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Crownbutte Wind Power, Inc. Is Designing And Developing Merchant Wind Power Parks In States Such As North Dakota, South Dakota And Montana Where There Is Some Of The Best Wind Regimes In The Country

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**Mr. Timothy H. Simons
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BIO:

Tim Simons has been involved in the wind power industry since 1996. He Serves on the Upper Great Plains Transmission Coalition formed (by the Governors of 3 states) to address electrical transmission problems in order to better utilize coal, hydro, and wind resources, and serves as co-chairman of the Transmission Bottleneck Committee.

Tim spent over 5 years on active duty in the U.S. Army, and worked in Europe for Robert Bosch GmbH, as well as other companies. He has also spent over 10 years as a teacher in the Mandan/Bismarck, ND, area. Tim attended

graduate school at Creighton University, and is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.

**Dr. Terry Pilling, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President**

Terry responsible for operations, meteorological analysis, scheduling, construction subcontracting, Geo-technicals, transmission, interconnection, and site construction management for all Crownbutte projects. Terry received his B.Sc. in Physics and Engineering Physics at the University

of Saskatchewan, Canada, his M.Sc. in Nuclear Physics at the Saskatchewan Accelerator Laboratory, and his Ph.D. in Particle Physics at North Dakota State University. Terry holds an adjunct professorship at North Dakota State University Department of Physics and has held research positions at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia, the Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Physics in Moscow, Russia, and the Joint Astronomy Center on Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

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Company Profile:

Crownbutte Wind Power, Inc. (www.crownbutte.com), was established in 1999 with the purpose of addressing the need for regional utility companies to satisfy increasing public demands for

renewable energy, and also to construct wind park projects that can be fitted into those utilities' existing transmission infrastructures. With that in mind, Crownbutte developed and installed the first utility-scale wind project in the Dakotas at Chamberlain, South Dakota, and later sold this park to one of the largest power cooperatives in the United States. By concentrating on the carrying capacities of the accessible transmission systems in relationship to excellent wind resource locations, two more projects have subsequently been planned, developed and sold. Currently, Crownbutte has 13 projects in various phases of development throughout the United States with a total of over 640 MW of planned capacity.

Interview by: Lynn Fosse, Sr. Editor

CEO CFO: Mr. Simons, I see Crownbutte has the answers to wind energy production; what is the focus of Crownbutte today?

Mr. Simons: We look at the existing transmission system to see where we can put in an appropriate sized wind park in the 20 to 60 megawatt categories. The wind industry is rather in the doldrums right now because they are waiting for additional transmission to be put in so we try to identify where there still is transmission capability and then we design our park around that.

CEO CFO: How much wind power is being used today and what is the potential?

Mr. Simons: In North Dakota about 90% of the electrical generation is coal, about 5% or 6% is hydro and the rest is wind, natural gas, etc. There is a lot of capacity

in this area and North Dakota has the highest wind capacity of all the states so the potential for wind in North Dakota and the surrounding states is huge.

CEOCFO: Will you tell us a little about the projects that you are operating now?

Mr. Simons: We put in the first megawatt sized wind park in either of the Dakotas and we completed that in 2001, in Chamberlain, South Dakota and that park was sold to Basin Electric Power Cooperative. We have worked as consultants for other companies, and in 2008 we developed a park for Montana-Dakota Utilities called the Diamond Willow project in Baker, Montana.

CEOCFO: What is your strategy right now?

Mr. Simons: Our current strategy is to build, own and operate our own wind projects.

CEOCFO: What is the process once you identify the potential projects?

Dr. Pilling: First, we look at the transmission system, where the loads are, where the generation is, and how much new generation will fit. We then follow the topography under that transmission line to find the best elevation and therefore wind regime. From there we do a computer analysis to optimize the turbine array footprint. We then lease option the land underneath that footprint and install a meteorological tower with instrumentation on it that will record the wind speed and direction over the course of at least a year and tell us how good the wind actually is and what kind of turbulence is involved. If it still looks profitable we queue up the project for interconnection to the transmission system where it is studied for several years by the System Operator (MISO). Then we start on the various local, state, and federal permitting requirements.

CEOCFO: So expertise and experience; is there gut-feeling as well?

Dr. Pilling: There is gut feeling involved as well. For example in our Gascoyne I project, which we are planning to start constructing very shortly, there was a coal mine at the location which had re-

cently closed down. That mine was using electricity from the power grid and so we realized right away that there would be a partially empty power line there. We immediately lease-optioned the land and put up two meteorological towers. After we studied the data and it turned out to be good so we queued up for interconnection, went through minimal upgrades, and now the project ready to be constructed.

CEOCFO: Tell me about the Gascoyne I project.

Dr. Pilling: We have been working on the Gascoyne I project for about six years. It took three years or more to get through transmission studies done by the ISO and then there was a lot of permitting: FAA, Fish and Wildlife, Game and Fish, Historical Society, etc. Birds, Bats, Bones and Bunnies. At this point we have completed everything; the permitting, the

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interconnection agreement, the dispatch and scheduling services agreement with Montana/Dakota Utilities, the geotechnical analysis, the collector system and substations designs and we are ready to order our step-up transformer and begin construction of the project.

CEOCFO: Do you have the financing?

Dr. Pilling: That is the only thing we are trying to finalize at the moment.

CEOCFO: Given the current economic scenario and that you are green; do you find that it has been easier or more difficult?

Mr. Simons: The financial meltdown and the politics involved have made it very difficult. For example, the Production Tax Credit (PTC) where for every kilowatt hour that you produce green renewable energy you get a tax credit for it. With the financial meltdown there are

fewer companies that can use a tax credit and so it is difficult to find a financing partner.

CEOCFO: Why should potential investors pay attention to Crownbutte Wind Power today?

Mr. Simons: We are in a place where it is windy and wind is now the cheapest method of generation with an installed cost of about \$2000 per kilowatt. Coal, on the other hand, is around \$6500 per kilowatt installed and this doesn't even consider possible new CO2 emission standards on the horizon.

Dr. Pilling: Another thing with wind is that fuel is free. You don't have to mine coal or uranium like in the case of coal or nuclear power plants.

CEOCFO: Final thoughts, what should readers remember most about the Crownbutte story?

Mr. Simons: Wind is the cheapest and best source of new generation and Crownbutte is also working on energy storage. Once you have the wind backed up by energy storage you are going to be able to satisfy all baseload requirements for the system. It is the best new method of generation that there is.

Dr. Pilling: One thing that sets Crownbutte apart from all the developers is that we are sizing our projects to the transmission and so you will hear in the wind industry developers are usually developing 100 megawatts or more in each project and they are all looking for power purchase agreements. We are completely different in that our projects fit into the transmission grid and we are selling the electricity on the LMP market. It is a different strategy that we have and I think investors are going to see that while every one else is waiting for new transmission and transmission upgrades for several years up to a decade, Crownbutte is going to be constructing small projects. So by the time there is enough transmission for their hundred or two hundred megawatt projects, we will already have a six hundred megawatts built and operating in the grid.