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### **3TIER Unveils Firstlook Assessment at WINDPOWER 2007**

**In just minutes, Firstlook delivers initial wind assessment  
based on most advanced national wind map available**

**LOS ANGELES** – Following a year of technical development, 3TIER today introduced Firstlook Assessment, an innovative, web-based tool that provides a fast, cost-effective, thorough wind and power resource assessment. Based on the most advanced wind map developed by 3TIER, Firstlook offers the first geographically consistent national wind data set that has undergone rigorous validation.

“Firstlook does exactly what its name says: it provides an initial look at potential wind sites for customers, but at \$2,500 it is a tenth the price of a traditional wind assessment,” said Kenneth Westrick, founder and CEO of 3TIER, a renewable energy assessment and forecasting company headquartered in Seattle. “In just minutes, Firstlook produces a complete wind assessment report, delivered in PDF format directly to the customer over the internet. You can trust Firstlook because it uses one of the most rigorous methods to assess uncertainty and validate accuracy. There is no other product on the market with the same capabilities or reliability.”

Technical highlights of Firstlook include:

- Accessible via the internet 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Uses 3TIER’s advanced numerical weather prediction (NWP) modeling technology. Model simulations were made at a spatial resolution of 5 km and are interpolated for specific areas.
- The 5 km map of the continental U.S. was based upon observations from more than 2,000 meteorological towers, which were used to correct the simulations and provide clients with a unique confidence rating for each report.

“Firstlook offers an unbiased and complete analysis supported by the latest scientific assessment methods so clients can make the right decisions regarding

location of potential projects, funding or financing requests, or even which way to turn the boom of a met tower,” said 3TIER Vice President Brian Reidy.

“Based on the information customers learn from FirstLook,” Reidy added, “they then can decide whether to undertake a more traditional and complex wind assessment. In that case, 3TIER offers Fullview Assessment, which provides the highest level, detailed assessments, for wind resources at any location. Fullview Assessments are customized for each client and each location – no matter how complex.”

In addition to wind assessment services, 3TIER provides a full suite of assessment and forecasting services for wind, hydro and solar energy projects. 3TIER uses its knowledge about weather, climate and their impacts on weather-driven renewable energy resources to help clients to make better decisions about their investments – before, during and after their projects are built.

To try out 3TIER’s new Firstlook Assessment and receive a free, instantaneous wind speed assessment from anywhere on the national wind map, visit Booth #1710 at WINDPOWER 2007. Learn more about 3TIER’s suite of products and services at [www.3tiergroup.com](http://www.3tiergroup.com).

### **About 3TIER**

3TIER provides project-scale, scientifically-based renewable energy forecast and assessment products and services to organizations worldwide. Founded in 1999, Seattle-based 3TIER is the largest provider of these services in North America and currently forecasts for nearly one-third of all wind energy projects operational today on the North American continent. For more information, visit [www.3tiergroup.com](http://www.3tiergroup.com).

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