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3TIER Group to be Forecasting for over 650 MW of Wind Energy throughout the U.S.

SEATTLE, WA. – 3TIER Environmental Forecast Group Inc announced that it will soon begin energy forecasting for three additional wind projects in the United States. The projects include the 44 MW Flying Cloud project in northwestern Iowa, the 51 MW Moraine project in southwest Minnesota, and the 150 MW High Winds project in northern California. All the sites are operated by PPM Energy (www.ppmenergy.com), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scottish Power (NYSE: SPI; LSE: SPW).

The additional projects bring 3TIER's current wind energy forecasting portfolio to over 650MW, representing roughly 13% of the total installed wind energy capacity in the United States.

"We have significantly expanded our computing capabilities to meet the demands of these additional projects" said Kenneth Westrick, 3TIER Founder and President. "This expansion is unique in many ways, forecasting for projects in meteorologically diverse regions of the country can be challenging, but we are absolutely confident that our forecasting tools will continue to provide excellent guidance for PPM Energy." Accurate wind energy forecasts allow wind power to be scheduled more effectively, translating into significant cost savings for the project operators and increased confidence for system operators.

Wind energy is the fastest growing energy source in the U.S. and the world.

3TIER specializes in atmospheric and hydrological forecasting and consulting services. The firm uses state-of-the-art weather, snow, and streamflow prediction models and strategies to provide a wide range of environmental forecasts primarily for energy clients. <http://www.3tiergroup.com>