

## Horizon Wind Energy to Sell Wind Power From Meridian Way Wind Farm to Westar Energy

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**Houston, October 1, 2007.** Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) today announced that it has reached an agreement with Horizon Wind Energy, a company owned by Energias de Portugal (EDP), to purchase 96 megawatts (MW) of clean renewable energy from the second phase of the 201 MW Meridian Way Wind Farm in Cloud County, Kansas.

Horizon Wind Energy looks forward to working with Westar Energy, the largest electric utility in the State of Kansas, and applaud Westar Energy for taking action to supply its state with clean, renewable energy.

The Meridian Way Wind Farm is located in north central Kansas in Cloud County, eight miles southeast of Concordia. Construction of the 201 MW Meridian Way Wind Farm will start in Spring of 2008 and the project is expected to be online by December 2008. The contract term commences when the second phase of the project is completed and producing power.

"In January, Governor Sebelius called on the utilities of Kansas to invest in clean renewable energy, as a way of making the state more energy independent," Bill Moore, Westar Energy president and chief executive officer, said. "Westar Energy is committed to providing customers with reliable electric energy at a reasonable price and to do so while continuing to be good stewards of the environment. Purchasing clean wind power from the Meridian Way Wind Farm recognizes these important commitments."

Meridian Way Wind Farm will produce over 650,000 MW hours of clean energy, which is enough to power approximately 45,000 Kansas homes.

The energy produced by the 105 MW first phase of the Meridian Way Wind Farm will be purchased by Empire Electric District of Joplin, Missouri.

Horizon company thanks the Cloud County community and local citizens for their enthusiasm and support, as well as the landowners who are hosting this project.

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## **About Horizon Wind Energy**

Horizon Wind Energy develops, constructs, owns, and operates wind farms throughout the United States. Having developed more than 1000 MW of wind farms operating in Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, New York, Washington, and Costa Rica,

Horizon is currently developing a portfolio of more than 9000 MW in a dozen states and expects to bring nearly 1000 MW online in 2007. Horizon Wind Energy is owned by Energias de Portugal, S.A., a major Portuguese utility. For more information, please visit: [www.horizonwind.com](http://www.horizonwind.com).

## **About Westar Energy**

Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE: WR) is the largest electric utility in Kansas, providing electric service to about 673,000 customers in the state. Westar Energy has about 6,100 megawatts of electric generation capacity and operates and coordinates approximately 33,000 miles of electric distribution and transmission lines. For more information about Westar Energy, please visit <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>.

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