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PRESS RELEASE

Root River Energy Signs Over 20,000 Acres For Community Wind Project

Ostrander, MN, December 10, 2009:

Root River Energy, along with managing partner, National Wind, is proud to announce that it has secured over 20,000 acres of land in Mower and Fillmore Counties. This represents about two-thirds of the leased acres needed to develop up to 300 megawatts of community-owned wind energy in the area. With 10,000 acres signed in the last few months, Root River Energy's Jim Connolly and Barry Rogne have been one of National Wind's most productive field teams during this period.

Over 7,600 of these acres are located in the eastern Mower County footprint, an area Root River Energy expanded into during the Spring of 2009. The project's overall goal is to sign 30,000 contiguous acres.

"The project is really coming together nicely as we continue to receive a positive community response from both the Fillmore and Mower County footprints," says Connolly. "The Mower County expansion has helped accelerate the project's development. Also, landowners are realizing that our business model focuses on building positive relationships, allowing the community to share in the project's revenues and influence the process to meet their needs."

For example, an amendment to the land lease commits Root River's development team to designing access roads that conform to existing farming practices as much as possible. Often, access road construction is a common landowner concern. Access roads are fundamental to development and need to be constructed to effectively transport wind turbine components to

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their specific site location. They also allow operations and maintenance personnel access to the turbine during the life of the project to perform routine inspections that ensure the facility is working properly.

“Our goal is to build roadways that run in the same direction as field operations, in order to minimize the loss of efficiency in farming procedures,” adds Connolly. “We definitely allow for landowner input in access road placement; our goal is to work with the landowners to come up with the most viable option.”

If you are interested in learning more about Root River Energy, please contact Jim Connolly or Barry Rogne. You can reach Barry or Jim through our new office, located in the new Ostrander Farmer’s Co-op building, at 208 Main Street, #4, P.O. Box 156. Call 866-742-6448 and the Co-op will direct your call appropriately.

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About Root River Energy:

Root River Energy, LLC is a community-based wind development company located in Fillmore and Mower Counties, Minnesota. Our company’s objective is to develop up to 300 MW of wind turbine-based renewable energy. Our development commitment is to produce wind energy projects that are sustainable, generational and environmentally responsible. Our financial commitment is to assure that the financial benefits are shared with our local stockholders, area land owners and the surrounding community. Visit our website at www.RootRiverEnergy.com.

About National Wind:

National Wind is the leader in developing utility-scale (50 megawatts or larger) community wind energy projects. We form powerful community wind energy partnerships with property owners, assuring that the project’s economic benefits are shared with the surrounding community. National Wind and its subsidiary, Wind Energy Developers, LLC, have participated in developing 12 wind energy projects and currently have over 4,000 megawatts in active development. National Wind projects are located in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Colorado and Ohio. The company has an additional 1,500 megawatts of wind energy in advanced feasibility study stages and is continually exploring expansion opportunities in other states. Please visit www.nationalwind.com for more information.