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### **HORIZON WIND ENERGY AND SARGENT & LUNDY SIGN ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR SUBSTATION AT PIONEER PRAIRIE WIND FARM PHASE 1**

Chicago, IL USA - Horizon Wind Energy has selected Sargent & Lundy LLC to design the 345/34.5 kV substation for the first phase of the Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm project in northeastern Iowa. The Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm is planned for an ultimate output of 300 MW.

The Pioneer Prairie Phase I Substation will be connected to a new Alliant Energy/Interstate Power & Light 345 kV switchyard that will provide the interconnection to the existing Adams-Hazelton 345 kV Transmission Line. The Pioneer Prairie Phase I Substation will have provisions for the connection of a future transmission line from the planned Pioneer Prairie Phase II Substation.

Sargent & Lundy's scope of work for the substation includes electrical and structural engineering, grading and drainage design, and support for procurement of major materials and equipment. The schedule for engineering and procurement supports a May 2008 start of construction and a project in-service date of December 2008.

*Sargent & Lundy LLC is a worldwide leader in professional services for the electric power industry and has been dedicated exclusively to serving energy business and energy intensive clients for more than 100 years. The firm provides comprehensive engineering, energy business consulting, and project services for new and operating electric power plants and power delivery systems. [www.sargentlundy.com](http://www.sargentlundy.com)*

*Horizon Wind Energy ([www.horizonwind.com](http://www.horizonwind.com)) develops, constructs, owns, and operates wind farms throughout the United States. Having developed more than 1000 MW of wind farms operating in Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, New York, Washington, and Costa Rica, Horizon is currently developing a portfolio of more than 9000 MW in a dozen states and expects to bring nearly 1000 MW online in 2007. Horizon Wind Energy is owned by Energias de Portugal, S.A., a major Portuguese utility.*

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