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Windustry Moving to New Offices

Continues to Deliver Innovative Community Wind Programs

Minneapolis, MN, December 12, 2011 – Windustry has moved to new offices, located just four blocks from its old offices. The organization's new contact information is above. Please update your address book and database accordingly. All staff e-mails and the website url remain the same.

Windustry continues to deliver the same innovative community wind programs it always has. For more than 15 years, Windustry has been working to overcome the barriers to community-owned wind energy through advocacy, outreach, technical assistance, and education. Windustry's vision is for communities to become involved with the production of the energy they consume. In most areas of the U.S. wind is the most cost-effective form of energy and, because of the urgency of the climate crisis, its rapid deployment is our highest priority. Windustry envisions wind turbines dotting the outskirts of small towns and in large open spaces of urban areas, such as mall parking lots and near athletic fields.

Community wind power can deliver large amounts of renewable energy affordably to many people, and **can be deployed now**, allowing us to realize clean energy benefits much sooner. Because community wind is often built to serve local energy needs, it doesn't need to wait for new transmission lines. With increasing constraints on regional transmission systems, community wind can play a vital role in meeting demand for renewable energy **now**, while the large transmission grid is being expanded and upgraded.

The potential to reduce greenhouse gas and other toxic emissions through increased community and small wind development in the U.S. is significant. **Community and small wind in the U.S. has the potential to offset the production of over 78.7 billion pounds of CO2 per year** - the equivalent of removing nearly 7 million passenger vehicles from the roads, avoiding the burning of nearly 200,000 railcars of coal annually, or taking 8.4 coal-fired power plants out of production.

We have the knowledge and the technology to realize the potential of community wind right now. Why wait?

Community Wind – Ready to Deliver!

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