

Horizon Wind Energy Breaks Ground in Kansas Commencing Construction at Meridian Way Wind Farm

HOUSTON, TEXAS (April 13, 2008) - Horizon Wind Energy, owned by Energias de Portugal (EDP), invited Meridian Way Wind Farm customers (The Empire District Electric Company and Westar Energy) to break ground and celebrate the commencement of construction at Horizon's first Kansas wind farm on Friday, April 11, 2008. Over 200 guests including landowners, community representatives and policy makers were in attendance to inaugurate the wind farm. Speakers at the event included Cloud County Commission Chair, Johnita Crawford; Kansas State Representative, District 107, Elaine Bowers; Kansas Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson; US Congressman Jerry Moran, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer - Electric - The Empire District Electric Company, Brad Beecher; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer - Westar Energy, Doug Sterbenz; Chief Development Officer - Horizon Wind Energy, Gabriel Alonso; and Horizon's Director of Construction for the Midwest Region, Carole Engelder.

"Meridian Way Wind Farm is a success that has truly stemmed from both a state and community collaboration; together we are providing a valuable step towards a sustainable future for all Kansans," said Antonio Martins da Costa, Chief Executive Officer of Horizon Wind Energy. "Meridian Way Wind Farm is a very important element in our development efforts and we look forward to continuing to do business in the State of Kansas."

Meridian Way Wind Farm is located in north central Kansas in Cloud County, eight miles south of Concordia. The site, which is primarily used for cattle ranching and farming wheat, alfalfa and milo, includes 38,000 acres of land at an elevation of 1,650 feet. Meridian Way, a 201 megawatt (MW) wind farm, will produce enough clean energy to power 45,000 Kansas homes. The Empire District Electric Company will purchase energy produced by the 105 MW first phase of the project. Westar Energy will purchase 96 MW of wind-generated energy annually from Meridian Way.

"From my perspective as a member of congress, this is exactly the direction this country needs to go in regard to renewable energy," said United States Congressman Jerry Moran.

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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