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Geronimo Wind's Paynesville Wind Farm Receives State Approval

Minneapolis, MN - November 30, 2010 - On Tuesday, November 23rd, supporters of the 95MW Paynesville Wind Farm filled the seats at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in St. Paul, MN to witness the issuance of both a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the project. Obtaining these permissions was a critical step in receiving the approvals necessary to construct the project, bringing the wind farm one step closer to becoming a reality.

"The successful conclusion of this permitting process for the Paynesville Wind Farm is owed to the participants within the project and a host community with thoughtful community leaders that have a good balance of fortitude and patience," said Blake Nixon, President of Geronimo Wind. "This result required a team effort by all involved, and is a good example of our community-focused development approach."

The Paynesville Wind Farm, a development of Geronimo Wind Energy, LLC, will consist of up to 60 turbines strategically spaced within approximately 15,000 acres spanning portions of Lake Henry, Paynesville, Spring Hill and Zion Townships in Stearns County, MN.

"Participation by community leaders, local representatives, and local landowners is what really made permitting this project a smooth success," said Development Manager Justin Pickar, the lead developer of the project. "The Paynesville Wind Farm—an investment of nearly \$200 million—will help repower the Stearns County area economy while delivering cheap, clean power to thousands of Americans—and that's something this community should be very proud of."

The next steps in the overall development process entail entering into a power purchase agreement, starting construction, and connecting to the grid. The Paynesville Wind Farm is expected to begin construction next year. To learn more about the project and stay informed about its progress, visit www.paynesvillewind.com.

To learn more about the Paynesville Wind Farm's developer, Geronimo Wind Energy, a Minnesota based utility-scale wind farm developer with over 4,000 MWs of projects in development and 39 Megawatts in operation across the Midwest, visit www.geronimowind.com.