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JUST WIND – Wind Farm Development in Logan County  
Application for Siting Certificate

Ex Parte Communication

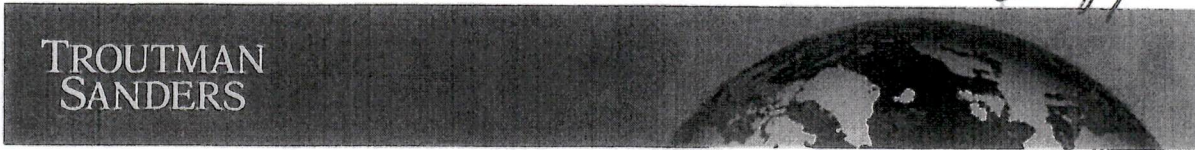
I attended and was a speaker at a Troutman Sanders Conference, “Bringing Renewables to Wall Street – Tackling the Challenges to Investing in Renewable Technologies.” My presentation was “State Regulatory Challenges to Renewables Development.” The conference was on September 18, 2008 in New York City. Troutman Sanders reimbursed me for my travel and hotel expenses. A copy of the program is attached.

I attended all sessions of the conference and met many interesting people. After the conference I stayed for the reception which was part of the program. At the reception, a Troutman Sanders employee introduced me to 5 people, whom he said were interested in investing in wind development in North Dakota. At least two people in the group were possible investors from another country. He said that they had questions about interconnecting with WAPA. I am familiar with challenges with interconnecting with WAPA, since WAPA is not a member of MISO and pancake charges exist when you must transfer from WAPA’s system to the MISO system. They volunteered that they were interested in a contract with WAPA, but that might be a limited agreement. I suggested that they might want to calculate the costs with the “pancake rate” between WAPA and MISO for the remaining life of the agreement. They asked if they could come and meet with me and staff at the PSC, I said yes, and they said they might come in early November. They said that their project was at the front of the queue, and so that was not a problem. Then, I suggested that they might want to visit with JUST WIND, because that wind farm is planning to connect with WAPA. I asked if they were familiar with JUST WIND. They said yes. I then asked them if they were connected with JUST WIND. They said “In the spirit of full disclosure, yes we are connected with JUST Wind.” I then told them that the Commission has a case before us dealing with siting of JUST WIND, and therefore I could not talk to them further about this. I told them that the hearing date for the siting case was October 21, 2008, and that if they wished to come to North Dakota to talk further about their concerns, it could be with Commission staff. They said they are looking forward to a trip to North Dakota sometime this fall. I then ended my conversation with them. The total conversation lasted about 10 minutes.

Commissioner Susan Wefald  
September 22, 2008

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# Bringing Renewables to Wall Street Tackling the Challenges to Investing in Renewable Technologies

The Harvard Club of New York, New York City  
September 18, 2008

8:15 – 8:30 am **Introduction and Welcome** Kevin C. Fitzgerald, Troutman Sanders LLP  
8:30 – 9:00 am **Keynote Speaker**  
Jeffrey R. Holzschuh, Chairman, Morgan Stanley Environmental Committee

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9:00 – 10:15 am **Panel 1 – Phil H. Spector, moderator**  
**What Are Venture Capital, Private Equity and Financial Institutions Looking for in a Renewable Energy Project?**  
✓ Rahul Advani, Energy Capital Partners  
✓ Edward Sproull, Senior Vice President, HSH-Nordbank AG, New York Branch  
✓ James Condela, Pegasus Capital Advisors

10:15 – 10:30 am **Networking Break**

10:30 – 12:00 pm **Panel 2 – Bob Edwards, moderator**  
**The Entrance of Utility Players into the Renewable Energy Arena**  
✓ Chuck A. Attali III, Vice President-General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, TECO Energy, Inc.  
✓ William P. Marsan, Vice President and General Counsel of Indianapolis Power & Light  
Mark A. Gabriel, author of Visions for a Sustainable Energy Future and principal with R.W. Beck  
✓ George E. Tyson II, Vice President and Treasurer, Xcel Energy

12:00 – 12:45 pm **Lunch, Cambridge Room**

12:45 – 1:30 pm **Speaker and Dessert** – Jeffrey Sterba, Chairman, President and CEO of PNM Resources

## Afternoon – Specific Technologies: Success Stories

1:30 – 2:45 pm **Wind – Todd R. Coles, moderator**  
✓ Torben Andersen, Mainstream Renewable Power  
✓ Megan H. Lawrence, CP Energy  
✓ Carol E. Murphy, Executive Director, Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc.

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2:45 – 4:00 pm **Solar and Hydrokinetic – Bonnie A. Suchman, moderator**  
✓ James S. Brown, Executive Vice President, Worldwater & Solar Technologies Corporation  
✓ J.F. Scarborough, Partner, MAPA Group  
✓ Philippe Vauthier, President and CEO of UEK Corporation

4:00 – 4:15 pm **Networking Break**

4:15 – 5:15 pm **Regulatory Challenges to Renewables Development – Daniel Larcamp, moderator**  
Shelton Cannon, Director of the Office of Energy Markets Regulation at FERC  
John Bear, President and COO of the Midwest ISO  
Susan Wefald, President, State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

5:15 – 5:30 pm **Closing Remarks** Aurora Cassirer, Troutman Sanders LLP

5:30 pm **Reception**

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