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April 5, 2013

Margo Knox
Superintendent
Vega Independent School District
200 Longhorn Drive
Vega, Texas 79092

Dear Superintendent Knox:

On January 8, 2013, the Comptroller received the completed application (Application # 256) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313¹. This application was originally submitted in December 2012 to the Vega Independent School District (the school district) by Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC (the applicant). This letter presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to make a recommendation to the governing body of the school district as to whether the application should be approved or disapproved using the criteria set out by Section 313.026.

The school district is currently classified as a rural school district in Category 3 according to the provisions of Chapter 313. Therefore, the applicant properly applied under the provisions of Subchapter C, applicable to rural school districts. The amount of proposed qualified investment (\$154 million) is consistent with the proposed appraised value limitation sought (\$10 million). The property value limitation amount noted in this recommendation is based on property values available at the time of application and may change prior to the execution of any final agreement.

The applicant is an active franchise taxpayer in good standing, as required by Section 313.024(a), and is proposing the construction of a wind power electric generation facility in Oldham County, an eligible property use under Section 313.024(b). The Comptroller has determined that the property, as described in the application, meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

After reviewing the application using the criteria listed in Section 313.026, and the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller's recommendation is that this application under Tax Code Chapter 313 be approved.

Our review of the application assumes the truth and accuracy of the statements in the application and that, if the application is approved, the applicant would perform according to the provisions of the agreement reached with the school district. Our recommendation does not address whether the applicant has complied with all Chapter 313 requirements; the school district is responsible for verifying that all requirements of the statute have been fulfilled. Additionally, Section 313.025 requires the school district to only approve an application if the school district finds that the information in the application is true and

¹ All statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

correct, finds that the applicant is eligible for a limitation and determines that granting the application is in the best interest of the school district and this state. When approving a job waiver requested under Section 313.025(f-1), the school district must also find that the statutory jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility. As stated above, the Comptroller's recommendation is prepared by generally reviewing the application and supporting documentation in light of the Section 313.026 criteria and a cursory review of the industry standard evidence necessary to support the waiver of the required number of jobs.

Note that any new building or other improvement existing as of the application review start date of January 8, 2013, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2).

The Comptroller's recommendation is based on the application submitted by the school district and reviewed by the Comptroller. The recommendation may not be used by the school district to support its approval of the property value limitation agreement if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this recommendation is contingent on future compliance with the Chapter 313 and the Texas Administrative Code, with particular reference to the following requirements related to the execution of the agreement:

- 1) The applicant must provide the Comptroller a copy of the proposed limitation on appraised value agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting scheduled by the school district to consider approving the agreement, so that the Comptroller may review it for compliance with the statutes and the Comptroller's rules as well as consistency with the application;
- 2) The Comptroller must confirm that it received and reviewed the draft agreement and affirm the recommendation made in this letter;
- 3) The school district must approve and execute a limitation agreement that has been reviewed by the Comptroller within a year from the date of this letter; and
- 4) The school district must provide a copy of the signed limitation agreement to the Comptroller within seven (7) days after execution, as required by Section 313.025.

Should you have any questions, please contact Robert Wood, director of Economic Development & Analysis Division, by email at robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-3973, or direct in Austin at 512-463-3973.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Hubert
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Robert Wood

Economic Impact for Chapter 313 Project

Applicant	Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Vega ISD
2011-12 Enrollment in School District	337
County	Oldham
Total Investment in District	\$154,000,000
Qualified Investment	\$154,000,000
Limitation Amount	\$10,000,000
Number of total jobs committed to by applicant	3*
Number of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	3
Average Weekly Wage of Qualifying Jobs committed to by applicant	\$1,010
Minimum Weekly Wage Required Tax Code, 313.051(b)	\$850
Minimum Annual Wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$52,500
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$51,333,333
Estimated 15 year M&O levy without any limit or credit:	\$17,015,597
Estimated gross 15 year M&O tax benefit	\$11,618,793
Estimated 15 year M&O tax benefit (<i>after</i> deductions for estimated school district revenue protection--but not including any deduction for supplemental payments or extraordinary educational expenses):	\$11,431,232
Tax Credits (estimated - part of total tax benefit in the two lines above - appropriated through Foundation School Program)	\$2,768,455
Net M&O Tax (15 years) After Limitation, Credits and Revenue Protection:	\$5,584,365
Tax benefit as a percentage of what applicant would have paid without value limitation agreement (percentage exempted)	67.2%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the limitation	76.2%
Percentage of tax benefit due to the credit	23.8%
* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).	

This presents the Comptroller's economic impact evaluation of Spinning Spur Two (the project) applying to Vega Independent School District (the district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026. This evaluation is based on information provided by the applicant and examines the following criteria:

- (1) the recommendations of the comptroller;
- (2) the name of the school district;
- (3) the name of the applicant;
- (4) the general nature of the applicant's investment;
- (5) the relationship between the applicant's industry and the types of qualifying jobs to be created by the applicant to the long-term economic growth plans of this state as described in the strategic plan for economic development submitted by the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Commission under Section 481.033, Government Code, as that section existed before February 1, 1999;
- (6) the relative level of the applicant's investment per qualifying job to be created by the applicant;
- (7) the number of qualifying jobs to be created by the applicant;
- (8) the wages, salaries, and benefits to be offered by the applicant to qualifying job holders;
- (9) the ability of the applicant to locate or relocate in another state or another region of this state;
- (10) the impact the project will have on this state and individual local units of government, including:
 - (A) tax and other revenue gains, direct or indirect, that would be realized during the qualifying time period, the limitation period, and a period of time after the limitation period considered appropriate by the comptroller; and
 - (B) economic effects of the project, including the impact on jobs and income, during the qualifying time period, the limitation period, and a period of time after the limitation period considered appropriate by the comptroller;
- (11) the economic condition of the region of the state at the time the person's application is being considered;
- (12) the number of new facilities built or expanded in the region during the two years preceding the date of the application that were eligible to apply for a limitation on appraised value under this subchapter;
- (13) the effect of the applicant's proposal, if approved, on the number or size of the school district's instructional facilities, as defined by Section 46.001, Education Code;
- (14) the projected market value of the qualified property of the applicant as determined by the comptroller;
- (15) the proposed limitation on appraised value for the qualified property of the applicant;
- (16) the projected dollar amount of the taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property, for each year of the agreement, if the property does not receive a limitation on appraised value with assumptions of the projected appreciation or depreciation of the investment and projected tax rates clearly stated;
- (17) the projected dollar amount of the taxes that would be imposed on the qualified property, for each tax year of the agreement, if the property receives a limitation on appraised value with assumptions of the projected appreciation or depreciation of the investment clearly stated;
- (18) the projected effect on the Foundation School Program of payments to the district for each year of the agreement;
- (19) the projected future tax credits if the applicant also applies for school tax credits under Section 313.103; and
- (20) the total amount of taxes projected to be lost or gained by the district over the life of the agreement computed by subtracting the projected taxes stated in Subdivision (17) from the projected taxes stated in Subdivision (16).

