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Re: Horse Butte Wind Project in Bonneville County to Benefit Consumer Owned Utilities in Idaho, Utah and Wyoming

The Idaho Energy Resources Authority (IERA) today announced that it would be participating with members of the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) in developing the Horse Butte Wind Project in Bonneville County, Idaho. Construction financing for the project will be provided by Citibank. The IERA will be the majority owner of the wind farm during construction, in order to maximize benefits available under the federal Stimulus Act. The Wind facility is a 65 MW project providing enough average generation to serve around 15,000 homes. Construction has started and is expected to finish in 2011.

“The Idaho Energy Resources Authority was created by the Idaho legislature in order to promote the development of electrical generating and transmitting resources and to facilitate cooperation among utilities and various governmental agencies” said Ron Williams, Executive Director of the IERA. “The Horse Butte Wind Project is a prime example of fulfilling that legislative purpose.”

UAMPS will act as the developer of the Project, with all the electricity destined for a number of municipal and cooperative utility members of UAMPS in Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. “We are excited that the Horse Butte Wind Project is now moving forward, and when completed, will bring low cost renewable electricity to our member utilities” said Doug Hunter, CEO for UAMPS. “All the electricity from the Horse Butte Wind Project is committed to UAMPS member utilities and UAMPS also has the option to take ownership of the Project, after it has operated for several years.”

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