

**CITY OF WILLCOX  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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<b>Subject: Approval Letter for 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project located in Cochise County</b>
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**TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
FROM: Development Services Department**

**DISCUSSION/DECISION/DIRECTION:** Approval letter for the 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project located in Cochise County (see attached Approval letter and Development Review Package).

On March 18, 2013 the City Council directed staff to find out opinion from Inde Motorsports Ranch on the construction of the 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project. On Tuesday, March 19, 2013 staff met with Graham Dorland-CEO, CJ Dorland-President, and Richard Finkler-General Manager. We discussed whether or not that the project would be visible to the Ranch.

Staff then proceeded to the project site to get exact location of the project to the location of the Ranch and to determine if project would be visible to Ranch. Staff determined that project site is approximately thirteen (13) miles from Ranch and about twenty-one (21) miles from City by way of Airport road. Staff also determined by line of site and Google map elevations that the Galiuro Mountains will hide project from Ranch and the City.

Staff then presented our findings to the Ranch CEO, President, and Manager, we had a discussion on the project and they then gave their Approval to go forward with this project. Staff did listen to other concerns about the use of Airport road during this project and Staff recommended that they write letter to County P and Z and also attend the P and Z meeting on April 10, 2013 at 4 pm to voice any other concerns that they may have.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that we approve of the constructing of the 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project located twenty-one (21) miles west of Willcox.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Would create 50 jobs for the construction of this project and 4 jobs for the operation of 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant. Possibly bring other industries related to this project to the Willcox area in the near future.

**Prepared by:** Jeff Stoddard

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Development Services

**Approved by:**   
City Manager



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**Date:** March 13, 2013

**Project:** 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project

**Property Location:** Nine sections of land located 13 miles west of Willcox

To: Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission,

Based on the information contained in the Cochise County Development Review Transmittal letter/Special Use Permit the City of Willcox recommends the Approval of this Special Use Permit for the construction of the 51 MW Wind Energy Power Plant Project located approximately twenty-one (21) miles West of Willcox AZ. This project will not only bring jobs for this project at the time of construction and during operational time, but will have further economic development possibilities in the near future.

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Robert Irvin  
City of Willcox  
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