purposes set forth in the application under the name of

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC

The issuance of this certificate does not authorize the use of a name in this state in violation of the rights of another under the federal Trademark Act of 1946, the Texas trademark law, the Assumed Business or Professional Name Act, or the common law.

Dated: 10/25/2010

Effective: 10/25/2010



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hope Andrade".

Hope Andrade  
Secretary of State



**Form 304  
(Revised 12/09)**

Submit in duplicate to:  
Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 13697  
Austin, TX 78711-3697  
512 463-5555  
FAX: 512/463-5709  
Filing Fee: \$750



**Application for  
Registration  
of a Foreign Limited  
Liability Company**

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**FILED**  
In the Office of the  
Secretary of State of Texas  
**OCT 25 2010**  
**Corporations Section**

1. The entity is a foreign limited liability company. The name of the entity is:

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC

*Provide the full legal name of the entity as stated in the entity's formation document in its jurisdiction of formation.*

2A. The name of the entity in its jurisdiction of formation does not contain the word "limited liability company" or "limited company" (or an abbreviation thereof). The name of the entity with the word or abbreviation that it elects to add for use in Texas is:

2B. The entity name is not available in Texas. The assumed name under which the entity will qualify and transact business in Texas is:

*The assumed name must include an acceptable organizational identifier or an accepted abbreviation of one of these terms.*

3. Its federal employer identification number is: 27-3573365

☐ Federal employer identification number information is not available at this time.

4. It is organized under the laws of: (set forth state or foreign country) Delaware

and the date of its formation in that jurisdiction is: 07/28/2010

*mm/dd/yyyy*

5. As of the date of filing, the undersigned certifies that the foreign limited liability company currently exists as a valid limited liability company under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation.

6. The purpose or purposes of the limited liability company that it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Texas are set forth below.  
SEE ATTACHMENT

The entity also certifies that it is authorized to pursue such stated purpose or purposes in the state or country under which it is organized.

7. The date on which the foreign entity intends to transact business in Texas, or the date on which the foreign entity first transacted business in Texas is: Upon Filing

*mm/dd/yyyy*

*Late fees may apply (see instructions).*

8. The principal office address of the limited liability company is:

808 Travis, Suite 700, Houston, TX, USA 77002

*Address*

*City*

*State*

*Country*

*Zip/Postal Code*

Complete item 9A or 9B, but not both. Complete item 9C.

☒ 9A. The registered agent is an organization (cannot be entity named above) by the name of:

C T Corporation System

OR

☐ 9B. The registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is:

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Suffix
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9C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
350 N. St. Paul Street, Suite 2900, Dallas,		TX	75201-4234

10. The entity hereby appoints the Secretary of State of Texas as its agent for service of process under the circumstances set forth in section 5.251 of the Texas Business Organizations Code.

11. The name and address of each governing person is:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNING PERSON (Enter the name of either an individual or an organization, but not both.)				
IF INDIVIDUAL				
First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Suffix	
Gabriel	Alonso	Imaz		
OR				
IF ORGANIZATION				
Organization Name				
808 Travis, Suite 700		Houston	TX	USA 77002
Street or Mailing Address		City	State	Country Zip Code

NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNING PERSON (Enter the name of either an individual or an organization, but not both.)				
IF INDIVIDUAL				
First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Suffix	
OR				
IF ORGANIZATION				
Organization Name				
Street or Mailing Address		City	State	Country Zip Code

NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNING PERSON (Enter the name of either an individual or an organization, but not both.)				
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First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Suffix	
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IF ORGANIZATION				
Organization Name				
Street or Mailing Address		City	State	Country Zip Code

### Supplemental Provisions/Information

Text Area: [The attached addendum, if any, is incorporated herein by reference.]

### Effectiveness of Filing (Select either A, B, or C.)

- A. ☒ This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the secretary of state.
- B. ☐ This document becomes effective at a later date, which is not more than ninety (90) days from the date of signing. The delayed effective date is: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. ☐ This document takes effect upon the occurrence of a future event or fact, other than the passage of time. The 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of signing is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The following event or fact will cause the document to take effect in the manner described below:

### Execution

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized under the provisions of law governing the entity to execute the filing instrument.

Date: Oct. 22, 2010


Signature of authorized person (see instructions)

Gabriel Alonso Imaz

Printed or typed name of authorized person.



**Attachment to Texas**

**Purpose Clause**

develop, build and operate wind farms Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful activity permitted under the Texas Business Organizations Code.



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#### ATTACHMENT 4

##### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase expansion will consist of a wind energy facility designed to utilize wind power for electricity generation. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC will be located in Hidalgo County in Edinburg CISD. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase project expansion will be located 100% in Starr County and Rio Grande City CISD. It will utilize 25 Vestas V110 2.0 MW turbines for electricity generation with a nameplate capacity of 50.0MW dependent upon the turbine selection.

Applicant plans to construct the project beginning no later than April 2016 with a commercial operation date ("COD") of December 31, 2016. The total planned investment is estimated around \$72.7M for Rio Grande City CISD.

All of the property for which the Applicant is seeking a limitation of appraised value will be owned by the Applicant, Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC.

**Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state.**

The Applicant can locate the Project anywhere in the U.S. with sufficient prevailing wind conditions conducive to power generation and transmission capacity to interconnect the Project to the grid. The Applicant has over 7,000 MW of development assets for potential construction throughout the U.S.

#### **ATTACHMENT 5**

Applicant plans to invest approximately \$72.7M in Rio Grande City ISD. All twenty-five of the planned wind turbine generators, power transformers, and turbine foundations will be located in Rio Grande City CISD. This will also include electrical collection lines and site access roads for the expansion.

## **ATTACHMENT 6**

### **DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFIED INVESTMENT**

*Attach a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021, a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property, and a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements-with vicinity maps.*

The Applicant is requesting an appraised value limitation on all of the property constructed or placed upon real property described in Schedule A within Rio Grande City CISD, which is located in Starr County. The property for which the Applicant is requesting an appraised value limitation shall include, but is not limited to, the following: 25 Vestas V110 2.0 MW wind turbine towers to generate 50.0MW of power; 25 reinforced concrete foundations supporting the weight of each turbine tower; 25 electric power transformers; and electric poles and conductor cables used to transport electricity from each turbine tower to an electrical substation.

Note: The Qualified Investment description is the same as the Qualified Property.

Please see attached maps contained in Attachment 7, but note that locations of the turbines are not finalized due to micro-siting. All turbines will be located within the school district.



Attachment 7

Map of Qualified Investment - CONFIDENTIAL



The maps included with the 313 Application remain confidential as the project layout can reveal specific business practices used by EDP to measure the local wind resource and maximize electricity generation. Additionally, the maps contain proprietary information regarding potential land leases and possible turbine locations.