Wages, salaries and benefits [313.026(6-8)]

After construction, the project will create three new jobs when fully operational. All three jobs will meet the criteria for qualifying jobs as specified in Tax Code Section 313.021(3). According to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the regional manufacturing wage for the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Region, where Oldham County is located was \$40,196 in 2011. The annual average manufacturing wage for 2011 for Oldham County is unavailable. That same year, the county annual average wage for all industries was \$38,857. In addition to a salary of \$52,500, each qualifying position will receive the following benefits: medical, dental, and vision insurance, of which at least 80% of the premiums for the employee will be paid by the LLC. Each qualifying employee will also receive area wide competitive vacation time, sick leave, and skill training. The project's total investment is \$154 million, resulting in a relative level of investment per qualifying job of \$51.3 million.

Ability of applicant to locate to another state and [313.026(9)]

According to Spinning Spur Two's application, "the applicant can locate the project anywhere in the U.S. with sufficient prevailing wind conditions conducive to power generation."

Number of new facilities in region [313.026(12)]

During the past two years, two projects in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Region applied for value limitation agreements under Tax Code, Chapter 313.

Relationship of applicant's industry and jobs and Texas's economic growth plans [313.026(5)]

The Texas Economic Development Plan focuses on attracting and developing industries using technology. It also identifies opportunities for existing Texas industries. The plan centers on promoting economic prosperity throughout Texas and the skilled workers that the Spinning Spur Two project requires appear to be in line with the focus and themes of the plan. Texas identified energy as one of six target clusters in the Texas Cluster Initiative. The plan stresses the importance of technology in all sectors of the energy industry.

Economic Impact [313.026(10)(A), (10)(B), (11), (13-20)]

Table 1 depicts Spinning Spur Two's estimated economic impact to Texas. It depicts the direct, indirect and induced effects to employment and personal income within the state. The Comptroller's office calculated the economic impact based on 16 years of annual investment and employment levels using software from Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). The impact includes the construction period and the operating period of the project.

Table 1: Estimated Statewide Economic Impact of Investment and Employment in Spinning Spur Two

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2013	150	164	314	\$7,875,000	\$10,675,000	\$18,550,000
2014	3	14	17	\$157,500	\$1,922,500	\$2,080,000
2015	3	6	9	\$157,500	\$1,062,500	\$1,220,000
2016	3	-4	-1	\$157,500	\$942,500	\$1,100,000
2017	3	-3	0	\$157,500	\$332,500	\$490,000
2018	3	-1	2	\$157,500	\$452,500	\$610,000
2019	3	-3	0	\$157,500	\$82,500	\$240,000
2020	3	1	4	\$157,500	\$212,500	\$370,000
2021	3	3	6	\$157,500	\$452,500	\$610,000
2022	3	-1	2	\$157,500	\$332,500	\$490,000
2023	3	1	4	\$157,500	\$692,500	\$850,000
2024	3	1	4	\$157,500	\$452,500	\$610,000
2025	3	5	8	\$157,500	\$572,500	\$730,000
2026	3	3	6	\$157,500	\$572,500	\$730,000
2027	3	1	4	\$157,500	\$332,500	\$490,000
2028	3	3	6	\$157,500	\$822,500	\$980,000

Source: CPA, REMI, Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC

The statewide average ad valorem tax base for school districts in Texas was \$1.74 billion in 2011. Vega ISD's ad valorem tax base in 2011 was \$158.4 million. The statewide average wealth per WADA was estimated at \$374,943 for fiscal 2011-2012. During that same year, Vega ISD's estimated wealth per WADA was \$288,228. The impact on the facilities and finances of the district are presented in Attachment 2.

Table 2 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district, Oldham County, and Llano Estacado Water District, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from Spinning Spur Two's application. Spinning Spur Two has applied for both a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and a tax abatement with the county. Table 3 illustrates the estimated tax impact of the Spinning Spur Two project on the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate ¹	Vega ISD I&S Levy	Vega ISD M&O Levy	Vega ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (Before Credit Credited)	Vega ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies (After Credit Credited)	Oldham County Tax Levy	Llano Estacado Water District (67.99%) Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
				0.1375	1.0400			0.7100	0.0100	
2014	\$148,302,000	\$148,302,000		\$203,915	\$1,542,341	\$1,746,256	\$1,746,256	\$0	\$10,083	\$1,756,339
2015	\$137,895,649	\$137,895,649		\$189,607	\$1,434,115	\$1,623,721	\$1,623,721	\$0	\$9,376	\$1,633,097
2016	\$132,976,471	\$10,000,000		\$182,843	\$104,000	\$286,843	\$286,843	\$0	\$9,041	\$295,884
2017	\$128,057,294	\$10,000,000		\$176,079	\$104,000	\$280,079	\$160,051	\$0	\$8,707	\$168,758
2018	\$123,138,116	\$10,000,000		\$169,315	\$104,000	\$273,315	\$153,944	\$0	\$8,372	\$236,316
2019	\$118,218,939	\$10,000,000		\$162,551	\$104,000	\$266,551	\$147,951	\$0	\$8,038	\$155,989
2020	\$113,299,761	\$10,000,000		\$155,787	\$104,000	\$259,787	\$142,077	\$0	\$7,703	\$149,781
2021	\$108,380,585	\$10,000,000		\$149,023	\$104,000	\$253,023	\$136,326	\$0	\$7,369	\$143,695
2022	\$103,461,408	\$10,000,000		\$142,259	\$104,000	\$246,259	\$130,702	\$0	\$7,034	\$137,736
2023	\$103,461,408	\$10,000,000		\$142,259	\$104,000	\$246,259	\$129,692	\$0	\$7,034	\$136,726
2024	\$93,623,053	\$93,623,053		\$128,732	\$973,680	\$1,102,411	\$6,982	\$664,724	\$6,365	\$678,071
2025	\$88,703,875	\$88,703,875		\$121,968	\$922,520	\$1,044,488	\$195,993	\$629,798	\$6,031	\$831,821
2026	\$83,784,698	\$83,784,698		\$115,204	\$871,361	\$986,565	\$986,565	\$594,871	\$5,697	\$1,587,133
2027	\$78,865,520	\$78,865,520		\$108,440	\$820,201	\$928,641	\$928,641	\$559,945	\$5,362	\$1,493,949
2028	\$73,946,343	\$73,946,343		\$101,676	\$769,042	\$870,718	\$870,718	\$525,019	\$5,028	\$1,400,765
						Total	\$7,646,463	\$2,974,357	\$111,239	\$10,732,059

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatement with the County.

