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### **Scandia Wind Southwest LLC urges a favorable FERC ruling for the Tres Amigas project.**

Tres Amigas LLC has submitted its application for Authorization to Sell Transmission Rights at Negotiated Rates and for Related Relief to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC. If built, the project will enable a large increase of wind power production in Texas.

*“Because of the current grid structure, wind farms in Texas can only sell their power to consumers in ERCOT. This is limiting the amount of renewable energy development in the state. If FERC rules favorably on the Tres Amigas filing, the project is built and connected to ERCOT, it would lead to a large expansion of wind power in Texas. It would open up captive wind power assets and enable Texas to export large amounts of new, clean and renewable power to the major load centers throughout the US,”* says Harald Dirdal, project director of Havgul clean energy AS.

Scandiawind Southwest LLC is a joint venture company owned by the Norwegian company Havgul clean energy AS, the Danish company Alpha Wind Energy Aps and the Texas company Premium Wind Coalition.

Scandiawind Southwest LLC is developing the Mariah project, a large wind power project located in the Parmer, Sherman and Dallam counties in the Texas Panhandle. The project has a planned capacity of 2 250 MW in phase 1, 2 750 MW in phase 2 and additional 5 000 MW in phase 3. Scandiawind Southwest LLC has signed land to accommodate 5 000 MW, and will extend this in the first quarter of 2010. At full capacity, the Mariah project would provide enough electric power for approximately 1.5 million U.S. residences.

*“A favorable ruling by FERC on the Tres Amigas filing could boost Texas wind power industry and create thousands of new jobs. A study from 2008 showed that wind power projects in Nolan County (2 500 MW) created more than 1000 direct wind jobs, landowner royalties totalled more than \$ 12 million and total taxpayer property values increased from \$ 500 million in 1999 before the advent of wind, to \$ 2.4 billion in 2008. Estimates for the Mariah project (5 000 MW) show a potential of jobs creation of more than 20 000 jobs in the construction phase, and approximately 1 500 jobs in the operation phase. ,”* says Harald Dirdal, project director of Havgul clean energy AS.

*“This can be copied in many counties across Texas. Tres Amigas could help Texas maintaining its position as the country’s number one state for production of renewable energy while at the same time creating thousands of jobs. I therefore urge FERC to rule favorable on the Tres Amigas filing.”*

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