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**ATTACHMENT 8**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE QUALIFIED PROPERTY**

Please see Attachment 6-The Qualified Property Description is the same as the Qualified Investment

**ATTACHMENT 9**

MAP OF THE QUALIFIED PROPERTY SHOWING LOCATION OF NEW BUILDINGS OR NEW IMPROVEMENTS  
WITH VICINITY MAP.

Please refer to Attachment 7.



#### Attachment 10

The legal descriptions of real property for parcels located in the project are confidential and not to be posted or shared without the express written consent of Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC. We are pursuing leases with potential landowners for the project site, but not all leases and confidentiality agreements have been executed.

Please refer to Attachment 7 for a Map of the Qualified Property.





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**ATTACHMENT 11**

**LOCATION OF LAND WITH VICINITY MAP**

Please refer to Attachment 7.

## **ATTACHMENT 12**

### **DESCRIPTION OF ANY EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS**

There are no current improvements that exist within the project boundaries.





December 9, 2013

BY CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Roel A. Gonzalez  
Superintendent of Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District (RGCCISD)  
Fort Ringgold  
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582

Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This letter is to advise you that Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC is requesting a waiver of the requirement to create ten full time jobs as part of its Chapter 313 Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property. House Bill 1470 altered the jobs requirement by adding Section 313.025 (f-I) to permit a school district's board of trustees to make a finding that the job requirement could be waived if the job requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property owner that is described in the application. Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC requests that the Rio Grande City CISD's Board of Trustees make such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for ten (10) permanent jobs. Based on the industry standard, the size and scope of the entire project will require a total of three (3) permanent jobs, but one job will be designated for Rio Grande City CISD.

As background information on the creation of full-time jobs by a wind projects, wind projects create a large number of full-time, temporary jobs during the construction phase (1st year), but require a small number of highly skilled technicians to operate a wind project once construction operations cease and commercial operations start.

The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the Project. Our typical standard for permanent employment at a 150 MW wind farm is three full-time employees, although this number varies depending on the turbines selected as well as the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. In addition to the onsite employees described above, there may be asset managers or technicians who supervise, monitor, and support wind project operations from offsite locations.



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Very truly yours,

EDP Renewable North America, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Kristofer Cheney

Title: Development Project Manager

## ATTACHMENT 14

### WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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#### COUNTY AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE FOR ALL JOBS (INDUSTRIES)


3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter-2012	\$361.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter-2012	\$399.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter-2013	\$416.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter-2013	\$377.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,553.00</b>

$\$1,553.00 / 4 = 388.25$ - Average Weekly Salary

**\$388.25 (1.1) = \$427.08 – 110% Average Weekly Salary**

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$411
2012	2nd Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$369
2012	3rd Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$361
2012	4th Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$399
2013	1st Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$416
2013	2nd Qtr	Starr County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$377



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## COUNTY AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE FOR MANUFACTURING JOBS

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter-2012	\$350.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter-2012	\$343.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter-2013	\$362.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter-2013	\$374.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,429.00</b>

$\$1,429.00/4 = \$357.25$  – Average Weekly Salary

$\$357.25(1.1) = \$392.98$  – 110% Average Weekly Salary

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$335
2012	2nd Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$362
2012	3rd Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$350
2012	4th Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$343
2013	1st Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$362
2013	2nd Qtr	Starr County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$374

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**2012 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region**  
**Wages for All Occupations**

COG	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
<b>Texas</b>	<b>\$23.56</b>	<b>\$48,996</b>
<u>1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$20.12	\$41,850
<u>2. South Plains Association of Governments</u>	\$16.18	\$33,662
<u>3. NORTEX Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$17.83	\$37,076
<u>4. North Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$24.68	\$51,333
<u>5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u>	\$16.84	\$35,032
<u>6. East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$19.61	\$40,797
<u>7. West Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$18.24	\$37,941
<u>8. Rio Grande Council of Governments</u>	\$16.17	\$33,631
<u>9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$21.93	\$45,624
<u>10. Concho Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$16.33	\$33,956
<u>11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$19.07	\$39,670
<u>12. Capital Area Council of Governments</u>	\$26.03	\$54,146
<u>13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u>	\$16.55	\$34,424
<u>14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$16.20	\$33,698
<u>15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$29.38	\$61,118
<u>16. Houston-Galveston Area Council</u>	\$26.59	\$55,317
<u>17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission</u>	\$21.03	\$43,742
<u>18. Alamo Area Council of Governments</u>	\$18.40	\$38,280
<u>19. South Texas Development Council *</u>	\$13.54	\$28,170
<u>20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u>	\$22.97	\$47,786
<u>21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council</u>	\$16.33	\$33,961
<u>22. Texoma Council of Governments</u>	\$22.57	\$46,949
<u>23. Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	\$17.16	\$35,689
<u>24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council</u>	\$18.93	\$39,380

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: July 2013

Data published annually, next update will be July 31, 2014

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

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

Data intended for TAC 313 purposes only.

\*The South Texas Development Council for 2012 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region is \$28,170.00 (1.10) = \$30,987.00

#### **Attachment 15**

##### **Description of Benefits**

Qualified employees of Hidalgo Wind Farm will be offered a package of benefits including medical, dental, and vision insurance, of which at least 80% of the premiums for the employee will be paid by the LLC. In addition, each qualifying employee will receive vacation time, sick leave, and life insurance.

**ATTACHMENT 16**

**ECONOMIC IMPACT-** NOT APPLICABLE



Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC  
Rio Grande City CISD

Applicant Name  
ISD Name

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:		Column B:	Column C:	Column D:	Column E:
				Tangible Personal Property	Building or nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)				
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)	2014-2015	2014	The amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year				Other investment that is not qualified investment affecting economic impact and total value	Total Investment (A+B+D)
	Investment made after filing complete application								
	Investment made after filing complete application with district approval of application (eligible to become qualified property)								
	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								
	2								
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Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	2015-2016	2015	66,947,799.00	0.00	66,947,799.00	5,752,201.00	72,700,000.00	
		2016-2017	2016						
		2017-2018	2017						
		2018-2019	2018						
		2019-2020	2019						
		2020-2021	2020						
		2021-2022	2021						
		2022-2023	2022						
		2023-2024	2023						
		2024-2025	2024						
		2025-2026	2025						
		2026-2027	2026						
		2027-2028	2027						
		2028-2029	2028						
		2029-2030	2029						
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence								
Post Settle-Up Period	Post Settle-Up Period								

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

[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).

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.

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.