Source: CPA, Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC

¹Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate ¹	Vega ISD I&S Levy	Vega ISD M&O Levy	Vega ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Oldham County Tax Levy	Llano Estacado Water District (67.99%) Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes	
				0.1375	1.0400		0.7100	0.0100		
2014	\$148,302,000	\$148,302,000		\$203,915	\$1,542,341	\$1,746,256	\$1,052,944	\$10,083	\$2,809,283	
2015	\$137,895,649	\$137,895,649		\$189,607	\$1,434,115	\$1,623,721	\$979,059	\$9,376	\$2,612,156	
2016	\$132,976,471	\$132,976,471		\$182,843	\$1,382,955	\$1,565,798	\$944,133	\$9,041	\$2,518,972	
2017	\$128,057,294	\$128,057,294		\$176,079	\$1,331,796	\$1,507,875	\$909,207	\$8,707	\$2,425,788	
2018	\$123,138,116	\$123,138,116		\$169,315	\$1,280,636	\$1,449,951	\$874,281	\$8,372	\$2,332,604	
2019	\$118,218,939	\$118,218,939		\$162,551	\$1,229,477	\$1,392,028	\$839,354	\$8,038	\$2,239,420	
2020	\$113,299,761	\$113,299,761		\$155,787	\$1,178,318	\$1,334,105	\$804,428	\$7,703	\$2,146,236	
2021	\$108,380,585	\$108,380,585		\$149,023	\$1,127,158	\$1,276,181	\$769,502	\$7,369	\$2,053,052	
2022	\$103,461,408	\$103,461,408		\$142,259	\$1,075,999	\$1,218,258	\$734,576	\$7,034	\$1,959,868	
2023	\$103,461,408	\$103,461,408		\$142,259	\$1,075,999	\$1,218,258	\$734,576	\$7,034	\$1,959,868	
2024	\$93,623,053	\$93,623,053		\$128,732	\$973,680	\$1,102,411	\$664,724	\$6,365	\$1,773,501	
2025	\$88,703,875	\$88,703,875		\$121,968	\$922,520	\$1,044,488	\$629,798	\$6,031	\$1,680,317	
2026	\$83,784,698	\$83,784,698		\$115,204	\$871,361	\$986,565	\$594,871	\$5,697	\$1,587,133	
2027	\$78,865,520	\$78,865,520		\$108,440	\$820,201	\$928,641	\$559,945	\$5,362	\$1,493,949	
2028	\$73,946,343	\$73,946,343		\$101,676	\$769,042	\$870,718	\$525,019	\$5,028	\$1,400,765	
						Total	\$19,265,256	\$11,616,417	\$111,239	\$30,992,912

Source: CPA, Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC

¹Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Attachment 1 includes schedules A, B, C, and D provided by the applicant in the application. Schedule A shows proposed investment. Schedule B is the projected market value of the qualified property. Schedule C contains employment information, and Schedule D contains tax expenditures and other tax abatement information.

Attachment 2, provided by the district and reviewed by the Texas Education Agency, contains information relating to the financial impact of the proposed project on the finances of the district as well as the tax benefit of the value limitation. "Table II" in this attachment shows the estimated 13 year M&O tax levy without the value limitation agreement would be \$15,426,354. The estimated gross 13 year M&O tax benefit, or levy loss, is \$11,618,793.

Attachment 3 is an economic overview of Oldham County.

Disclaimer: This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

Attachments

1. Schedules A, B, C, and D provided by applicant in application
2. School finance and tax benefit provided by district
3. County Economic Overview

Attachment 1

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS

		(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A: Tangible Personal Property The amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year	Column B: Building or permanent nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B Qualifying investment (during the qualifying time period)	Column D: Other investment that is not qualified investment but investment affecting economic impact and total value	Column E: Total Investment (A+B+D)			
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	Investment made before filing complete application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)	2013-2014	2013	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
	Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application (eligible to become qualified property)	2013-2014	2013	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)	2013-2014	2013	\$153,100,000	\$900,000	\$154,000,000	\$0	\$154,000,000			
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014					\$0		
		2	2015-2016	2015					\$0		
		3	2016-2017	2016					\$0		
		4	2017-2018	2017					\$0		
		5	2018-2019	2018					\$0		
		6	2019-2020	2019					\$0		
		7	2020-2021	2020					\$0		
		8	2021-2022	2021					\$0		
		9	2022-2023	2022					\$0		
		10	2023-2024	2023					\$0		
		11	2024-2025	2024					\$0		
		12	2025-2026	2025					\$0		
		13	2026-2027	2026					\$0		
		14	2027-2028	2027					\$0		
15	2028-2029	2028					\$0				
Credit Settle-Up Period	Post-Settle-Up Period							\$0			
	Post-Settle-Up Period							\$0			

Qualifying Time Period usually begins with the final board approval of the application and extends generally for the following two complete tax years. This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property the applicant considers qualified investment - as defined in Tax Code §313.021(1)(A)-(D). For the purposes of investment, please list amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

Column A: For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in tangible personal property. Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property-property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period. The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings that the applicant considers qualified investment under Tax Code §313.021(1)(E).

Column B: For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings. Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value for planning, construction and operation of the facility. The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc. Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.

Column C: For advanced clean energy projects, nuclear projects, projects with deferred qualifying time periods, and projects with lengthy application review periods, insert additional rows as needed. This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.

