

Horizon Wind Energy Employee Appointed to National Group U.S. Fish and Wildlife Committee Selects Horizon's Rene Braud

HOUSTON, TEXAS (April 21, 2008) - Horizon Wind Energy, owned by Energias de Portugal (EDP), received notice that employee Rene Braud, Director, Permitting and Environmental Affairs, has been appointed by U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, to serve on the Fish and Wildlife's Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee. The Committee will recommend effective measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats from land-based wind energy facilities.

Members of the Committee represent the varied interests associated with wind energy development and the management of wildlife species and their habitats, including stakeholders, federal and state agencies, and Tribes. They also are senior representatives of their respective constituent groups. Out of 22 members on the Committee, Braud is one of five from industry (representing a wind energy company).

Members have knowledge of wind energy facility location, design, operation, transmission requirements, wildlife species potentially affected, wildlife survey techniques, applicable laws and regulations, and wind/wildlife interactions. The Committee may also include independent experts in wind energy/wildlife interactions, appointed as special government employees, to provide technical advice.

René Braud has twelve years of experience in energy siting and permitting and six years of experience in wind energy. She has expertise in standards for new development siting studies, due diligence, project design and mitigation, as well as in policy and federal and state guidance development. "This is a tremendous coup for Rene and for Horizon Wind Energy. We congratulate our new team member on her recent appointment," said Antonio Martins da Costa, Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Wind Energy.

The Committee operates under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It functions solely as an advisory body and provides recommendations on effective measures to protect wildlife resources and coordinate review and evaluation of facilities by state, tribal, local, and federal agencies.

In 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed the "Interim Voluntary Wind Turbine Guidelines" to assist the wind energy industry in avoiding or minimizing impacts to wildlife and their habitats when developing wind energy facilities. After reviewing the comments received and evaluating advances in the science behind wind turbine siting and design, the Department sought

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additional input in developing a revised product, which will also be made available for public review and comment.

“I am pleased to announce the appointment of Commissioner Karen Douglas and members René Braud, Ed Arnett, and Scott Darling,” Kempthorne said. “They will join a strong team of experts to help the Department develop this vital new source of clean, renewable energy for America while providing safe and effective measures to protect wildlife and mitigate other environmental impacts.”

The Committee is expected to meet about four times per year. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide necessary support to the Committee. All meetings will be open to the public and a notice announcing each Committee meeting will be published in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the date. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at all meetings.

About Horizon Wind Energy:

Horizon Wind Energy, based in Houston, Texas with regional offices in New York, Oregon, California, Minnesota and Illinois, has developed more than 2,000 MW of clean renewable energy and owns over 1,500 MW of operating wind farms. Horizon is currently developing a portfolio of more than 10,500 MW in over a dozen states. Horizon is owned by Energias de Portugal, (EDP), the largest utility in Portugal. For more information, please visit www.horizonwind.com.

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