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Midwestern Wind Power Development & Finance Summit



Learn how to get the inside track in the race to develop wind power projects in the Midwest

Get detailed briefings on:

- Renewable initiatives in the Midwest – identifying the opportunities
- Impacts of RPS and other initiatives on project development in the Midwest
- Dealing with transmission issues in the Midwest
- Purchasing and developing wind power in the Midwest
- Assessing the financing market for renewable energy projects in the Midwest



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"Surmounting Transmission Constraints and Interconnection Issues"**

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

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About the Summit

The heartland has a new profitable crop emerging—renewable energy. It is estimated that up to 100,000 MW of wind power projects could come to fruition in the Midwest over the next five years, driven by state Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) and the likelihood of national Renewable Energy Standard (RES) and Climate Control legislation. Developers are eager to take advantage of these opportunities, but only the most savvy will be able to overcome local permitting issues, transmission interconnection queuing problems and obtain financing in today's tight capital markets. Developers must learn how to navigate the inside track in the race to develop renewable energy in the Midwest.

Infocast's *Midwestern Wind Power Development & Finance Summit* will bring together regulators, utility renewable energy policy and planning executives, developers and financiers to discuss how to develop and finance renewable energy sources effectively, efficiently, and quickly. They will discuss not only how to clear local permitting and transmission interconnection hurdles, but how to structure projects to take advantage of renewable energy provisions in the stimulus bill.

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Summit Agenda

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Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Summit Chair

Renewable Initiatives in the Midwest— Identifying the Opportunities

Trends in Midwestern Electric Rates, Power Prices and Contract Terms

This presentation will project electric rates and power prices in the near to mid-term, as well as review the type of contract terms being negotiated.

Presenter:

Charles Adkins, *Vice President*, VENTYX

Panel Discussion:

Impacts of RPS and Other Initiatives on Wind Project Development in the Midwest

The Midwest has perhaps the biggest fundamental upside for the development of renewable energy in the nation, and has recently moved to encourage development. In addition to state RPS initiatives, the Midwestern Governors Association is working on implementing climate change initiatives, which will have the concomitant effect of pushing the development of renewable energy. This panel will examine the various state RPS programs in the Midwest and assess how these policies are affecting the development of new wind power projects.

Moderator:

Charles Adkins, *Vice President*, VENTYX

Panelists:

Tony Clark, *Commissioner*,
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Valerie A. Lemmie, *Commissioner*,
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Commissioner, ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION (invited)

Utility Planning, Procurement and Interconnection Processes to Meet State RPS Requirements

Utilities are ramping up to meet state RPS requirements, and planning for a potential national RES. The Midwest is blessed with "Prairie Power," strong winds that can be converted to electric power. A planned process is now in place that will add more "Prairie Power" by beginning to add wind-powered generation on a regular basis at a rate of 80 megawatts every two years through 2020 and utilizing private developers and NPPD-constructed sites as part of that mix. These presentations will discuss the process being followed for adding wind power to meet RPS goals for 2010 and beyond, including RFPs, PPAs and interconnection.

Presenters:

Betsy Engelking, *Director, Resource Planning and Bidding*,
XCEL ENERGY

David Rich, *Renewable Energy Development Manager*,
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

Panel Discussion:

Developers' Perspectives on Wind Power Projects in the Midwest

This panel of wind power developers will explore how the various state RPS' are affecting development, how a national RES might affect the pace and type of developments, as well as how stimulus provisions are impacting project financing. They will also present their views on how to surmount the key hurdles to implementing the ambitious goals for introducing renewable power across the Midwest.

Moderator:

Daniel A. Yarano, *Co-Chair, Energy Practice Group*,
FREDRIKSON & BYRON P.A.

Panelists:

Katie Clark, *Director of Community Relations*,
NATIONAL WIND LLC

Cynthia Crooks, *Development Director*, OWNENERGY

Eric Luesebrink, *Director of Development*,
EDISON MISSION ENERGY

Clay Tabor, *Director of Finance*, MIDWEST WIND FINANCE

Siting and Permitting Midwestern Wind Power Projects

Dealing with Tribal Land and Allotted Land Issues

Many of the sites in the upper Midwest with the highest potential for wind development reside on or are adjacent to tribal lands. This presentation will provide an overview of tribal and allocated land issues, and the practical steps a developer might take to deal with them.

Presenter:

Pauline Doohan, *Partner*, BAKER & MCKENZIE LLP

Understanding the Impacts of Local and State Permitting Requirements on Wind Power Development in the Midwest

Many states and local regulations can complicate the development of renewable energy projects. This presentation will review how issues such as drainage requirements, noise and setback requirements, protected species legislation and other provisions affect development in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and other Midwestern states.

Presenter:

Larry Hartman, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Working with Permitting, Environmental and Wildlife Protection Agencies in the Midwest

This presentation will discuss practical approaches to dealing with environmental permitting issues. It will discuss what an ideal developer would look like; when they should and should not come to regulators, and other steps that should be taken to effectively and efficiently negotiate the permitting process.

