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Jerry, hope you're doing well. As you may or may not have heard, the US House of Reps recently authorized a 1 year extension to the federal production tax credit for wind energy. In order to PTC qualify a project under the current legislation that is going for final vote before the senate today, it requires that construction is started before the end of this year. The IRS has issued guidance on what constitutes the start of construction and it's fairly minimal. At this point, we are still trying to finish out financing so that we can build Sunflower. But, one of the key components is maintaining the PTC qualification for the project.

In order to do so, we are intending to start partial construction on Sunflower here next week if possible. The scope of the effort is actually very limited. We are intending to construction 5,000 linear feet of road and excavate two (2) turbine pad sites for the PSC approved GE 1.85-87 array. Please see the attached map. According to our tax attorneys that have had constant conversations with the IRS over the past year, this is sufficient to meet the IRS guidance for the start of construction.

As you are also aware, we are in the process of requesting the approval of the V-100 array that is supposed to go before the PSC next week. In the event that we select to use the V-100 layout, we have the ability to use the two excavated turbine areas that are proposed and the 5,000 foot road for the V-100 layout.

Our order requires that we schedule a preconstruction conference call. Would it be possible to schedule a call either tomorrow or Friday to discuss this limited construction scope?

Casey

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