Melissa Mott
 SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

December 13, 2012
 DATE

	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Qualified Property			Reductions from Market Value	Estimated Taxable Value	
				Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new building or "in or on the new improvement"		Final taxable value for I&S - after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O--after all reductions
	pre-year 1	2013-2014	2013	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014	N/A	\$866,700	\$147,435,300	\$0	\$148,302,000	\$148,302,000
	2	2015-2016	2015	N/A	\$805,884	\$137,089,765	\$0	\$137,895,649	\$137,895,649
	3	2016-2017	2016	N/A	\$777,135	\$132,199,336	\$10,000,000	\$132,976,471	\$10,000,000
	4	2017-2018	2017	N/A	\$748,387	\$127,308,907	\$10,000,000	\$128,057,294	\$10,000,000
	5	2018-2019	2018	N/A	\$719,638	\$122,418,478	\$10,000,000	\$123,138,117	\$10,000,000
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	6	2019-2020	2019	N/A	\$690,890	\$117,528,049	\$10,000,000	\$118,218,939	\$10,000,000
	7	2020-2021	2020	N/A	\$662,141	\$112,637,620	\$10,000,000	\$113,299,762	\$10,000,000
	8	2021-2022	2021	N/A	\$633,393	\$107,747,192	\$10,000,000	\$108,380,585	\$10,000,000
	9	2022-2023	2022	N/A	\$604,645	\$102,856,763	\$10,000,000	\$103,461,407	\$10,000,000
	10	2023-2024	2023	N/A	\$604,645	\$102,856,763	\$10,000,000	\$103,461,407	\$10,000,000
Credit Settle-Up Period	11	2024-2025	2024	N/A	\$547,148	\$93,075,905	\$0	\$93,623,053	\$93,623,053
	12	2025-2026	2025	N/A	\$518,399	\$88,185,476	\$0	\$88,703,875	\$88,703,875
	13	2026-2027	2026	N/A	\$489,651	\$83,295,047	\$0	\$83,784,698	\$83,784,698
Post- Settle-Up Period	14	2027-2028	2027	N/A	\$460,902	\$78,404,618	\$0	\$78,865,521	\$78,865,521
	15	2028-2029	2028	N/A	\$432,154	\$73,514,189	\$0	\$73,946,343	\$73,946,343

Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation. This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.

Melissa W...

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

December 13, 2012

DATE

Schedule C- Application: Employment Information

Applicant Name
ISD Name
Sprimling Spur II LLC
Vega ISD

Form 50-296

	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Construction		New Jobs		Qualifying Jobs	
				Column A: Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	Column B: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C: Number of new jobs applicant commits to create (cumulative)	Column D: Average annual wage rate for all new jobs.	Column E: Number of qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column F: Average annual wage of qualifying jobs
	pre-year 1	2013-2014	2013	150	\$52,500	0	\$0	0	\$0
Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	2	2015-2016	2015	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	3	2016-2017	2016	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	4	2017-2018	2017	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	5	2018-2019	2018	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	6	2019-2020	2019	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	7	2020-2021	2020	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	8	2021-2022	2021	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	9	2022-2023	2022	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	10	2023-2024	2023	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
Credit Settle-Up Period	11	2024-2025	2024	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	12	2025-2026	2025	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	13	2026-2027	2026	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
Post-Settle-Up Period	14	2027-2028	2027	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500
	15	2028-2029	2028	0	\$0	3	\$52,500	3	\$52,500

Notes: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code §313.021(3).

This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.

Melissa Miller

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

December 13, 2012

DATE

Sales Tax Information				Other Property Tax Abatements Sought					
Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax/Calendar Year YYYY	Sales Taxable Expenditures		Franchise Tax	County	City	Hospital	Other
			Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax					
	2013-2014	2013	\$148,525,000	\$5,475,000					
1	2014-2015	2014			\$0	100%			
2	2015-2016	2015			\$0	100%			
3	2016-2017	2016			\$118,800	100%			
4	2017-2018	2017			\$122,400	100%			
5	2018-2019	2018			\$126,000	100%			
6	2019-2020	2019			\$130,320	100%			
7	2020-2021	2020			\$113,760	100%			
8	2021-2022	2021			\$137,520	100%			
9	2022-2023	2022			\$141,120	100%			
10	2023-2024	2023			\$145,440	100%			
11	2024-2025	2024			\$149,040				
12	2025-2026	2025			\$147,600				
13	2026-2027	2026			\$151,920				
14	2027-2028	2027			\$156,960				
15	2028-2029	2028			\$161,280				
Complete tax years of qualifying time period									
Value Limitation Period									
Continue to Maintain Viable Presence									
Post-Settle-Up Period									
Post-Settle-Up Period									

or planning, construction and operation of the facility.

W. [Signature]
 SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

December 13, 2012
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Attachment 2



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Michael L. Williams
Commissioner

April 1, 2013

Mr. Robert Wood
Director, Economic Development and Analysis
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Lyndon B. Johnson State Office Building
111 East 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774

Dear Mr. Wood:

As required by the Tax Code, §313.025 (b-1), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has evaluated the impact of the proposed Spinning Spur Wind Two LLC project on the number and size of school facilities in Vega Independent School District (VISD). Based on the analysis prepared by Randy McDowell and Neal Brown for the school district and a conversation with the VISD superintendent, Margo Knox, the TEA has found that the Spinning Spur Wind Two LLC project would not have a significant impact on the number or size of school facilities in VISD.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at (512) 463-9186 or by email at al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us if you need further information about this issue.

Sincerely,

Al McKenzie, Manager
Foundation School Program Support

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Dear Mr. Wood:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has analyzed the revenue gains that would be realized by the proposed Spinning Spur Wind Two LLC project for the Vega Independent School District (VISD). Projections prepared by the TEA State Funding Division confirm the analysis that was prepared by Randy McDowell and Neal Brown and provided to us by your division. We believe their assumptions regarding the potential revenue gain are valid, and their estimates of the impact of the Spinning Spur Wind Two LLC project on VISD are correct.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at (512) 463-9186 or by email at al.mckenzie@tea.state.tx.us if you need further information about this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al McKenzie", is written over a horizontal line.

