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Noble Environmental Welcomes Support for Wind Energy from Environmental and Public Health Groups

The decision of nearly two dozen prominent environmental and public health organizations to publicly support the expansion of wind energy projects in New York will go a long way toward improving the environment and creating more jobs, a leading renewable energy firm company today.

“The strong support from such prominent environmental and health groups is gratifying and demonstrates that wind energy is one of the solutions to America’s energy future,” said Charles C. Hinckley, CEO of Noble Environmental Power. “Wind energy provides clean energy and creates new jobs, and is one of the alternative energy sources that America desperately needs.”

The 22 leading environmental and public health groups held a news conference in Albany this week where they called wind power a “critical part” of New York’s sustainable energy future. The organizations included New York Farm Bureau, the National Resources Defense Council, the American Lung Association of New York State, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, the Pace Law School Energy Project, and Environmental Advocates of New York. The news conference was held in conjunction with the Alliance for Clean Energy New York.

In announcing his group’s support for wind energy, John Stouffer of Sierra Club-Atlantic Chapter said: “Wind power is a key component of a secure and sustainable energy future in New York State.”

Noble’s Hinckley agrees with Mr. Stouffer and the environmental and health groups.

“Wind energy is leading the way in the development of clean, renewable energy resources, and will not only create jobs in upstate New York but also improve the environment of our state and region”, Hinckley said. “The fact that such a diverse group of organizations came together to express support for the industry’s growth in New York State underlines its tremendous benefits”.

This statement of support for wind energy comes less than one week after Governor George Pataki announced his vision to make New York State a global leader in the development of renewable energy sources. Noble Environmental has seven projects planned for construction in 2006 and 2007, totaling more than 700 megawatts of clean, renewable energy. Four of these projects are scheduled for 2006 – Clinton, Ellenburg and Altona in the North Country, and Bliss in Wyoming County.

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The 22 organizations also released a statement titled “**New York Needs Renewable Wind Power**”, which lists numerous reasons why wind is such a valuable resource. In addition, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York announced the launch of its new website, www.aceny.org, which will provide helpful information for those seeking to learn more about wind power in the state.

Wind energy has three primary benefits:

- **Jobs:** Each of Noble Environmental’s windparks will create hundreds of construction jobs and then dozens of additional good-paying jobs once the windparks are operational. Many of these jobs will go to local residents, and Noble has committed to provide training where necessary.
- **Clean energy:** Wind energy’s environmental benefits include a significant reduction in the nation’s reliance on fossil fuels – a change that will help remove toxins such as sulfur dioxide and mercury from our air and water.
- **Tax revenue:** Wind energy is good economic development that will help hold down taxes in the areas that have windparks – by providing new tax revenue for schools, towns and the county. This added revenue will help reduce pressure on the property tax while still helping strengthen the classroom and plow the roads.

In addition to its seven planned New York projects, Noble Environmental has already broken ground on the 48 megawatt Noble Thumb Windpark in Michigan.

About Noble Environmental Power: Noble is a leading renewable energy company that is majority owned by JP Morgan Partners and was founded in 2004 in response to public policy initiatives designed to foster the increased use of renewable energy sources. Noble is committed to creating environmentally friendly facilities in partnership with local communities. Based in Essex, CT, Noble has offices in Malone, NY; Churubusco, NY; Arcade, NY; and Bad Axe MI. For more information, please visit www.noblepower.com, or email to info@noblepower.com.

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