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SE Minnesota Community Wind Development Announces Holiday Open House and Local Food Drive

Kasson, Minnesota – December 11, 2008 – High Country Energy, along with its managing partner, National Wind, invites the community to share the holiday spirit at an open house in their new Kasson office on Monday, December 22, 2008 from 1pm to 7pm. Help renew the season with hope! Learn how this locally-owned wind farm development will benefit the community and participate in a local food drive that will help feed hungry families.

Anyone from the community is welcome to attend to meet with local High Country Energy members and National Wind. The public is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item in exchange for a picture with Santa Claus. All food drive items will benefit the Channel One Food Bank and Food Shelf and the Semcac Dodge County Food Shelf, helping feed people in need in Olmsted County, Dodge County and throughout the SE Minnesota area. Also, enjoy a sip of apple cider, a taste of holiday cookies, along with some holiday tunes.

“We want the community to feel a part of this project and realize that we have a local office open, to meet their needs and answer questions,” says Mark Lucas, Vice-President of National Wind. “This open house will serve as a “meet and greet,” allowing National Wind, High Country Energy’s members, and the community to make those connections. It also allows us to have fun and enjoy the season while giving back to an important cause.”

High Country Energy’s Kasson office is located at 122 West Main Street.

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“As members of this locally-owned wind farm development, we care about the community and our neighbors,” says Dana Christie, a Stewartville landowner and member of High Country Energy’s Board of Advisors. “We are all in this together, helping develop the best wind farm we can that keeps the proceeds of wind local. This open house will help people understand that and the food drive gives back to people in need throughout the local area. It’s a good thing for all involved!”

To learn more about the open house or to make an appointment with High Country Energy’s local field specialists, Dan Hemmingsen or Missy Kelley, please call the office at 507-634-6993. Also visit www.HighCountryEnergy.com for further information.

About National Wind LLC:

National Wind is the leader in developing utility-scale (50 megawatts or larger) community wind energy projects. We form powerful community wind energy partnerships with property owners, assuring that our projects’ economic benefits are shared with the surrounding community. National Wind is developing 12 large wind energy developments, representing 3,658 megawatts. We also have an additional 1,500 megawatts in advanced feasibility stages. National Wind’s projects are located in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota South Dakota, and Colorado, and the company is exploring expansion opportunities in other states. Please visit www.nationalwind.com for more information.

About High Country Energy, LLC: High Country Energy, LLC is a Community Based Energy Development (C-BED) company located in southeastern Dodge and southwestern Olmsted counties in Minnesota. Our company exists to develop and produce over 300 megawatts of wind energy projects which are sustainable, generational and environmentally responsible. The company’s financial commitment is to assure a majority of the development proceeds are shared with the surrounding community. Please visit <http://www.highcountryenergy.com> for more information.