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Community Wind across America regional conferences on Community Wind and Small Wind offer credible steps toward rural economic development

(October, 2010 Minneapolis, MN) Windustry kicks off the 2010 ***Community Wind across America*** conferences in the Rocky Mountain region, October 26-27, 2010, followed by events in the **Midwest** and Mid Atlantic.

WHAT:

Community Wind across America conferences cover Community Wind and Small Wind in a two-track program, providing the full range of what's needed to advance opportunities for locally-owned wind energy production. The conferences are for anyone interested in benefiting from wind energy production: rural landowners, farmers, ranchers, municipal utilities, elected officials, town planners, tribal representatives, economic development professionals, business leaders, investors, bankers, and community leaders.

WHEN & WHERE

Rocky Mountain Region: October 26-27, 2010 Denver, Colorado -Renaissance Denver Hotel

Midwest Region: November 15-16, 2010 St. Paul, Minnesota - Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Paul

Mid Atlantic Region: February 8-9, 2011 State College, Pennsylvania – Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel

Two Days - Two Tracks

Practical information will be provided along two tracks: how to put together a Community Wind project and topics on Small Wind such as how to choose a turbine, installation, and rebates and grants.

Community Wind Track sessions include: Financing and policy for Community Wind; Distributed Generation; Utilities and Public Power; and Mid-sized wind turbines; siting, leasing, incentives, working to get community support, project development, and business models.

Small Wind Track sessions will cover basics such as how to get started and present examples. “The Unrealities of Wind” will provide an overview of the wide variety of new machines available and the importance of Small Wind Certification.

In Rocky Mountain and Midwest

A film screening the evening of day one will present *Wind Uprising*: A documentary following the turbulent path and final success of a Utah wind farm developer and engineer.

What is Community Wind?

Community Wind projects come in many shapes and sizes, all sharing significant elements of local ownership and participation (public or private). These projects maximize the local economic benefits of wind energy development and provide new opportunities for rural communities.

What is Small Wind?

Small Wind turbines produce clean, emissions-free power for individual homes, farms, and small businesses. The U.S. leads the world in the production of small wind turbines and the market is expected to continue strong growth through the next decade.

Support for Community Wind across America comes from U.S. Department of Energy funding and national partnering Nordic WindPower.

REGISTRATION is available at www.windustry.org or by phoning Catherine O' Neill at 612-870-3477.

About Windustry®

Windustry is a nonprofit working to increase wind energy opportunities for local landowners and communities. Community Wind across America regional conferences are presented with support from the United States Department of Energy.

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