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## Schedule B (Rev. May 2010): Estimated Market And Taxable Value

ATTACHMENT 18

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Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC

Rio Grande City CISD

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Applicant Name ISD Name	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"		Final taxable value for M&O--after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O--after all reductions
	pre- year 1	2014-2015	2014	N/A	N/A		Exempted Value		
	1	2015-2016	2015	N/A	N/A				
	2	2016-2017	2016	N/A	N/A				
	3	2017-2018	2017	N/A	N/A	55,000,000.00		55,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
	4	2018-2019	2018	N/A	N/A	52,250,000.00		52,250,000.00	10,000,000.00
	5	2019-2020	2019	N/A	N/A	49,500,000.00		49,500,000.00	10,000,000.00
	6	2020-2021	2020	N/A	N/A	46,750,000.00		46,750,000.00	10,000,000.00
	7	2021-2022	2021	N/A	N/A	44,000,000.00		44,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
	8	2022-2023	2022	N/A	N/A	41,250,000.00		41,250,000.00	10,000,000.00
	9	2023-2024	2023	N/A	N/A	38,500,000.00		38,500,000.00	10,000,000.00
	10	2024-2025	2024	N/A	N/A	36,575,000.00		36,575,000.00	10,000,000.00
	11	2025-2026	2025	N/A	N/A	33,000,000.00		33,000,000.00	33,000,000.00
	12	2026-2027	2026	N/A	N/A	30,250,000.00		30,250,000.00	30,250,000.00
	13	2027-2028	2027	N/A	N/A	27,500,000.00		27,500,000.00	27,500,000.00
	14	2028-2029	2028	N/A	N/A	24,750,000.00		24,750,000.00	24,750,000.00
	15	2029-2030	2029	N/A	N/A	22,000,000.00		22,000,000.00	22,000,000.00
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Complete tax years of qualifying time period								
	Value Limitation Period								
	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence								
Credit Settle-Up Period									
Post- Settle-Up Period									
Post- Settle-Up Period									

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 NameHidalgo Wind Farm LLC  
Rio Grande City CISD

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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)	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	2014-2015	2014						
	1	2015-2016	2015						
	2	2016-2017	2016	80,000 manhours	34,576	1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	3	2017-2018	2017			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	4	2018-2019	2018			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	5	2019-2020	2019			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	6	2020-2021	2020			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	7	2021-2022	2021			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	8	2022-2023	2022			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	9	2023-2024	2023			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	10	2024-2025	2024			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	11	2025-2026	2025			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	12	2026-2027	2026			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	13	2027-2028	2027			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	14	2028-2029	2028			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
	15	2029-2030	2029			1	30,987.00	1	30,987.00
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Complete tax years of qualifying time period								
	Value Limitation Period								
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence								
	Post- Settle-Up Period								
	Post- Settle-Up Period								

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

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\*This is a current estimate and is based on the 2012 hourly wage for construction employment from the Texas Bureau of Labor Statistics. Amount is calculated based on 1,600 hours.

\*\* The applicant intends to seek agreement with the school district to condition eligibility for a limitation on appraised value on compliance with the provisions of Chapter 313 as amended by House Bill 3390 (2013 R.S. signed by the Governor on June 14, 2013, effective January 1, 2014) relating to the creation of new jobs, as authorized by Section 23(b) of HB 3390.

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Applicant Name

Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC

ISD Name

Rio Grande City CISD

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Sales Tax Information				Other Property Tax Abatements Sought			
Sales Taxable Expenditures				County***	City	Hospital	Other
Franchise Tax**				Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement
Franchise Tax**				Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax	Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column E: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax
Tax/Calendar Year YYYY				School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Year		
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)				2014-2015	2014		
				2015-2016	2015		
				2016-2017	2016	5,412,224.00	67,048,898.00
				2017-2018	2017		
				2018-2019	2018		
Complete tax years of qualifying time period				2019-2020	2019		
				2020-2021	2020		
				2021-2022	2021		
				2022-2023	2022		
				2023-2024	2023		
Value Limitation Period				2024-2025	2024		
				2025-2026	2025		
				2026-2027	2026		
				2027-2028	2027		
				2028-2029	2028		
Continue to Maintain Viable Presence				2029-2030	2029		
Credit Settle-Up Period							
Post-Settle-Up Period							

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

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\*\*Although gross receipts are expected from the project, the applicant's franchise tax combined group experts to have in every year a cost-of-goods deduction large enough to eliminate any franchise tax liability for the combined group; thus, the estimated franchise tax liability attributable to the project is estimated to be zero in all years on Schedule D.

\*\*\*Applicant will request these abatement percentages from the County, but these values are subject to revision based on negotiations with the County.

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## ATTACHMENT 21

### MAP OF REINVESTMENT ZONE-

-Starr County has been designated as an Enterprise Zone for purposes of Chapter 2303 of the Government Code. Included in the application is a listing of distressed Counties in Texas. Per. Tex. Gov't Code Section 2303.101 (3) explains that all distressed Counties are designated as an Enterprise Zone. Land, Improvements, and tangible personal property in Enterprise Zones can be qualified under Texas Tax Code Section 313.021(2)(A)(i).

## ATTACHMENT 22

### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REINVESTMENT ZONE

-Starr County has been designated as an Enterprise Zone for purposes of Chapter 2303 of the Government Code. Included in the application is a listing of distressed Counties in Texas. Per. Tex. Gov't Code Section 2303.101 (3) explains that all distressed Counties are designated as an Enterprise Zone. Land, Improvements, and tangible personal property in Enterprise Zones can be qualified under Texas Tax Code Section 313.021(2)(A)(i).

### **ATTACHMENT 23**

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

-Starr County has been designated as an Enterprise Zone for purposes of Chapter 2303 of the Government Code. Included in the application is a listing of distressed Counties in Texas. Per. Tex. Gov't Code Section 2303.101 (3) explains that all distressed Counties are designated as an Enterprise Zone. Land, Improvements, and tangible personal property in Enterprise Zones can be qualified under Texas Tax Code Section 313.021(2)(A)(i).

## **ATTACHMENT 24**

### **GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR REINVESTMENT ZONE**

-Starr County has been designated as an Enterprise Zone for purposes of Chapter 2303 of the Government Code. Included in the application is a listing of distressed Counties in Texas. Per. Tex. Gov't Code Section 2303.101 (3) explains that all distressed Counties are designated as an Enterprise Zone. Land, Improvements, and tangible personal property in Enterprise Zones can be qualified under Texas Tax Code Section 313.021(2)(A)(i).



