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Re: Letter of Support for WindPole Ventures' Application under Funding Opportunity Number DE-PS36-09GO99009, Entitled "20% Wind by 2030: Overcoming the Challenges"

On behalf of the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), I am pleased to provide this letter of intent and support for WindPole Ventures' Department of Energy (DOE) grant funding request to build a national, hub-height wind speed and direction monitoring network.

WindPole Ventures' proposed wind monitoring network is intended to meet the real time data needs of six wind power development stakeholder groups: ISO (grid operators), government agencies and research labs, wind power developers/operators, wind resource analysis firms, and power traders.

Massachusetts is committed to leading the nation in renewable energy development. We at DOER are especially enthusiastic about the emerging cluster of Massachusetts renewable energy-related companies like WindPole Ventures. WindPole's proposal to instrument and collect real-time data will support the nation's goal of accelerating wind power development.

WindPole is uniquely positioned to build a national network given its single point of control over the nation's only existing portfolio of tall towers, some 1,150 in total, (of which 616 extend above the boundary layer to the hub height of today's commercial wind turbines.) We consider WindPole's proposed project one that will directly bolster the Commonwealth's mission to accelerate renewable energy and promote job growth through economic development. We are committed to working with companies such as WindPole Ventures to help the Commonwealth reach its renewable energy goals and appreciate your consideration of their deserving application for funding.

Sincerely,

Philip Giudice, Commissioner

