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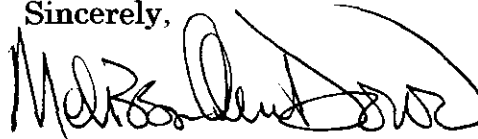
**RE: Notice of Participation
Case #PUE-2005-00101
Highland New Wind Development, LLC**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Participation to be filed in the above-referenced case on behalf of the Highland County Board of Supervisors so that the Board can become a Respondent in this case. I am enclosing the required fifteen (15) copies along with the original.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Melissa Ann Dowd
County Attorney

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Enclosure

**cc: Greg Haley w/enc.
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NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

IN RE: *Highland New Wind Development, LLC*
PUE 2005-00101
Respondent Highland County Board of Supervisors

The Highland County Board of Supervisors wishes to participate in the State Corporation Commission proceedings regarding the application of Highland New Wind Development, LLC for a permit to construct, own and operate up to twenty (20) wind turbines to generate electricity in Highland County, Virginia.

1. The Respondent is the Highland County Board of Supervisors, the governing body of Highland County, Virginia, which granted the applicant a conditional use permit by Resolution dated July 14, 2005, to construct and operate wind turbines subject to certain conditions and contingencies stated in the Resolution. The Resolution adopted by the Board was appended to the Applicants' application to the SCC.

2. The Highland County Board of Supervisors found through its investigation of the proposed project that the project would increase tax revenues to the County; that the project was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the County and the Zoning Ordinance adopted by the County; and that based on certain conditions stipulated in the authorizing resolution, the proposed project was a compatible use in Highland County and should be granted a conditional use permit to proceed.

3. The Highland County Board of Supervisors believes it is in the best interest

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of the County to have the State Corporation Commission conduct a thorough investigation of the proposed project. If the project meets the standards set by the SCC, then the Board asks the SCC to license the applicant and permit the project to move forward, subject to the contingencies cited in the Board's authorizing resolution.

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