Al McKenzie, Manager
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Summary of the District's Financial Impact of Chapter 313 Agreement with Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC

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**Summary of Vega ISD Financial Impact
of the
Limited Appraised Value Application
from
Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC**

Introduction

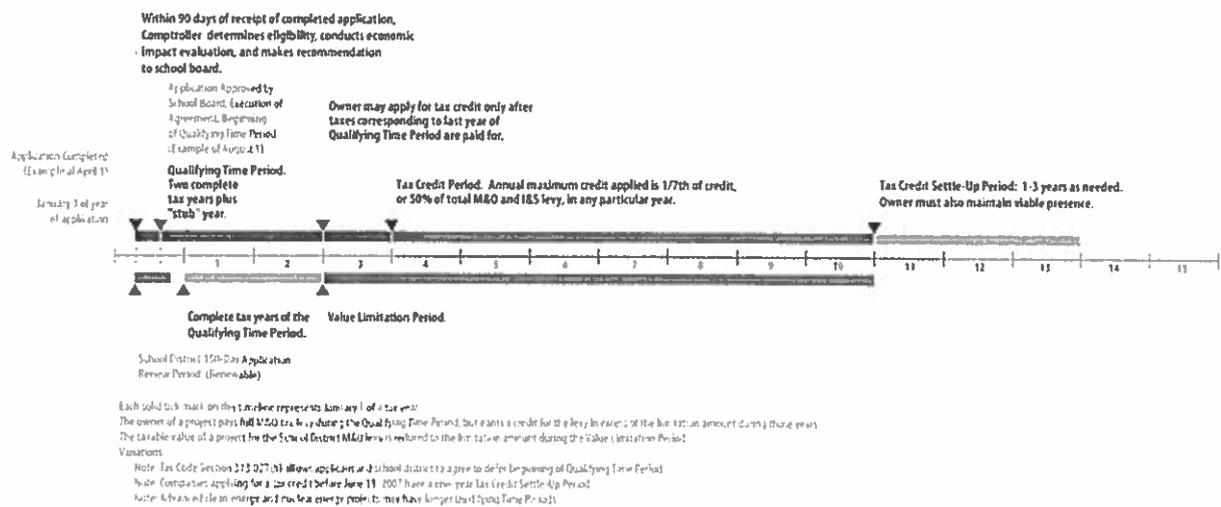
Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC applied for a property value limitation from Vega Independent School District under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code. The application was submitted on December 13, 2012 and subsequently approved for consideration by the Vega ISD Board of Trustees. Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC ("Spinning Spur"), is requesting the property value limitation as a "renewable energy electric generation" project as listed in Sec. 313.024.(b) of the Tax Code.

"The Economic Development Act ", Tax Code Chapter 313, was created by House Bill 1200 of the 77th Texas Legislature in 2001. Further amendments were made to Chapter 313 as a result of House Bill 1470 from the 80th Texas Legislative Session in 2007.

The Economic Development Act was created to attract qualifying businesses to Texas by allowing school districts the option of approving a property value limitation to these qualifying entities. The purpose of the property value limitation is to reduce the maintenance and operations taxes paid by the company, to a school district during the applicable years as displayed below.

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Appraised Value Limitation and Credit under Tax Code Chapter 313 for School District Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Tax



The company must file an application with the school district to qualify for consideration of a Limited Appraised Value Agreement ("LAVA" or "Agreement") to begin the following tax year or a later year if agreed upon by the District and the Company. The first two years of the agreement are considered the qualifying time period and the company's school district taxes will be levied at one-hundred percent of the appraised value. The applicant may then file a separate application with the school district to request tax credits (for taxes paid during the qualifying time period) to be applied during years four through ten of the LAVA, but not to exceed 50% of their tax levy for those years. Any tax credit balance remaining after this period can then be applied during years eleven through thirteen of the agreement, but cannot exceed the actual amount of taxes paid to the school district during the Settle-Up Period. After year thirteen, any leftover credits will not be applied and will expire.

During years three through ten of the LAVA, the qualifying entity's taxable value will be reduced to the minimum qualified investment for the applicable school district as determined by the State Comptroller's Office. Vega ISD is considered a Rural category 3 District as categorized with total taxable value of industrial property of at least \$1 million and less than \$90 million, thus Vega ISD has a

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minimum qualified investment amount of \$10 million. A qualifying entity's taxable value would be reduced to \$10 million during years three through ten of the agreement for the purposes of computing the tax levy for the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax of Vega ISD. The entire appraised value will be used for computing the interest and sinking (I&S) tax levy.

Taxable Value Impact from LAVA

The "Additional Value from Spinning Spur" represents the values that the company estimated as their taxable values in the application that was filed with the district. During years three through ten, the company's taxable value will be limited to the \$10,000,000 minimum qualified investment of Vega ISD.

TABLE I- Calculation of Taxable Value:

Tax Year	Additional Value From Spinning Spur	Minimum Qualified Investment	Abated Value	Taxable Value
Jan. 1, 2014	148,302,000	n/a	0	148,302,000
Jan. 1, 2015	137,895,649	n/a	0	137,895,649
Jan. 1, 2016	132,976,471	(10,000,000)	122,976,471	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2017	128,057,294	(10,000,000)	118,057,294	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2018	123,138,117	(10,000,000)	113,138,117	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2019	118,218,939	(10,000,000)	108,218,939	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2020	113,299,762	(10,000,000)	103,299,762	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2021	108,380,585	(10,000,000)	98,380,585	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2022	103,461,407	(10,000,000)	93,461,407	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2023	103,461,407	(10,000,000)	93,461,407	10,000,000
Jan. 1, 2024	93,623,053	n/a	0	93,623,053
Jan. 1, 2025	88,703,875	n/a	0	88,703,875
Jan. 1, 2026	83,784,698	n/a	0	83,784,698

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Spinning Spur Wind's Tax Benefit from Agreement

The projected amount of the net tax savings for Spinning Spur is \$11.4 million over the life of the Agreement. This net savings is after all tax credits have been applied and after estimated payments have been made to the district to offset their revenue losses that were a direct result of entering into this Agreement.