County	2013 Distressed County	2010 Decennial Population	2010 Decennial Poverty	2010 Decennial Adults without High School Diploma or Equivalent	2012 Unemployment Rate	2011 Unemployment Rate	2010 Unemployment Rate	2009 Unemployment Rate	2008 Unemployment Rate
Anderson	no	58,458	16.50%	25.20%	7.70%	9.1%	9.5%	8.8%	5.7%
Andrews	no	14,756	17.10%	27.30%	3.70%	5.0%	6.0%	7.1%	3.4%
Angelina	no	86,771	17.80%	22.00%	6.70%	7.7%	8.0%	8.3%	4.9%
Aransas	no	23,158	17.40%	14.80%	6.10%	8.0%	8.1%	6.9%	4.5%
Archer	no	9,054	10.00%	16.00%	4.90%	5.9%	6.0%	6.0%	3.8%
Armstrong	no	1,901	10.70%	8.50%	4.80%	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	3.6%
Atascosa	no	44,911	18.80%	26.20%	6.60%	7.9%	7.9%	7.4%	4.7%
Austin	no	28,417	8.80%	18.80%	6.00%	8.2%	8.0%	7.4%	4.3%
Bailey	no	7,165	17.30%	26.60%	6.60%	7.3%	7.1%	5.6%	4.2%
Bandera	no	20,485	18.40%	11.00%	6.00%	6.8%	7.1%	6.5%	4.4%
Bastrop	no	74,171	14.10%	19.40%	6.40%	7.8%	8.4%	7.8%	4.9%
Baylor	no	3,726	17.30%	15.30%	4.30%	5.8%	6.6%	5.8%	3.8%
Bee	yes	31,861	19.00%	30.50%	7.00%	8.6%	9.1%	9.3%	6.3%
Bell	no	310,235	14.10%	11.40%	7.30%	8.0%	7.5%	6.7%	4.9%
Bexar	no	1,714,773	16.90%	18.60%	6.60%	7.6%	7.4%	6.8%	4.7%
Blanco	no	10,497	11.70%	11.70%	5.50%	6.1%	5.9%	5.1%	3.8%
Borden	no	641	4.30%	14.90%	3.00%	3.9%	5.0%	5.7%	3.2%
Bosque	no	18,212	16.20%	19.90%	7.40%	8.5%	8.7%	7.9%	4.7%
Bowie	no	92,565	16.80%	16.50%	6.80%	7.7%	8.3%	6.7%	5.1%
Brazoria	no	313,166	10.60%	15.70%	7.00%	8.6%	9.0%	8.1%	5.2%
Brazos	no	194,851	29.70%	15.50%	5.50%	6.4%	6.1%	5.4%	3.9%
Brewster	no	9,232	16.50%	19.80%	4.70%	5.3%	5.5%	4.9%	3.7%
Briscoe	no	1,637	19.90%	19.00%	6.30%	6.8%	5.9%	5.6%	4.2%
Brooks	yes	7,223	34.00%	46.30%	7.10%	8.9%	9.9%	9.5%	5.4%
Brown	no	38,106	16.20%	18.30%	6.00%	7.2%	7.3%	6.9%	4.5%
Burleson	no	17,187	13.50%	23.20%	6.00%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	4.4%
Burnet	no	42,750	13.70%	16.50%	5.40%	6.2%	6.5%	6.1%	4.0%
Caldwell	no	38,066	19.60%	24.40%	7.00%	8.5%	8.6%	8.3%	5.2%
Calhoun	no	21,381	16.30%	21.80%	7.00%	9.1%	9.0%	8.6%	4.9%
Callahan	no	13,544	13.90%	13.70%	5.10%	6.2%	6.0%	5.9%	3.7%
Cameron	yes	406,220	34.70%	37.70%	10.50%	11.8%	11.2%	9.9%	6.8%
Camp	no	12,401	20.40%	25.30%	7.70%	8.8%	8.8%	8.9%	5.0%
Carson	no	6,182	5.70%	12.10%	4.50%	5.0%	5.2%	5.9%	3.4%
Cass	no	30,464	19.30%	17.70%	9.10%	10.6%	11.0%	11.5%	6.2%
Castro	no	8,062	23.30%	31.90%	5.10%	5.7%	5.6%	5.0%	3.7%
Chambers	no	35,096	10.50%	15.20%	7.70%	8.9%	9.9%	9.4%	5.8%
Cherokee	yes	50,845	22.40%	25.80%	7.70%	8.9%	9.1%	9.0%	6.0%
Childress	no	7,041	16.20%	17.90%	5.30%	6.1%	7.1%	6.0%	5.1%
Clay	no	10,752	11.70%	10.80%	5.10%	6.1%	6.6%	7.0%	4.0%
Cochran	no	3,127	24.90%	33.50%	7.70%	9.0%	8.2%	6.7%	4.8%
Coke	no	3,320	15.10%	13.70%	6.20%	7.9%	7.9%	8.4%	7.7%
Coleman	no	13,544	29.40%	22.20%	5.90%	7.1%	6.9%	7.0%	4.0%
Collin	no	782,341	6.90%	7.20%	6.10%	7.0%	7.5%	7.3%	4.6%

