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Leonard, Street and Deinard's energy attorneys are actively involved in representing wind energy developers in wind projects throughout the Midwest and the West. Our attorneys have experience in all aspects of wind projects including site assessment, permitting, transmission, regulatory compliance with government agencies, construction, design, power sale agreements, operations and maintenance, asset purchase and sale, and finance.

Among our recent experience:

- We represent several national wind developers on projects in various stages of development in California, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Washington representing over 1000 MW of wind energy.
- We currently assist wind developers address generator interconnection and queue issues in the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. footprint and have negotiated Large Generator Interconnection Agreements on behalf of wind developers.
- We have negotiated power purchase agreements and joint development agreements on behalf of wind developers and have also represented buyers of energy from wind projects in various states including Minnesota and Montana.
- We represented clients that developed wind facilities and subsequently sold such projects through asset and equity sales.
- We have assisted clients with compliance with federal regulations associated with Qualifying Facilities, Exempt Wholesale Generators and market-based rate authority.
- We have assisted clients in evaluating incentives for wind energy production in several states, including community energy program, tax and production incentives, as well as the federal government.
- We represented a national wind energy company in developing a 100 MW wind farm in southern Minnesota. We assisted the developer in all aspects of project development, including representation in certificate of need and permitting proceedings before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and addressed land use and real estate issues. The project reached commercial operation at the end of 2007.
- We represented a national wind energy company that developed two wind farms in North and South Dakota totaling over 100 MW. We assisted the developer in post-construction financing transactions associated with the Projects.

In addition, our attorneys are often requested to speak at national wind industry conferences, and most recently have presented at the 6th Wind Energy & Power Markets Conference in Westminster, Colorado; the Wind Energy and Power Markets Fundamentals Conference in Denver, Colorado; and the 8th Wind Energy & Power Markets Conference in Denver, Colorado. We are regularly asked to present on the Federal Regulatory aspects of developing and operating wind projects, including interconnection issues, market-based rate authority and ownership structuring issues.

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