



## Benton County Wind Farm Achieves Financial Close

NEW YORK, September 23, 2009 – NORD/LB Norddeutsche Landesbank announced today that it has closed on financing for the Benton County Wind Farm project located in Benton County, Indiana. Other lenders included Dexia, Helaba and Lloyds. The project sponsors are Orion Energy Group and GE Energy Financial Services. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

The 130.5-megawatt wind farm, consisting of 87 GE 1.5sle turbines, achieved commercial operation in May 2008. Duke Energy Indiana (rated Baa2/A-) together with Vectren Power Supply, Inc. (rated Baa1/A-) purchase the power generated by the wind farm under 20-year power purchase agreements. The Benton wind farm is operated and maintained by enXco Service Corporation.

### About Norddeutsche Landesbank:

Based in Hannover, Germany, NORD/LB Norddeutsche Landesbank has grown to be Germany's tenth largest financial institution with roots going back to 1765. The Bank's North American operations started in 1991 and are based in New York. The Bank offers a range of financial services including Real Estate Lending, Asset Backed Finance, Treasury and Capital Markets functions. The Bank's Corporate & Structured Finance Group have been involved in financing wind projects since 2004 and have financed over 5,000MW of projects to date. In addition to wind, the Bank is also active in Solar and Hydro financing in both North America and Latin America. [www.nordlb.com](http://www.nordlb.com)

### About GE Energy Financial Services

GE Energy Financial Services' experts invest globally with a long-term view, backed by the best of GE's technical know-how, financial strength and rigorous risk management, across the capital spectrum, in one of the world's most capital-intensive industries, energy. GE Energy Financial Services helps its customers and GE grow through new investments, strong partnerships and optimization of its more than \$22 billion in assets. In renewable energy, GE Energy Financial Services is growing its portfolio of more than \$4 billion in assets in wind, solar, biomass, hydro and geothermal power. GE Energy Financial Services is based in Stamford, Connecticut. For more information, visit [www.geenergyfinancialservices.com](http://www.geenergyfinancialservices.com).

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