County	2013 Distressed County	2010 Decennial Population	2010 Decennial Poverty	2010 Decennial Adults without High School Diploma or Equivalent	2012 Unemployment Rate	2011 Unemployment Rate	2010 Unemployment Rate	2009 Unemployment Rate	2008 Unemployment Rate
Collingsworth	no	3,057	20.80%	25.80%	4.70%	5.3%	5.3%	5.5%	3.9%
Colorado	no	20,874	15.20%	20.40%	5.70%	7.1%	7.5%	6.5%	4.0%
Comal	no	108,472	10.00%	11.40%	6.10%	6.9%	6.9%	6.2%	4.1%
Comanche	no	13,974	22.10%	25.30%	5.80%	5.80%	6.7%	6.1%	3.9%
Concho	yes	4,087	20.00%	28.30%	7.10%	7.9%	8.3%	7.4%	5.3%
Cooke	no	38,437	13.60%	18.20%	4.40%	5.4%	6.6%	6.6%	3.5%
Correll	no	75,388	13.20%	12.40%	8.60%	9.2%	8.8%	8.4%	6.1%
Cottle	no	1,505	10.90%	20.90%	6.10%	6.4%	6.3%	5.6%	4.0%
Crane	no	4,375	17.00%	27.80%	5.30%	7.3%	8.1%	8.7%	4.1%
Crockett	no	3,719	15.90%	38.10%	4.00%	5.3%	6.8%	8.6%	2.9%
Crosby	no	6,059	23.90%	24.80%	6.80%	9.3%	7.9%	6.9%	4.9%
Culberson	no	2,398	28.80%	38.20%	3.50%	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%	3.0%
Dallam	no	6,703	12.50%	28.20%	3.90%	4.6%	5.2%	4.3%	3.0%
Dallas	no	2,368,139	17.60%	23.50%	7.20%	8.4%	8.8%	8.2%	5.4%
Dawson	yes	13,833	19.10%	33.00%	6.90%	7.9%	8.2%	8.1%	5.4%
Deaf Smith	no	19,372	17.50%	33.70%	4.90%	5.6%	5.7%	5.3%	3.8%
Delta	no	5,231	14.50%	15.80%	7.60%	8.9%	9.1%	8.4%	5.3%
Denton	no	662,614	8.00%	8.80%	6.00%	7.0%	7.5%	7.2%	4.5%
DeWitt	no	20,097	16.40%	24.50%	5.00%	6.7%	7.9%	7.7%	4.2%
Dickens	no	2,444	24.60%	27.10%	9.50%	13.6%	10.3%	7.4%	4.4%
Dimmit	yes	9,996	36.40%	39.00%	5.10%	7.0%	9.6%	10.2%	6.7%
Donley	no	3,677	10.50%	17.80%	5.50%	6.1%	6.4%	6.2%	4.2%
Duval	yes	11,782	22.90%	35.10%	6.70%	9.1%	11.2%	11.1%	5.4%
Eastland	no	18,583	21.00%	22.30%	6.10%	7.1%	7.9%	7.6%	4.6%
Ector	no	137,130	16.70%	27.10%	4.20%	5.8%	7.8%	8.2%	3.4%
Edwards	no	2,002	24.70%	32.30%	6.80%	7.1%	7.2%	7.3%	3.8%
El Paso	yes	800,647	25.60%	29.00%	6.80%	10.3%	9.5%	8.0%	6.3%
Ellis	no	149,610	11.30%	17.10%	9.30%	8.1%	8.5%	9.0%	5.1%
Erath	no	37,890	19.70%	20.50%	5.50%	6.2%	6.5%	6.3%	3.8%
Falls	yes	17,866	23.40%	26.50%	8.40%	9.5%	9.6%	8.9%	5.8%
Fannin	no	33,915	14.70%	17.60%	8.60%	9.9%	9.3%	8.8%	5.9%
Fayette	no	24,554	11.00%	21.00%	4.80%	5.8%	5.9%	5.6%	3.5%
Fisher	no	3,974	13.90%	19.00%	5.20%	6.4%	6.5%	6.1%	3.9%
Floyd	no	6,446	23.80%	25.40%	6.80%	8.3%	8.5%	6.8%	4.7%
Foard	no	1,336	23.40%	24.20%	5.70%	7.0%	6.3%	5.8%	4.0%
Fort Bend	no	585,375	8.00%	11.40%	6.10%	7.3%	8.0%	7.2%	4.5%
Franklin	no	10,605	14.80%	17.30%	6.50%	7.3%	7.7%	6.9%	4.3%
Freestone	no	19,816	16.00%	21.30%	5.40%	6.4%	6.6%	6.3%	4.1%
Frio	yes	17,217	21.80%	35.70%	5.60%	7.3%	7.6%	7.6%	5.5%
Gaines	no	17,526	18.00%	41.80%	4.60%	5.6%	6.2%	6.4%	3.9%
Galveston	no	291,309	12.80%	7.10%	7.70%	9.1%	9.2%	8.2%	5.8%
Garza	no	6,461	21.70%	37.10%	6.10%	7.1%	5.4%	5.3%	3.8%
Gillespie	no	24,837	8.00%	13.60%	4.20%	4.7%	4.8%	4.5%	3.1%



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					Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Glasscock	no	1,226	11.20%	22.00%	4.30%	4.4%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%	4.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Goliad	no	7,210	11.80%	16.20%	5.30%	6.1%	7.3%	6.9%	7.3%	6.9%	7.3%	6.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Gonzales	no	19,807	20.30%	32.40%	4.60%	5.7%	6.2%	5.5%	6.2%	5.5%	6.2%	5.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Gray	no	22,535	15.00%	20.70%	4.80%	7.0%	8.2%	7.5%	8.2%	7.5%	8.2%	7.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Grayson	no	120,877	13.50%	14.80%	7.20%	8.3%	8.4%	8.1%	8.4%	8.1%	8.4%	8.1%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
Gregg	no	121,730	16.50%	17.60%	5.70%	6.8%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
Grimes	no	26,604	15.90%	22.80%	6.50%	7.9%	8.8%	8.6%	8.8%	8.6%	8.8%	8.6%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
Guadalupe	no	131,533	9.70%	14.90%	5.80%	6.7%	6.9%	6.5%	6.9%	6.5%	6.9%	6.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Hale	no	36,273	19.00%	30.00%	8.00%	7.2%	7.0%	6.2%	7.0%	6.2%	7.0%	6.2%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
Hall	yes	3,353	27.70%	27.80%	8.00%	8.9%	9.2%	8.5%	9.2%	8.5%	9.2%	8.5%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%
Hamilton	no	8,517	11.40%	17.40%	5.40%	5.9%	6.1%	5.7%	6.1%	5.7%	6.1%	5.7%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%
Hansford	no	5,613	13.50%	24.00%	3.90%	4.5%	4.8%	5.2%	4.8%	5.2%	4.8%	5.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
Hardeman	no	4,139	19.20%	20.60%	5.10%	5.9%	6.9%	7.5%	6.9%	7.5%	6.9%	7.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%
Hardin	no	54,635	12.00%	14.90%	7.90%	9.4%	9.3%	8.8%	9.3%	8.8%	9.3%	8.8%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Harris	no	4,092,459	16.80%	22.40%	6.80%	8.2%	8.5%	7.6%	8.5%	7.6%	8.5%	7.6%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Harrison	no	65,631	15.20%	16.30%	6.90%	7.8%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
Hartley	no	6,062	9.30%	21.60%	4.40%	5.1%	4.8%	4.2%	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%	4.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Haskell	no	5,899	18.80%	22.10%	5.60%	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Hays	no	157,107	16.40%	11.90%	5.70%	6.7%	7.1%	6.6%	7.1%	6.6%	7.1%	6.6%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Hemphill	no	3,807	16.80%	19.30%	2.30%	2.7%	2.7%	3.5%	2.7%	3.5%	2.7%	3.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Henderson	no	78,532	16.80%	21.00%	7.30%	8.4%	8.6%	8.2%	8.6%	8.2%	8.6%	8.2%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%
Hidalgo	yes	774,769	34.40%	39.80%	11.00%	12.0%	11.8%	10.6%	11.8%	10.6%	11.8%	10.6%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%
Hill	no	35,089	15.00%	21.90%	6.90%	8.3%	8.3%	7.9%	8.3%	7.9%	8.3%	7.9%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
Hockley	no	22,935	17.00%	25.90%	4.70%	5.7%	6.3%	6.9%	6.3%	6.9%	6.3%	6.9%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Hood	no	51,182	10.90%	13.80%	5.60%	7.2%	7.5%	7.1%	7.5%	7.1%	7.5%	7.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Hopkins	no	35,161	15.80%	21.30%	6.00%	6.9%	6.8%	6.1%	6.8%	6.1%	6.8%	6.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Houston	no	23,732	23.70%	21.50%	9.50%	10.4%	9.8%	9.4%	9.8%	9.4%	9.8%	9.4%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%
Howard	no	35,012	17.70%	29.20%	6.10%	7.2%	7.2%	7.4%	7.2%	7.4%	7.2%	7.4%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
Hudspeth	no	3,476	46.00%	49.50%	5.70%	6.1%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	5.6%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Hunt	no	86,129	19.20%	20.00%	7.80%	8.4%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
Hutchinson	no	22,150	15.20%	16.50%	5.50%	5.8%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Irion	no	1,599	1.50%	18.40%	4.30%	5.5%	4.8%	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
Jack	no	9,044	17.80%	21.10%	4.50%	5.4%	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	6.3%	6.1%	6.3%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Jackson	no	14,075	11.70%	22.80%	5.20%	6.6%	7.3%	7.5%	7.3%	7.5%	7.3%	7.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
Jasper	no	35,710	18.60%	18.40%	9.90%	11.7%	11.5%	10.2%	11.5%	10.2%	11.5%	10.2%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Jeff Davis	no	2,342	14.70%	16.10%	5.50%	5.7%	5.3%	5.1%	5.3%	5.1%	5.3%	5.1%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Jefferson	no	252,273	18.80%	18.60%	10.70%	11.3%	10.9%	9.7%	10.9%	9.7%	10.9%	9.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
Jim Hogg	no	5,300	12.00%	31.10%	4.80%	6.5%	7.9%	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%	7.9%	7.8%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
Jim Wells	no	40,838	21.90%	29.40%	4.90%	4.9%	8.6%	8.9%	8.6%	8.9%	8.6%	8.9%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Johnson	no	150,934	10.50%	18.30%	6.60%	7.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.3%	8.2%	8.3%	8.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
Jones	no	20,202	12.30%	34.40%	6.30%	7.5%	8.0%	7.8%	8.0%	7.8%	8.0%	7.8%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Karnes	yes	14,824	19.00%	30.40%	6.80%	8.4%	9.4%	9.2%	9.4%	9.2%	9.4%	9.2%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
Kaufman	no	103,350	11.40%	17.30%	7.10%	8.3%	9.0%	8.3%	9.0%	8.3%	9.0%	8.3%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%