TABLE II- Computation of Net Tax Savings:

Fiscal Year	Taxes w/o Agreement	Tax Savings with Agreement	Tax Credits	Payment of District's Revenue Losses	Net Tax Savings
2014-2015	1,542,341	0	n/a	0	0
2015-2016	1,434,115	0	n/a	0	0
2016-2017	1,382,955	1,278,955	n/a	(140,993)	1,137,962
2017-2018	1,331,796	1,227,796	120,028	0	1,347,823
2018-2019	1,280,636	1,176,636	119,371	0	1,296,007
2019-2020	1,229,477	1,125,477	118,600	0	1,244,077
2020-2021	1,178,318	1,074,318	117,710	0	1,192,027
2021-2022	1,127,158	1,023,158	116,697	0	1,139,855
2022-2023	1,075,999	971,999	115,557	(24,972)	1,062,584
2023-2024	1,075,999	971,999	116,568	(21,596)	1,066,971
2024-2025	973,680	0	1,095,430	0	1,095,430
2025-2026	922,520	0	848,495	0	848,495
2026-2027	871,361	0	0	0	0
Totals	15,426,354	8,850,337	2,768,455	(187,560)	11,431,232

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Financial Impact Study

This Financial Impact Study was performed to determine the financial impact of the Limited Appraised Value Agreement on Vega ISD. First, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared to establish a baseline without the added values of the renewable energy electric generation company. Second, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporated the additional taxable value of the company without a LAVA in effect. Third, a thirteen year financial forecast was prepared that incorporates the additional taxable value of the company with an approved LAVA. These three forecasts are detailed in the "Calculation of LAVA Impact on District's Finances" section. The following assumptions were used to compare the financial impact of the LAVA:

- The current state funding formulas (in effect for 2012-2013 fiscal year) were used for state aid and recapture calculation purposes
 - Level 2 of Tier II yield - \$59.97 per weighted student in average daily attendance (WADA) per penny of tax effort
- The district's tax rate for maintenance & operations (M&O) will remain at the same rate as for tax year 2012.
- A tax collection rate of 100% on current year tax levy with no projected delinquent taxes
- An annual taxable value increase of 1.0% was used to project the district's taxable value, except as it related to the requested LAVA. The district's 2012 taxable value was used as a baseline for all projections
- The district's enrollment is projected to increase slightly; therefore, the projected ADA and WADA for school year 2012-2013 was increased by .25% per year for the life of the agreement.

Although these assumptions were used to develop a baseline scenario for comparison purposes, many of these factors will not remain constant for the thirteen years of this proposed agreement. Also, Legislative changes to the school finance formulas are likely during the near future and almost certain during the life of this agreement.

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Calculation of LAVA Impact on District's Finances

The tables displayed below (Table III, IV, V) show the different impacts on the school district's finances. These scenarios were computed to compare the District's revenue without the additional taxable value of Spinning Spur (Table III), the addition of Spinning Spur's taxable values without a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table IV), and the addition of Spinning Spur's taxable values with a Chapter 313 Agreement (Table V).

TABLE III – District Revenues *without* Spinning Spur Wind Two:

Fiscal Year	Total Taxable Value	M&O Taxes		Recapture Amount	Hold Harmless Revenue	M&O Taxes > Comp Rate	Total District Revenue
		Compressed Rate	State Revenue				
2014-2015	124,074,482	1,158,024	1,590,560	0	2,748,584	302,604	3,051,189
2015-2016	125,315,227	1,169,605	1,585,851	0	2,755,456	304,030	3,059,486
2016-2017	126,568,379	1,181,301	1,581,044	0	2,762,344	304,790	3,067,134
2017-2018	172,037,961	1,605,682	1,163,568	0	2,769,250	411,209	3,180,459
2018-2019	171,548,146	1,601,110	1,175,063	0	2,776,173	302,420	3,078,593
2019-2020	171,141,840	1,597,318	1,185,796	0	2,783,114	303,321	3,086,435
2020-2021	170,816,342	1,594,280	1,195,791	0	2,790,072	304,222	3,094,293
2021-2022	299,047,078	2,791,096	5,951	0	2,797,047	534,948	3,331,995
2022-2023	292,451,647	2,729,539	179,675	153,891	2,755,323	348,288	3,103,611
2023-2024	286,250,784	2,671,664	177,833	83,974	2,765,523	346,108	3,111,631
2024-2025	280,426,160	2,617,301	200,776	42,511	2,775,566	344,107	3,119,674
2025-2026	274,960,346	2,566,287	258,835	39,661	2,785,461	342,276	3,127,737
2026-2027	269,836,770	2,518,468	313,718	36,971	2,795,214	340,608	3,135,822

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TABLE IV- District Revenues with Spinning Spur Wind Two without Chapter 313 Agreement:

Fiscal Year	M&O Taxes				Hold	M&O	Total
	Total Taxable Value	Compressed Rate	State Revenue	Recapture Amount	Harmless Revenue	Taxes > Comp Rate	District Revenue
2014-2015	272,376,482	2,542,171	1,523,693	0	4,065,864	664,297	4,730,161
2015-2016	263,210,876	2,456,626	298,830	37,613	2,717,843	328,503	3,046,346
2016-2017	259,544,850	2,422,410	339,934	33,945	2,728,399	331,515	3,059,914
2017-2018	300,095,255	2,800,879	242,880	37,569	3,006,190	387,362	3,393,552
2018-2019	294,686,263	2,750,395	167,181	191,676	2,725,900	348,090	3,073,990
2019-2020	289,360,779	2,700,691	167,725	132,877	2,735,540	346,121	3,081,661
2020-2021	284,116,104	2,651,741	168,287	74,869	2,745,159	344,189	3,089,348
2021-2022	407,427,663	3,802,645	12,978	61,764	3,753,859	499,947	4,253,806
2022-2023	395,913,054	3,695,175	196,332	1,185,027	2,706,481	422,320	3,128,801
2023-2024	389,712,191	3,637,301	162,927	1,082,491	2,717,736	415,706	3,133,442
2024-2025	374,049,213	3,491,114	229,488	990,519	2,730,083	398,998	3,129,081
2025-2026	363,664,221	3,394,187	196,462	847,334	2,743,315	387,921	3,131,235
2026-2027	353,621,468	3,300,455	196,551	741,708	2,755,298	377,745	3,133,043

TABLE V – District Revenues with Spinning Spur Wind Two with Chapter 313 Agreement:

Fiscal Year	M&O Taxes		State Revenue	Recapture Amount	Hold Harmless Revenue	M&O Taxes > Comp Rate	Payment for District Losses	Total District Revenue
	Total Taxable Value	Comp Rate						
2014-2015	272,376,482	2,542,171	1,523,693	0	4,065,864	664,297	0	4,730,161
2015-2016	263,210,876	2,456,626	298,830	37,613	2,717,843	328,503	0	3,046,346
2016-2017	259,568,379	2,274,634	1,487,711	17,861	2,744,483	174,438	140,993	3,059,914
2017-2018	182,037,961	1,699,015	1,424,283	0	3,123,298	403,251	0	3,526,549
2018-2019	181,548,146	1,694,443	1,081,730	0	2,776,173	302,467	0	3,078,640
2019-2020	181,141,840	1,690,651	1,092,463	0	2,783,114	303,361	0	3,086,475
2020-2021	180,816,342	1,687,613	1,102,458	0	2,790,072	304,254	0	3,094,325
2021-2022	309,047,078	2,884,429	934,676	0	3,819,105	522,262	0	4,341,367
2022-2023	302,451,647	2,822,872	177,760	249,912	2,750,720	353,109	24,972	3,128,801
2023-2024	296,250,784	2,764,997	175,947	180,025	2,760,919	350,927	21,596	3,133,442
2024-2025	374,049,213	3,491,114	144,780	146,557	3,489,347	449,390	0	3,938,737
2025-2026	363,664,221	3,394,187	196,462	847,334	2,743,315	387,921	0	3,131,235
2026-2027	353,621,468	3,300,455	196,551	741,708	2,755,298	377,745	0	3,133,043

