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In Opposition to Senate Bill 253

Chairman Olson, Vice-Chairman Peterson, Ranking Member Francisco and Members of the Committee:

Enel Green Power North America, Inc. ("Enel Green Power") is a global leader in the ownership and operation of renewable energy projects. In fact, just last October, Enel Green Power dedicated our state of the art, 250 MW Buffalo Dunes project located in Grant, Haskell, and Finney Counties.

Out of our 185 wind projects located around the world, Buffalo Dunes is the largest single-phase wind project in our global portfolio. Enel Green Power made a strategic decision to have its largest wind investment in Kansas. This is because Kansas has made smart, consistent commitments to policy.

This project, combined with the iconic 250 MW Smoky Hills project, located right off of Interstate 70, in Lincoln and Ellsworth Counties, and our 200 MW Caney River project located in Elk County, make up the largest operating wind capacity in Kansas. To date, this represents nearly \$1 billion worth of investments injected into the Kansas economy.

The thoughtful leadership of Kansas policy makers has helped the State become a great place to do business. In fact, Kansas energy and economic policies have attracted billions of global investment dollars that have provided tremendous economic benefits to Kansans. As a result, Kansas has emerged as a national and international leader in energy.

SB 253 seeks to undo this progress. It weakens the State's standing in the global energy market place. SB 253 sends a very clear message to global renewable energy investors, like Enel Green Power, and many others who would seek to grow their business in the State: that Kansas wants to undo the great progress that has made it a leader.

Renewable energy, and wind energy in particular, play such an important role in the Kansas energy economy. Moreover, wind energy is a vital part of the regional electric power system that in turn, has helped provide energy savings directly to Kansas consumers. The electric industry is at crossroads and demands for clean, Kansas energy, is on the rise. SB 253 only diminishes that potential.

Enel Green Power is hopeful that this committee will reject proposals that hinder future renewable energy developments in the State. After all, Enel Green Power is at home in Kansas, and we are proud to be a part of the Kansas energy success story.