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Kendall	no	33,410	7.10%	8.90%	5.50%	6.2%	6.0%	5.7%	3.8%	
Kenedy	no	416	14.90%	40.20%	3.30%	4.7%	5.5%	6.0%	3.3%	
Kent	no	808	5.40%	9.40%	5.00%	6.0%	5.9%	5.4%	4.5%	
Kerr	no	49,625	14.10%	13.80%	5.50%	6.4%	6.2%	5.8%	4.0%	
Kimble	no	4,607	14.60%	23.50%	5.50%	6.8%	6.5%	5.2%	3.8%	
King	no	286	0.00%	9.20%	6.30%	5.7%	6.7%	5.2%	4.2%	
Kinney	no	3,598	32.20%	24.60%	7.50%	8.6%	9.0%	7.7%	5.4%	
Kleberg	no	32,061	24.80%	23.90%	5.90%	6.9%	7.0%	6.8%	4.3%	
Knox	no	3,719	16.00%	24.50%	5.60%	6.1%	5.8%	6.1%	3.9%	
La Salle	yes	6,886	21.80%	40.10%	9.00%	6.5%	7.9%	9.7%	5.6%	
Lamar	no	49,793	16.70%	17.60%	7.70%	9.7%	9.0%	7.8%	5.5%	
Lamb	no	13,977	17.90%	28.10%	6.90%	7.2%	7.1%	7.4%	4.5%	
Lampasas	no	19,677	14.60%	17.40%	4.30%	7.2%	6.2%	5.9%	4.1%	
Lavaca	no	19,263	10.50%	23.70%	4.50%	5.7%	6.6%	5.9%	3.5%	
Lee	no	16,612	10.80%	20.90%	4.90%	5.9%	6.7%	6.8%	4.0%	
Leon	no	16,801	16.70%	21.30%	6.70%	7.6%	7.9%	7.4%	4.4%	
Liberty	no	75,643	15.40%	26.80%	8.80%	10.6%	11.0%	10.1%	6.0%	
Limestone	no	23,384	18.90%	25.50%	6.10%	7.3%	6.8%	6.3%	4.5%	
Lipscomb	no	3,302	14.20%	18.50%	3.50%	4.5%	5.6%	6.7%	2.7%	
Live Oak	no	11,531	13.30%	22.90%	4.20%	5.5%	6.7%	7.3%	4.3%	
Llano	no	19,301	12.60%	12.00%	6.50%	7.5%	7.5%	7.0%	4.5%	
Loving	no	82	0.00%	7.70%	9.30%	9.8%	8.0%	10.0%	8.9%	
Lubbock	no	278,831	18.80%	16.60%	5.50%	6.1%	6.2%	5.3%	3.8%	
Lynn	no	5,915	16.90%	25.80%	6.80%	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%	4.7%	
Madison	no	13,664	20.40%	21.80%	5.30%	8.1%	7.9%	7.5%	5.3%	
Marion	no	10,546	23.20%	23.10%	6.50%	9.2%	10.3%	10.5%	5.1%	
Martin	no	4,799	7.20%	29.10%	2.60%	5.3%	5.7%	5.4%	3.4%	
Mason	no	4,012	16.30%	20.10%	6.90%	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%	3.0%	
Matagorda	no	36,702	21.60%	23.40%	7.90%	11.6%	11.3%	10.3%	7.0%	
Maverick	yes	54,258	33.60%	44.80%	4.30%	14.2%	15.2%	14.4%	11.0%	
McCulloch	no	8,283	22.90%	25.20%	4.30%	5.9%	7.1%	8.1%	4.1%	
McLennan	no	234,906	20.50%	19.70%	9.90%	7.4%	7.4%	6.7%	4.6%	
McMullen	no	707	9.10%	21.30%	12.60%	3.8%	6.7%	7.2%	5.6%	
Medina	no	46,006	15.90%	21.70%	6.40%	7.4%	7.4%	6.7%	5.1%	
Menard	no	2,242	18.60%	19.90%	6.10%	7.0%	6.8%	6.4%	2.9%	
Midland	no	136,872	12.50%	18.80%	3.50%	4.4%	5.3%	5.6%	2.9%	
Milam	no	24,757	17.60%	18.50%	7.90%	9.6%	10.4%	11.1%	5.5%	
Mills	no	4,936	15.70%	22.80%	5.10%	6.1%	6.0%	5.4%	4.0%	
Mitchell	no	9,403	15.30%	26.60%	6.40%	7.8%	8.6%	8.6%	5.4%	
Montague	no	19,719	13.20%	18.80%	4.90%	5.9%	7.2%	7.2%	3.7%	
Montgomery	no	455,746	10.90%	14.10%	6.00%	7.2%	7.6%	7.0%	4.3%	
Moore	no	21,904	13.40%	30.50%	4.10%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	3.1%	
Morris	no	12,934	16.70%	17.70%	9.20%	11.5%	13.1%	14.9%	6.2%	