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Current School Finance Law

A major overhaul of the school finance formulas was implemented as a result of House Bill 1 of the 79th Legislative Session and became effective for the 2006-2007 school year. These formula changes have had an effect on the district's financial impact from granting a property value limitation. Due to the district's "Hold Harmless" provision that was enacted in the new funding formulas, it is presumed that the majority of the district's revenue losses in year three of the LAVA will be offset with additional state funding or a reduction of recapture payments made to the State. Prior to these recent formula changes, school districts felt a significant loss in revenues in year three because the state funding formulas considered the district more property wealthy based on their prior year taxable value. However, districts were only able to tax on the lower value that was a result of the LAVA. Districts are currently "held harmless" for the majority amount of loss in year three; however, it is possible that a future legislative session could eliminate this provision. If the "hold harmless" provision is eliminated, then the company would be required to offset the district's losses as computed in Article III of the Agreement.

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Payments in Lieu of Taxes

Assuming that the District and Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC mutually agree in the LAVA that \$100 per student in average daily attendance (ADA) will be paid to Vega ISD by Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC, the projected amount of these payments over the life of the agreement is \$439,229 of the \$11.4 million net tax savings amount. This amount will be computed annually according to Section IV of the Agreement.

TABLE VI - Calculation of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes:

Fiscal Year	Net Tax Savings	Vega ISD Share \$100/ADA	Spinning Spur Wind Share
2014-2015	0	33,283	(33,283)
2015-2016	0	33,366	(33,366)
2016-2017	1,137,962	33,450	1,104,513
2017-2018	1,347,823	33,533	1,314,290
2018-2019	1,296,007	33,617	1,262,390
2019-2020	1,244,077	33,701	1,210,376
2020-2021	1,192,027	33,785	1,158,242
2021-2022	1,139,855	33,870	1,105,986
2022-2023	1,062,584	33,955	1,028,629
2023-2024	1,066,971	34,039	1,032,932
2024-2025	1,095,430	34,124	1,061,305
2025-2026	848,495	34,210	814,285
2026-2027	0	34,295	(34,295)
Totals	11,431,232	439,229	10,992,003

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Impact of Projected Student Growth On District Facilities

TABLE VII – Campus Capacity and Available Growth

Grade Level	# of Regular Classrooms	Building Capacity	Current Enrollment	Enrollment Growth Available
Vega Elem. K thru 6	10	220	162	58
Vega High 7-12	16	320	181	139
Total	26	540	343	197

The building capacities are based on 22 students per classroom for the elementary campuses, 20 students for the Jr. High and high school. Vega ISD is a kindergarten through 12th grade district.

Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC provided supplemental information with their application that projected the number of full-time employees that are expected for permanent employment after construction of the project is completed. They projected that three full-time employees are expected. It is not known whether these would be new employees to the Vega ISD, or if current residents would occupy these positions; however, it is assumed that these employees would be new residents to the district.

Based on average statewide figures provided by a demographer, it is projected that each new household would produce .5 students. Thus, the new three positions equates to 2 new students.

This minimal projected student growth can easily be accommodated with the current facilities of Vega ISD as displayed in Table VII above.

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Conclusion

This Financial Impact Study displays that entering into a Limited Appraised Value Agreement with Spinning Spur Wind Two, LLC, would be beneficial to both Spinning Spur and Vega ISD under the current school finance system.

Spinning Spur would benefit from reduced property taxes during years three through ten of the LAVA. Although some of the tax savings would be used to offset district's revenue losses and payments in lieu of taxes to the District, Spinning Spur is projected to benefit from a 80% tax savings over the twelve year period of this agreement. Spinning Spur also has the option of terminating the Agreement if the amount paid to the District during a tax year is greater than the amount of taxes that would have been paid without the agreement; therefore, there is no inherent risk for the company from entering into the Agreement.

Vega ISD would also have no inherent risk under the current school finance system and with the provisions in the LAVA that require Spinning Spur to offset any district losses caused by the LAVA. An annual calculation will be performed each year to determine if a loss to the District has been incurred. The revenue impact to the District will be computed by comparing the District's revenues with and without the LAVA in effect.

Attachment 3

Oldham County

Population

- Total county population in 2010 for Oldham County: 2,119 , up 0.4 percent from 2009. State population increased 1.8 percent in the same time period.
- Oldham County was the state's 235st largest county in population in 2010 and the 161st fastest growing county from 2009 to 2010.
- Oldham County's population in 2009 was 79.4 percent Anglo (above the state average of 46.7 percent), 3.6 percent African-American (below the state average of 11.3 percent) and 14.4 percent Hispanic (below the state average of 36.9 percent).
- 2009 population of the largest cities and places in Oldham County:

Vega:	896	Adrian:	154
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Economy and Income

Employment

- September 2011 total employment in Oldham County: 890 , up 1.3 percent from September 2010. State total employment increased 0.9 percent during the same period.
(October 2011 employment data will be available November 18, 2011).
- September 2011 Oldham County unemployment rate: 6.0 percent, unchanged from 6.0 percent in September 2010. The statewide unemployment rate for September 2011 was 8.5 percent, up from 8.2 percent in September 2010.
- September 2011 unemployment rate in the city of:

(Note: County and state unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, but the Texas Workforce Commission city unemployment rates are not. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates are not comparable with unadjusted rates).

Income

- Oldham County's ranking in per capita personal income in 2009: 195th with an average per capita income of \$29,139, down 9.0 percent from 2008. Statewide average per capita personal income was \$38,609 in 2009, down 3.1 percent from 2008.

