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EverPower's 70-turbine Buckeye Wind Project in Ohio's 'Wind Alley' files application with Ohio Power Siting Board

COLUMBUS, OHIO – EverPower subsidiary Buckeye Wind LLC – developer of the Buckeye Wind Project in Champaign County – today became the first applicant for a commercial wind farm in Ohio. The \$380 million Buckeye Wind Project will generate 140 jobs during construction and 12 permanent jobs during operation.

EverPower's application to the Ohio Power Siting Board is the culmination of extensive planning, environmental assessment and dialogue with federal and state agencies, as well as the Champaign County community. The Buckeye Wind Project would consist of 70 turbines spaced across the western Ohio county.

The Buckeye Wind Project would generate clean energy for the equivalent of over 42,000 Ohio homes every year, offsetting approximately 350,000 tons of greenhouse gases while reducing state dependence on fossil fuels. The electricity generated by the Buckeye Project will be interconnected to the PJM transmission system through the Dayton Power & Light network.

"This is a landmark day for the future of wind power in Ohio," said EverPower founder and CEO Jim Spencer. "We are delighted to be working with the community and the state on Ohio's first large scale wind farm.

"The Buckeye Project will set Ohio on a course to meet its environmental and clean energy targets, creating thousands of jobs in the process," Spencer said. "EverPower applauds Ohio's commitment to supporting renewable energy, led by Governor Strickland and the legislature."

EverPower anticipates the permit review process will run through 2009 and hopes to commence construction in 2010, as soon as all permits are in place. EverPower's Director of Development in Ohio, Michael Speerschneider, said, "During construction, it is estimated that the Project will create approximately 1,700 spin-off jobs in other sectors of the economy in addition to the 140 direct construction jobs. During Operation, the Project will spur the employment of about 50 additional workers in the region.

"The wind farm represents a total investment in the area and related economic output approaching \$1 billion over its lifetime," Speerschneider said.

More than 50 landowners are partnering with EverPower on the Buckeye Wind Project and will benefit from lease payments that will supplement existing land-derived income. In addition, the community as a whole will benefit from substantial tax-related revenues.

"We look forward to engaging with all stakeholders during the permitting process," Speerschneider said. "The Buckeye Wind Project represents an investment in the Ohio economy at an opportune time to create jobs, clean power and increased energy security – it's a win, win, win scenario."

About EverPower and the Buckeye Wind Project

EverPower is a developer of utility-grade wind projects with more than 1500MW of wind farm projects in advanced development in the USA. The company will shortly complete construction on its first wind farm, the 25 turbine Highland Wind Farm located in Pennsylvania.

The company was established in 2002 and the principals of EverPower have a proven track record in permitting and developing large-scale energy projects. For more information about EverPower, visit www.EverPower.com. For more information on the Buckeye Wind Project, visit the project Web site at www.buckeyewindproject.com.

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