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Motley	no	1,210	22.10%	15.30%	5.40%	6.0%	5.6%	5.4%	4.1%
Nacogdoches	no	64,524	24.60%	19.50%	6.30%	6.8%	6.9%	6.4%	4.4%
Navarro	no	47,735	19.80%	23.50%	7.70%	8.8%	9.1%	8.0%	5.6%
Newton	no	14,445	16.20%	22.30%	11.80%	13.9%	13.0%	11.5%	7.3%
Nolan	no	15,216	19.40%	22.60%	5.60%	6.6%	6.9%	6.4%	3.9%
Nueces	no	340,223	19.10%	21.80%	6.20%	7.6%	7.6%	6.9%	4.6%
Ochiltree	no	10,223	17.70%	29.30%	3.30%	4.2%	5.1%	6.0%	2.7%
Oldham	no	2,052	13.40%	17.70%	4.40%	5.1%	6.0%	5.9%	4.2%
Orange	no	81,837	13.90%	14.20%	9.80%	11.2%	10.8%	9.9%	6.6%
Palo Pinto	no	28,111	13.80%	23.20%	6.20%	7.4%	7.9%	7.8%	4.3%
Panola	no	23,796	12.50%	18.50%	5.60%	6.9%	7.3%	7.4%	3.9%
Parker	no	116,927	10.50%	14.60%	6.10%	7.1%	7.7%	7.7%	4.5%
Parmer	no	10,269	18.60%	35.00%	4.80%	5.1%	4.7%	4.5%	3.4%
Pecos	no	15,507	19.90%	34.90%	4.50%	5.3%	6.7%	9.1%	4.8%
Polk	no	45,413	21.80%	25.10%	8.30%	9.7%	9.9%	9.1%	6.4%
Potter	no	121,073	22.70%	24.60%	5.60%	6.3%	6.5%	6.1%	4.1%
Presidio	yes	7,818	24.10%	46.30%	12.40%	14.3%	17.3%	16.7%	10.8%
Rains	no	10,914	11.50%	19.20%	7.30%	8.5%	9.2%	8.1%	5.2%
Randall	no	120,725	9.40%	8.70%	4.20%	4.7%	5.0%	4.6%	3.1%
Reagan	no	3,367	10.50%	31.50%	2.40%	3.2%	4.1%	6.5%	2.0%
Real	no	3,309	26.80%	22.40%	7.20%	7.3%	5.8%	5.6%	3.9%
Red River	yes	12,860	17.50%	27.50%	10.40%	11.8%	11.0%	9.3%	6.6%
Reeves	yes	13,783	28.70%	47.20%	9.60%	11.0%	10.9%	11.8%	6.0%
Refugio	no	7,383	16.00%	27.30%	4.60%	5.9%	6.9%	6.5%	3.9%
Roberts	no	929	14.60%	8.10%	3.90%	4.0%	4.7%	5.2%	2.4%
Robertson	no	16,620	21.20%	23.40%	7.70%	8.8%	8.6%	7.8%	4.9%
Rockwall	no	78,337	5.60%	8.70%	6.20%	7.2%	7.6%	7.3%	4.6%
Runnels	no	10,501	21.60%	22.90%	6.20%	8.2%	9.0%	7.6%	4.8%
Rusk	no	53,330	12.40%	20.60%	6.20%	7.0%	7.6%	7.8%	4.4%
Sabine	no	10,834	18.00%	22.50%	15.30%	16.3%	16.3%	14.9%	9.2%
San Augustine	yes	8,865	27.10%	28.60%	10.50%	12.4%	11.1%	10.2%	6.4%
San Jacinto	no	26,384	17.80%	23.00%	8.00%	9.6%	10.4%	9.2%	5.8%
San Patricio	no	64,804	16.60%	23.70%	7.60%	9.5%	10.3%	8.7%	5.4%
San Saba	no	6,131	23.40%	18.60%	7.80%	7.5%	8.3%	7.3%	5.5%
Schleicher	no	3,461	12.40%	21.50%	4.40%	6.3%	8.0%	9.4%	3.5%
Scurry	no	16,921	17.70%	25.80%	4.30%	5.6%	6.4%	6.8%	4.1%
Shackelford	no	3,378	13.20%	13.20%	2.90%	4.2%	4.6%	4.1%	2.7%
Shelby	no	25,448	25.40%	24.60%	6.50%	7.9%	7.9%	7.4%	4.9%
Sherman	no	3,034	12.90%	25.60%	4.60%	5.0%	4.8%	4.7%	3.7%
Smith	no	209,714	15.40%	15.80%	7.00%	7.8%	7.9%	7.6%	5.0%
Somervell	no	8,490	10.80%	12.60%	6.00%	7.9%	7.9%	7.0%	4.5%
Starr	yes	60,968	38.00%	52.10%	15.00%	16.9%	17.9%	16.7%	11.9%
Stephens	no	9,630	19.90%	17.80%	5.70%	7.5%	7.1%	6.8%	3.7%

