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3TIER introduces new Firstlook Standard wind assessment report

New report offers quick, cost-effective solution to small-scale wind developers, public utility districts, co-ops and community wind organizations

SEATTLE – 3TIER today announced that it is making Firstlook Assessment more affordable to even more customers by releasing the Firstlook Standard report priced at \$1,000. The Firstlook Standard report now offers customers another cost-effective wind assessment solution in addition to the original \$2,500 Firstlook Professional report.

“From ease of use to rapid turnaround, Firstlook’s advanced, online wind assessment capabilities have received extremely positive response from our customers,” said Brian Reidy, 3TIER Executive Vice President of Market Development. “We’ve clearly got a breakthrough product and we want to make it even more affordable for our customers to shorten their development cycles. Whether they have a 50 MW or 2MW project, Firstlook will be able to meet their needs for a tenth the price of a traditional wind assessment.”

The Firstlook Standard report is regarded as a complete assessment report and will include annual, monthly and hourly information on wind speed, power distribution, wind and power directions and diurnal variations. Targeted to developers of smaller-scale wind projects, Firstlook Standard gives customers the information they need to make the right decisions regarding project siting, funding or financing requests.

The Firstlook Professional report provides greater flexibility for customers who want more in depth information about their wind resource and access to the actual data behind the report. This data is a key feature that provides the various values used to generate the report, giving the user the ability to run the data through specific power curves. In addition to all the features described in the standard report above, the professional report includes more detailed monthly average and hourly mean wind and power information.

Technical highlights of both Firstlook Standard and Professional include:

- Online report delivery system that delivers custom wind assessment reports within minutes.
- Accessible via the internet 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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- 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 2,000 meteorological towers, which were used to correct the simulations and provide clients with a unique confidence rating for each report.

In June 2007, following a year of technical development, 3TIER launched Firstlook wind assessment, an innovative, web-based tool that provides a fast, cost-effective, thorough wind resource and power assessment. Users now have online access to the first geographically seamless national wind data set that has undergone rigorous validation.

The Firstlook Standard report is available immediately for \$1,000 and the Firstlook Professional report for \$2,500 online at firstlook.3tiergroup.com.

About 3TIER

Founded in 1999, Seattle-based 3TIER is the largest independent provider of wind, solar and hydro energy assessment and power forecasting worldwide. People around the world turn to 3TIER when they want the best scientific information to make decisions about their renewable energy projects—from the prospecting stage to operations. For more information, visit 3tiergroup.com.

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