



Press Release

PEGGY BELTRONE ACCEPTS LEADERSHIP POSITION AT EXERGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, NAMED PRESIDENT OF EXERGY'S NEW COMMUNITY WIND DIVISION

Helena, Montana, June 1, 2010 - Exergy Development Group, LLC, one of the largest independent renewable energy development companies in North America, announced today that Peggy Beltrone will join its senior management team and assume the role of President of its new wind technology division, Exergy Integrated Systems (EIS). As President of EIS, Beltrone will lead a fully integrated wind turbine company whose advanced vertical-axis technology, the Zilo™, is designed to make clean and renewable power more affordable, acceptable and accessible for local communities, and whose energy storage system will mitigate dispatchability problems often faced by electricity providers.

Beltrone gained national prominence during her decade-long advocacy for wind energy development on the Cascade County Commission in Great Falls, Montana. Today hundreds of megawatts of wind energy and the transmission to carry it to markets is being developed in Cascade County. "Beltrone brings local and national experience in all facets of renewable energy," said James Carkulis, founder and CEO of Exergy Development Group. "Exergy is undergoing rapid growth, and we are pleased to have a professional of Peggy's background and vision to help us expand alternative energy markets, promote sustainable communities, and pioneer new technologies."

Exergy Development Group was founded in Helena, Montana in 2001, and is headquartered in Boise, Idaho. Beginning this year, the company will install a 219 MW, \$450 million wind power project in southern Idaho, the largest and most carefully planned in the state's history, as well as an additional 36 MW in Minnesota. These new projects build on the experience acquired in installing highly successful wind parks in Idaho and Montana over the past eight years. Exergy continues to maintain a corporate office in Montana, and under Beltrone's leadership plans to expand its in-state presence into manufacturing, sales, service, and the initial deployment of the Zilo™ turbine.

"This new position with Exergy Integrated Systems gives me the opportunity to provide sustainable economic solutions to our region with more focus and a greater reach," Beltrone said. "I've enjoyed public service, and I am committed to doing still more to advance the rural agenda as a leader of the talented and ambitious Exergy team." Beltrone plans to step down after 16 years on the Cascade County Commission. "I have a number of projects, chiefly the 2010-11 county budget, that I will complete prior to resigning," Beltrone said.

In 2001, Commissioner Beltrone pioneered an award-winning wind power marketing initiative to expand local economic opportunities and build Cascade County's tax base. The County's involvement led Exergy Development Group to install Montana's first locally-owned wind farm just south of Great Falls in 2006, which eliminated diesel-electric emissions from the United Materials facility, created 22 construction jobs and 2 permanent positions, and is continuing to produce thousands of dollars in County revenues. Beltrone co-authored the *Wind Energy Guide for County Commissioners* on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the Department of Energy. She played a leading role in promoting and garnering local support for the 214-mile Montana-Alberta Tie - Montana's first new major transmission line in twenty years - that will open the region to wind energy, bringing a \$1-billion economic impact.

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ABOUT PEGGY BELTRONE. Peggy Beltrone is a nationally known and trusted voice on rural renewable energy development and sustainable communities. She championed rural economic development on the Board of Cascade County Commissioners for nearly 16 years where she directed the County's wind energy marketing program. She chairs the Community Wind initiative of the 25x'25 National Alliance (25% renewable energy in the US by 2025) of over 900 energy, agricultural, and environmental organizations, and serves on the US Department of Energy's Wind Powering America steering committee and on the US Environmental Protection Agency's Farm Ranch and Rural Communities Advisory Committee. Beltrone is a former board member of the National Association of Counties (NACo). In the spring of 2010, she was selected by NACo to provide expert testimony on sustainable rural strategies at the White House. Having played a leading role in promoting and garnering local support for the Montana-Alberta Tie Line - Montana's first new transmission line in thirty years - Beltrone now contributes her on-the-ground transmission expertise in national roles at the Energy Future Coalition. Beltrone has traveled to every region of the US, giving speeches and meeting directly with rural officials to share hopeful stories of renewable energy-driven development.



ABOUT EXERGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP. Exergy Development Group is one of the major independent renewable energy developers in the United States. Exergy's focus is on deploying commercially successful, socially beneficial and environmentally responsible renewable energy projects. The company moves its projects from conception to commercial operation, and is developing new and advanced renewable energy technologies as part of this comprehensive strategy. Exergy has assembled a renewables projects queue of over 4,000 MW across the Western and Midwestern United States. The company's veteran team is set apart by its commitment to advancing renewable energy by mitigating utility concerns about renewables integration and orienting its projects towards local people and landscapes. Exergy believes that sustainable economic prosperity is inextricably tied to the well being of our communities and natural environment.

ABOUT EXERGY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS. Incorporated in 2010, Exergy Integrated Systems (EIS) is a subsidiary of Exergy Development Group, one of the largest independent renewable energy development companies in North America. EIS was established to foster the design, development and deployment of advanced renewable energy technologies in the Northern Great Plains, center of the greatest concentration of renewable energy resources in the US. EIS will be a fully integrated company that creates and commercializes its own renewable energy products, beginning with a community-oriented midsize wind turbine called the Zilo™. The Zilo™ represents a significant shift in turbine technology and grid management. The core belief of EIS is that transformative and engaging new technologies will play a major role in enabling wind and other renewable power sources to be deployed more widely and economically in the US and eventually around the world. Our mission is to provide innovative and intelligent wind and renewable energy technology systems that better integrate into the lives of people who use them, and the communities and landscapes in which they are placed.



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