Presenter:

Ruth E. Leistensnider, Esq., *Partner*, NIXON PEABODY LLP

Accessing Stimulus Bill Renewable Energy Finance Provisions

Overview of Stimulus Bill Programs and Energy Financing Mechanisms

This presentation will focus on the energy industry-specific portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, presenting an overview of these provisions, followed by a discussion of how to take advantage of the various opportunities made available via the legislation.

Presenter:

Gregory S. Jenner, *Member*, STOEL RIVES LLP

The DOE Loan Guarantee Program

- » Rules for Innovative Technology Program
- » Rules for Commercial Projects Program
- » Implementation of old vs. new authority
- » Application and guarantee timelines
- » Application process
- » Application, loan and credit subsidy costs
- » Qualifying projects and sponsor eligibility
- » Project size and risk considerations
- » Structures that DOE will find attractive
- » Debt/equity issues
- » DOE 1st priority lien and relations with other lenders
- » Relationship with other stimulus benefits

Presenter:

Walter S. Howes, *Former Director, Loan Guarantee Program*, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY; and *Managing Partner*, VERDIGRIS CAPITAL, LLC

Status and Outlook for the Treasury Grant Program

- » Program rules from Treasury
- » Program implementation and timetables for receiving grants
- » Application process
- » Eligible entities
- » Qualifying projects and sponsor eligibility
- » Recapturing issues and risks

Presenter:

Sean Shimamoto, *Partner*, SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP

Public-Private Partnerships, Tax Credit Bonds and Other Renewable Opportunities Created by the Stimulus Bill

- » Headline provisions in ARRA—tax credits, loan guarantees, and tax-subsidy grants
- » Other provisions that create niche opportunities for renewable projects and their financing
- » The opportunities for public-private partnerships
- » Where the opportunities exist and guidance on ways to pursue them

Presenter:

R. Thomas Hoffmann, *Partner*, BALLARD SPAHR ANDREWS & INGERSOLL, LLP

Midwest Wind Project Structuring

Tax Credits, Depreciation and Post-Stimulus Deal Monetization Structures

- » Stimulus bill tax credit and depreciation provisions
- » Qualifying projects and investments
- » Post-stimulus monetization structures
 - » Flip Structure modifications
 - » Sale Leaseback alternatives
 - » Inverted Pass-through Lease
 - » Prepaid Service Contract
- » ITC vs. PTC vs. grants: determining which package of benefits will maximize yields

Presenter:

Eli M. Katz, *Counsel*, CHADBOURNE & PARKE LLP

Creating Higher Value Through Financial Structuring: Leases, Partnerships, and Cash Grants

- » How relevant is tax equity?
- » Do lease or partnership financing structures capture more value?
- » How do you compare and evaluate the structural options?

Presenter:

Rajiv Avandi, *Account Manager*, ADVANTAGE FOR ANALYSTS

Panel Discussion:

Perspectives on the Impact of the Stimulus Bill on Renewable Financing Structures and Deal Flow

This panel of leading renewable power project financiers will discuss the current capital markets, and the effects the stimulus bill provisions are having on tax equity and lending.

Panelists:

Chip Carstensen, *Managing Director*, NORD LB FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC

Yale Henderson, *Managing Director*, JPMORGAN CAPITAL CORPORATION

Brian Rose, *President*, GENEVA ENERGY LLC (invited)

Ray Weber, *Senior Vice President-Renewable Energy Group*, GE ENERGY FINANCIAL SERVICES

Post-Summit Workshop

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This workshop will address specific transmission related issues that renewable energy projects are likely to encounter in the Midwest.

Surmounting Transmission Constraints and Interconnection Issues

Dealing with Transmission Interconnection and Queuing Issues with Renewable Sources

As expanding state Renewable Portfolio Standards drive a boom in alternative energy projects, the wait for interconnection and negotiating the queuing process are some of the toughest issues facing prospective developers and project sponsors. Regulators and ISOs are faced with the challenges of sorting out complicated cost allocation and potential socialization issues to better facilitate the development of renewable assets. This presentation will explore the interconnection protocols, discuss some of the difficulties in getting projects into and through the queuing process, examine practical measures that developers can take to overcome these difficulties, as well as specific proposals for improvement.

Workshop Instructors:

Eric Laverty, Senior Manager, Transmission Access Planning, MIDWEST ISO (invited)
Daniel A. Yarano, Co-Chair, Energy Practice Group, FREDRIKSON & BYRON P.A.

Additional instructors to be announced. For updates see www.infocastinc.com/mwrenewables09

Midwest ISO Experience Dealing with Interconnection Queuing in the Midwest

One of the toughest issues facing prospective developers is negotiating the queuing process in the Midwest. This presentation will discuss some of the difficulties in getting projects into and through the queuing process for transmission interconnection, and practical measures that project developers can take to overcome these difficulties.

Panel Discussion: Developing Transmission to Serve Renewable Sources

Much of the Midwest is served by two large ISOs, MISO and PJM, obviating the need for PPAs in many areas. Are there substantial differences in how these ISOs handle intermittent power such as wind or solar? What kind of experiences are developers having in these markets? This panel of developers, ISO personnel and financial advisors will examine these issues, as well as the use of synthetic PPAs and other constructs to arrange financing.

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