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Leaders Gather at Wind Conference to Present on Michigan's Energy Future

Lansing, MI – The Michigan Wind Energy Conference will take place on April 20th and 21st in Detroit at Cobo hall. The conference plans to address many of the opportunities and current issues facing wind energy development in Michigan. Corporate leaders will discuss their visions on needed transmission for wind farms, business partnership opportunities to move industry forward and Michigan's potential to lead the nation in the new green economy.

“As the nation's only fully independent electric transmission company, ITC is a critical link to electric reliability, sustainability, and energy independence,” said ITC Chairman, President and CEO Joseph L. Welch. “As Michigan works to achieve its renewable portfolio standard, which mandates that ten percent of the state's energy must come from renewable sources by 2015, ITC will work with all stakeholders involved to provide the high-voltage electric transmission needed to connect electricity generated from environmentally friendly sources to the appropriate distribution facilities. Beyond our state's boundaries, a high-voltage transmission backbone is essential to move electricity from high-wind and sunny regions of the country to population centers that demand energy from renewable sources.”

“Michigan is well poised to take advantage of the emerging green economy, with our manufacturing expertise, our universities and our talent. DTE Energy is committed to supporting Michigan by ensuring a cleaner, greener energy future. That's why we are sponsoring and participating in the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association's Michigan Wind Energy Conference. There will be information on all facets of the wind energy industry including project development, manufacturing, financing, and jobs. This is just a great opportunity to learn about the wind energy industry and to network with people who want to make wind work for Michigan,” stated Steven E. Kurmas, President and COO, Detroit Edison.

John DiDonato, NextEra Energy Resources' Vice President of Development, commented, "The opportunity exists for Michigan to reap the benefits of the growing interest in renewable energy. This conference is important in that it brings policymakers together with developers and other key partners to help take advantage of those opportunities."

The Michigan Wind Energy Conference takes place April 20th and 21st at Cobo Hall, Detroit, Michigan. Information regarding the conference, including registration, sponsorship and exhibition booths, can be found by visiting GLREA's website at www.glrea.org

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