

**ORDER APPROVING TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY,  
TEXAS, AND HIDALGO WIND FARM LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, adopted Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Hidalgo County, Texas, effective December 22, 2014 (the "Guidelines and Criteria"), to allow Hidalgo County, on a case-by-case basis, to give consideration to providing tax abatement as a stimulation for economic development in Hidalgo County pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2014, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County considered and approved a tax abatement agreement between Hidalgo County, Texas and Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC, which has not been executed, and the terms of the agreement have subsequently been revised to include the updated estimate of the value of proposed tax abatement, which updated estimate was put on the record during the meeting on the December 16, 2014.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County finds that the proposed tax abatement meets the Guidelines and Criteria, and has determined to grant tax abatement on the terms and conditions set forth in the revised version of the proposed tax abatement agreement, including without limitation that the economic life of the proposed facility exceeds the duration of the proposed tax abatement and that Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC will not be required to provide tax certificates with respect to real property owned by other parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, in lieu of the tax abatement agreement approved on December 16, 2014, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, hereby approves and authorizes the Tax Abatement Agreement between Hidalgo County, Texas, and Hidalgo Wind Farm LLC, in the form attached as Exhibit A, and the County Judge is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Hidalgo County.

**PASSED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED** this the 22<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE  
HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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A.C. Cuellar, Jr.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct.3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attested to:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ATLAS, HALL AND RODRIGUEZ, LLP

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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
STEPHEN L. CRAIN

**EXHIBIT A**

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