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## Sequoia Energy Reaches Deal for Construction of Border Winds Project

Sequoia Energy US Inc. ("Sequoia") is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with RES Americas Developments Inc. ("RES") that Sequoia anticipates will lead to the construction and operation of the Border Winds project. The proposed 150 megawatts (MW) wind energy project is located in Rolette County in north central North Dakota, near the Canadian-US border.

To accomplish the anticipated construction of the project, Sequoia sold the project to Border Winds Energy LLC, a project specific company that is a wholly owned subsidiary of RES. RES is one of the premiere wind energy construction companies in the United States (see [www.res-americas.com](http://www.res-americas.com)). Upon completing construction of the project, RES will sell Border Winds Energy LLC to Xcel Energy and Xcel Energy will then own and operate the project under its Northern States Power Company subsidiary. Details can be read at:

[http://www.xcelenergy.com/About\\_Us/Energy\\_News/News\\_Releases/Xcel\\_Energy\\_proposes\\_fourth\\_Upper\\_Midwest\\_wind\\_project](http://www.xcelenergy.com/About_Us/Energy_News/News_Releases/Xcel_Energy_proposes_fourth_Upper_Midwest_wind_project).

"Sequoia is working co-operatively with RES to move this project through the approval phases to ensure that physical construction can ultimately commence. At this point, we anticipate that site work will commence in late fall/early winter 2013, with construction activities (seasonally dependent) continuing through to completion of the project at the end of October 2015, depending on the weather and other factors", advised Ron Diduch, CEO and President of Sequoia.

Plans for local information sessions with the community members and other stakeholders are underway. "Sequoia has always appreciated the co-operative community spirit and we look forward to continuing to work with landowners and other community members," added Diduch.

The quick facts about the project are as follows:

- 150 megawatts (MW)
- Approximately 22,700 acres
- Site work / construction anticipated to commence late fall/early winter 2013
- Anticipated commercial operation date("COD") end of October 2015
- Would reduce carbon dioxide emissions an average of 320,000 tons annually in Xcel Energy's NSP service territory



- Project Developer – Sequoia Energy US Inc.
- Project Construction – Renewable Energy Systems (RES)
- Project Owner and Operator at COD – Xcel Energy / Northern States Power Company

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Sequoia Energy US Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sequoia Energy Inc., a renewable energy developer with its head office in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Sequoia is focussed on developing wind, hydro, and solar projects throughout the northern mid-west of the USA and parts of central and western Canada. For more information, please contact Ron Diduch, President & CEO, at (204) 927-0293 and [rdiduch@sequoia-energy.com](mailto:rdiduch@sequoia-energy.com) or Robert Millard, Director, Corporate & Legal, at (403) 230-5124 and [rmillard@sequoia-energy.com](mailto:rmillard@sequoia-energy.com).