



**Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development**

April 25, 2007

Ms. Krista Jo Gordon  
Project Manager  
Competitive Power Ventures, Inc.  
200 Union Blvd.  
Suite 304  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear Ms. Gordon:

Please accept this letter as full support of the development of a wind energy project in Ellis County, Kansas. The Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development is committed to the concept of utilizing the winds on the high plains to further economic growth and firmly believes it is an important part of the future of our area.

We believe the development of a wind energy project will enhance the local economy by increasing employment not only during the construction phase of a project, but with long-term, permanent jobs. These positions will add dollars to the local economy which will be spent in local merchants' stores, restaurants, and hotels and thereby generate additional sales tax dollars, jobs, and business opportunities.

The core of our mission is to create jobs and economic growth in the area. A wind energy project in Ellis County, Kansas will enhance these efforts for all of Northwest Kansas and will play a significant part in our economy for many years to come.

Best of luck in your pursuit of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hutchinson'.

David Hutchinson  
Chair  
Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development  
Board of Directors