Industry

- Agricultural cash values in Oldham County averaged \$70.46 million annually from 2007 to 2010. County total agricultural values in 2010 were up 14.5 percent from 2009. Major agriculture related commodities in Oldham County during 2010 included:

- Hay	- Sorghum	- Wheat	- Other Beef	- Fed Beef
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- 2011 oil and gas production in Oldham County: 107,560.0 barrels of oil and 97,087.0 Mcf of gas. In September 2011, there were 22 producing oil wells and 7 producing gas wells.

Taxes

Sales Tax - Taxable Sales

(County and city taxable sales data for 1st quarter 2011 is currently targeted for release in mid-September 2011).

Quarterly (September 2010 through December 2010)

- Taxable sales in Oldham County during the fourth quarter 2010: \$2.19 million, up 90.5 percent from the same quarter in 2009.
- Taxable sales during the fourth quarter 2010 in the city of:

Vega:	\$721,611.00, up 13.6 percent from the same quarter in 2009.
Adrian:	\$91,828.00, down 18.5 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

Taxable Sales through the end of 4th quarter 2010 (January 2010 through December 30, 2010)

- Taxable sales in Oldham County through the fourth quarter of 2010: \$6.17 million, up 26.9 percent from the same period in 2009.
- Taxable sales through the fourth quarter of 2010 in the city of:

Vega:	\$2.73 million, up 10.6 percent from the same period in 2009.
Adrian:	\$468,723.00, down 7.7 percent from the same period in 2009.

Annual (2010)

- Taxable sales in Oldham County during 2010: \$6.17 million, up 26.9 percent from 2009.
- Oldham County sent an estimated \$385,336.88 (or 0.00 percent of Texas' taxable sales) in state sales taxes to the state treasury in 2010.
- Taxable sales during 2010 in the city of:

Vega:	\$2.73 million, up 10.6 percent from 2009.
Adrian:	\$468,723.00, down 7.7 percent from 2009.

Sales Tax – Local Sales Tax Allocations

(The release date for sales tax allocations to cities for the sales activity month of September 2011 is currently scheduled for November 9, 2011.)

Monthly

- Statewide payments based on the sales activity month of August 2011: \$505.22 million, up 13.9 percent from August 2010.
- Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on the sales activity month of August 2011: \$4,791.50, down 12.7 percent from August 2010.
- Payment based on the sales activity month of August 2011 to the city of:

Vega:	\$4,258.76, up 5.5 percent from August 2010.
Adrian:	\$532.74, down 63.4 percent from August 2010.

Fiscal Year

- Statewide payments based on sales activity months from September 2010 through August 2011: \$6.08 billion, up 8.0 percent from the same period in 2010.
- Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months from September 2010 through August 2011: \$61,896.45, up 12.4 percent from fiscal 2010.
- Payments based on sales activity months from September 2010 through August 2011 to the city of:

Vega:	\$54,346.25, up 17.5 percent from fiscal 2010.
Adrian:	\$7,550.20, down 14.0 percent from fiscal 2010.

January 2011 through August 2011 (Sales Activity Year-To-Date)

- Statewide payments based on sales activity months through August 2011: \$3.99 billion, up 8.3 percent from the same period in 2010.
- Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months through August 2011: \$40,414.75, up 5.7 percent from the same period in 2010.
- Payments based on sales activity months through August 2011 to the city of:

Vega:	\$36,541.16, up 14.8 percent from the same period in 2010.
Adrian:	\$3,873.59, down 39.3 percent from the same period in 2010.

12 months ending in August 2011

- Statewide payments based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in August 2011: \$6.08 billion, up 8.0 percent from the previous 12-month period.
- Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in August 2011: \$61,896.45, up 12.4 percent from the previous 12-month period.
- Payments based on sales activity in the 12 months ending in August 2011 to the city of:

Vega:	\$54,346.25, up 17.5 percent from the previous 12-month period.
Adrian:	\$7,550.20, down 14.0 percent from the previous 12-month period.

- **City Calendar Year-To-Date (RJ 2011)**

- Payment to the cities from January 2011 through October 2011:

Vega:	\$45,098.01, up 16.7 percent from the same period in 2010.
Adrian:	\$5,106.45, down 30.7 percent from the same period in 2010.

Annual (2010)

- Statewide payments based on sales activity months in 2010: \$5.77 billion, up 3.3 percent from 2009.
- Payments to all cities in Oldham County based on sales activity months in 2010: \$59,703.71, up 13.0 percent from 2009.
- Payment based on sales activity months in 2010 to the city of:

Vega:	\$49,647.33, up 12.6 percent from 2009.
Adrian:	\$10,056.38, up 15.0 percent from 2009.

Property Tax

- As of January 2009, property values in Oldham County: \$531.59 million, up 10.8 percent from January 2008 values. The property tax base per person in Oldham County is \$250,988, above the statewide average of \$85,809. About 9.7 percent of the property tax base is derived from oil, gas and minerals.

State Expenditures

- Oldham County's ranking in state expenditures by county in fiscal year 2010: 224th. State expenditures in the county for FY2010: \$10.59 million, down 0.5 percent from FY2009.
- In Oldham County, 5 state agencies provide a total of 23 jobs and \$196,945.00 in annualized wages (as of 1st quarter 2011).

■ Major state agencies in the county (as of first quarter 2011):

- Department of Transportation
- Department of Public Safety
- AgriLife Extension Service
- Department of Family and Protective Services

Higher Education

■ Community colleges in Oldham County fall 2010 enrollment:

- None.

■ Oldham County is in the service area of the following:

- Amarillo College with a fall 2010 enrollment of 11,540 . Counties in the service area include:
 - Carson County
 - Castro County
 - Deaf Smith County
 - Moore County
 - Oldham County
 - Parmer County
 - Potter County
 - Randall County
 - Swisher County

■ Institutions of higher education in Oldham County fall 2010 enrollment:

- None.

School Districts

■ Oldham County had 4 school districts with 8 schools and 808 students in the 2009-10 school year.

(Statewide, the average teacher salary in school year 2009-10 was \$48,263. The percentage of students, statewide, meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all 2009-10 TAKS tests was 77 percent.)

- Adrian ISD had 131 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$42,610. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 80 percent.
- Boys Ranch ISD had 289 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$47,687. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 54 percent.
- Vega ISD had 289 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$44,317. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 84 percent.
- Wildorado ISD had 99 students in the 2009-10 school year. The average teacher salary was \$39,737. The percentage of students meeting the 2010 TAKS passing standard for all tests was 87 percent.