

Horizon Wind Energy Inaugurates its 18th Wind Farm in the U.S.

Nation's third-largest wind-power company celebrates its second wind farm in Illinois, Rail Splitter Wind Farm

Houston, July 21, 2009. Horizon Wind Energy, LLC, a leading wind energy company, owned by EDP Renováveis, which is the 3rd largest wind energy player in the world, partnered with the local community to officially inaugurate its 18th wind farm in the United States, Rail Splitter Wind Farm. Rail Splitter Wind Farm was installed in June and has already started producing clean, renewable energy. Located in Logan and Tazewell Counties in Illinois, north of the town of Lincoln, Rail Splitter Wind Farm has an installed capacity of 100.5 MW, enough to power approximately 30,000 average Illinois homes with clean energy each year.

More than 350 invited guests were present to hear the following representatives, local authorities and governmental officials highlight the important contributions Rail Splitter Wind Farm will make to the community and to providing a greener future.

- Illinois State Senator, Bill Brady
- Chief Executive Officer, Horizon Wind Energy, Gabriel Alonso
- District Chief of Staff, Congressman Aaron Schock, Carol Merna
- Rail Splitter Wind Farm landowner, Greg Tarter
- General Manager, Global Projects, GE Wind Energy, Harvey B. Williams
- Vice President of Operations, White Construction, Chris Hanson
- Tazewell County Farm Bureau Manager, Doug Godke
- Chairman Tazewell County Board, David Zimmerman
- Blair Hoerbert, Vice Chairman, Logan County Farm Bureau
- Logan County Board Member, Bill Martin

"This is Horizon Wind Energy's second wind farm in Illinois; we will now own and operate nearly 500 MW. We are constructing an additional 102 MW in 2009, and we have more than 2,000 MW under development, which will bring jobs and local economic development to several regions in the state for years to come," said Gabriel Alonso, CEO of Horizon Wind Energy. "The Great Lakes region is highly attractive for the wind industry because of its abundant resources and access to transmission," added Alonso.

Rail Splitter Wind Farm will yield significant economic benefits to the surrounding community in the form of payments to landowners, well-paying permanent jobs, local spending and community investment. An example of community investment brought forth by the Rail Splitter Wind Farm is reflected in Horizon's choice for the Operations and Maintenance Building (O&M Building). The Rail Splitter Wind Farm O&M Building, which is currently in the process of being

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evaluated to become LEED Certified, was formerly a grocery store located in Hopedale, Illinois that was no longer in use. The company chose this site to be closer to the community and to re-use an existing parcel of land. The grocery store building was demolished and many of the materials were recycled off-site or used to build the new O&M Building, which was designed to blend with local architecture. The landscaping outside and appliances within the Building were sourced locally, as were many of the contractors employed to construct the facility. In addition, primarily local vendors and caterers were contracted by Horizon for the Ribbon Cutting Dedication of the Wind Farm.

Approximately 200 jobs were created during the construction phase of the Wind Farm and 10 to 15 new full-time jobs are expected upon completion.

As of March 31, 2009, Illinois ranked 10th in the nation for existing capacity for wind energy and ranked 16th for potential capacity (AWEA, 2009) Illinois currently has 17 wind projects online, which account for over 1,100 MW of wind generating capacity.

Illinois State Senator, Bill Brady said, "Rail Splitter Wind Farm is a great investment for Illinois. I am always glad when we are able to maximize our natural resources and create energy in a way that is environmentally friendly."

Horizon Wind Energy also developed, owns and operates the 396 MW Twin Groves Wind Farm, located near Bloomington, Illinois in McLean County. Twin Groves has been fully operational since February 2008.

About Horizon Wind Energy

With over 20 offices, including two in Illinois, and 18 wind farms across the United States, Horizon Wind Energy has developed more than 3,300 MW and operates over 2,300 MW of wind farms.

Horizon is owned by EDP Renováveis S.A. ("EDPR"), a global leader in the renewable energy sector. EDPR has undergone exceptional development in recent years. Its installed capacity increased four-fold between 2005 and 2007, becoming the third largest wind energy producer in the world. EDPR is listed on the Euronext Lisbon Stock Exchange.

Energias de Portugal, S.A. ("EDP"), the parent company of EDPR, is a vertically-integrated utility company, headquartered in Lisbon, Portugal. Through its various constituent businesses, EDP holds significant electricity and gas operations in Europe, Brazil, and the United States. For more information, visit www.horizonwind.com and www.edprenovaveis.com.

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