County	2013 Distressed County	2010 Decennial Population	2010 Decennial Poverty	2010 Decennial Adults without High School Diploma or Equivalent	2012 Unemployment Rate	2011 Unemployment Rate	2010 Unemployment Rate	2009 Unemployment Rate	2008 Unemployment Rate
Sterling	no	1,143	21.00%	22.50%	3.00%	4.2%	4.6%	4.4%	2.8%
Stonewall	no	1,490	11.90%	14.50%	3.90%	5.0%	4.9%	4.7%	3.4%
Sutton	no	4,128	11.70%	30.60%	3.20%	4.5%	6.4%	6.7%	2.0%
Swisher	no	7,854	15.40%	24.10%	5.70%	6.5%	6.2%	6.0%	4.5%
Tarrant	no	1,809,034	13.40%	66.20%	6.60%	7.8%	8.3%	7.7%	4.9%
Taylor	no	131,506	16.50%	15.90%	5.30%	6.3%	6.4%	5.7%	3.8%
Terrill	no	984	16.50%	19.60%	6.30%	8.6%	8.5%	9.0%	5.8%
Terry	no	12,651	16.60%	31.90%	6.60%	7.3%	7.4%	7.0%	4.4%
Throckmorton	no	1,641	13.20%	21.60%	4.50%	5.6%	4.8%	5.2%	3.4%
Titus	no	32,334	17.90%	27.10%	7.10%	7.9%	7.8%	7.4%	4.3%
Tom Green	no	110,224	16.80%	18.80%	5.30%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%	4.1%
Travis	no	1,024,266	16.20%	13.70%	5.70%	6.6%	6.9%	6.7%	4.2%
Trinity	no	14,585	16.60%	19.10%	7.90%	9.2%	8.8%	8.5%	5.6%
Tyler	no	21,766	18.30%	17.10%	10.00%	11.5%	10.6%	9.8%	6.1%
Upshur	no	39,309	13.10%	16.60%	5.80%	7.2%	7.8%	7.6%	4.3%
Upton	no	3,355	13.90%	24.50%	3.40%	4.5%	5.0%	5.7%	3.1%
Uvalde	yes	26,405	26.70%	30.10%	8.00%	9.0%	9.1%	8.1%	5.9%
Val Verde	yes	48,879	24.00%	30.10%	7.60%	9.0%	9.1%	9.3%	6.0%
Van Zandt	no	52,579	24.00%	36.00%	6.40%	7.4%	7.6%	7.0%	4.4%
Victoria	no	86,793	16.40%	19.90%	5.40%	6.4%	7.3%	7.1%	3.9%
Walker	no	67,861	21.10%	19.70%	6.70%	7.8%	7.6%	7.0%	5.3%
Waller	no	43,205	21.10%	20.50%	7.00%	8.2%	8.9%	8.2%	5.0%
Ward	no	10,658	17.30%	29.60%	4.50%	6.2%	8.0%	8.9%	3.9%
Washington	no	33,718	16.00%	20.80%	5.10%	6.0%	6.4%	6.1%	4.1%
Webb	yes	250,304	29.80%	37.30%	7.10%	8.1%	8.6%	8.7%	5.4%
Wharton	no	41,280	17.20%	24.90%	6.80%	8.3%	8.6%	7.0%	4.5%
Wheeler	no	5,410	13.90%	20.60%	3.60%	4.0%	4.7%	5.7%	2.5%
Wichita	no	131,500	15.30%	17.20%	6.30%	7.3%	8.0%	7.6%	5.0%
Wilbarger	no	13,535	23.30%	26.40%	4.60%	5.6%	6.1%	4.9%	3.7%
Willacy	yes	22,134	43.40%	42.60%	14.00%	14.3%	12.7%	12.3%	9.0%
Williamson	no	422,679	6.50%	8.40%	5.90%	6.8%	7.4%	7.4%	4.6%
Wilson	no	42,918	9.00%	15.50%	5.90%	7.1%	7.4%	6.5%	4.7%
Winkler	no	7,110	16.30%	37.10%	4.70%	6.1%	7.8%	9.4%	3.9%
Wise	no	59,127	9.80%	18.50%	6.30%	7.2%	8.2%	8.7%	4.4%
Wood	no	41,964	14.00%	19.20%	7.20%	8.0%	8.6%	8.0%	5.1%
Yoakum	no	7,879	25.00%	28.60%	3.50%	4.7%	6.3%	7.7%	3.1%
Young	no	18,550	15.60%	23.50%	5.00%	6.5%	6.7%	6.5%	3.6%
Zapata	yes	14,018	37.60%	43.30%	6.50%	8.5%	11.0%	10.8%	5.6%
Zavala	yes	11,677	43.00%	83.20%	14.10%	15.4%	15.6%	14.9%	10.8%



## Attachment B

### Certificate of Account Status





## Franchise Tax Account Status

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HIDALGO WIND FARM LLC	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32042891542
Mailing Address	808 TRAVIS ST STE 700 HOUSTON, TX 77002-5774
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	DE
Effective SOS Registration Date	10/25/2010
Texas SOS File Number	0801334738
Registered Agent Name	C T CORPORATION SYSTEM
Registered Office Street Address	1999 BRYAN ST., STE. 900 DALLAS, TX 75201



## Attachment C

### State Comptroller's Recommendation

S U S A N  
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TEXAS COMPTROLLER *of* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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



March 19, 2014

Roel A. Gonzalez  
Superintendent  
Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District  
Fort Ringgold  
Rio Grande City, Texas 78582

Dear Superintendent Gonzalez:

On December 19, 2013, the Comptroller received the completed application (Application # 395) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313<sup>1</sup>. This application was originally submitted in December 2013 to the Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District (the school district) by Hidalgo Wind Farm, LLC (the applicant). This letter presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to make a recommendation to the governing body of the school district as to whether the application should be approved or disapproved using the criteria set out by Section 313.026.

The school district is currently classified as a rural school district in Category 3 according to the provisions of Chapter 313. Therefore, the applicant properly applied under the provisions of Subchapter C, applicable to rural school districts. The amount of proposed qualified investment (\$66.9 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.

The applicant is an active franchise taxpayer in good standing, as required by Section 313.024(a), and is proposing the construction of a renewable energy facility in Starr County, an eligible property use under Section 313.024(b). The Comptroller has determined that the property, as described by the application, meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

After reviewing the application using the criteria listed in Section 313.026, and the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller's recommendation is that this application under Tax Code Chapter 313 be approved.

Our review of the application 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. Our recommendation does not address whether the applicant has complied with all Chapter 313 requirements; the school district is responsible for verifying that all requirements of the statute have been fulfilled. Additionally, Section 313.025 requires the school district to only approve an application if the school district finds that the information in the application is true and

<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.



correct, finds that the applicant is eligible for a limitation and determines that granting the application is in the best interest of the school district and this 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, the Comptroller's recommendation is prepared 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.

Note that any new building or other improvement existing as of the application review start date of December 19, 2013, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2).

The Comptroller's recommendation is based on the application submitted by the school district and reviewed by the Comptroller. The recommendation may not be used by the school district to support its approval of the property value limitation agreement if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this recommendation is contingent on future compliance with the Chapter 313 and the Texas Administrative Code, with particular reference to the following requirements related to the execution of the agreement:

- 1) The applicant must provide the Comptroller a copy of the proposed limitation on appraised value agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting scheduled by the school district to consider approving the agreement, so that the Comptroller may review it for compliance with the statutes and the Comptroller's rules as well as consistency with the application;
- 2) The Comptroller must confirm that it received and reviewed the draft agreement and affirm the recommendation made in this letter;
- 3) The school district must approve and execute a limitation agreement that has been reviewed by the Comptroller within a year from the date of this letter; and
- 4) The school district must provide a copy of the signed limitation agreement to the Comptroller within seven (7) days after execution, as required by Section 313.025.

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

# Attachment D

## Economic Analysis