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Free Symposium to Highlight Wind Energy Issues

FLOYDADA, Texas, June 15, 2009 – What has to happen before wind energy development can grow exponentially in our area? For starters, a build out in transmission lines to move the power. On June 25th at 7 p.m. Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association will be hosting “A Symposium: Preparing for Wind” at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center featuring speakers to present on issues relevant to what needs to be done before we can expect to see more wind development in our area. The event is free and open to the public.

Speakers will offer information on what landowners can expect in the very near future and offer suggestions on what they can do to facilitate the process. Scheduled speakers include representatives from Sharyland Utilities, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and The Shaw Group.

Steve Stokes, Board President for Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association and local landowner, is excited about the upcoming event and thinks that each of the speakers will offer attendees quality information.

“As an association one of our specific goals is to make sure that our membership stays informed,” Stokes said. “Having speakers that represent companies like Sharyland come into our area can open the lines of communication and help landowners understand what they can expect as we move closer to getting wind development.”

Sharyland Utilities is a privately owned, Texas-based transmission and distribution utility that is fully regulated by the PUCT. In January of this year the PUCT choose Sharyland to be a part of its plan to build transmission lines connecting wind rich regions of West Texas to urban areas throughout the state.

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As a part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) process Sharyland will construct lines that will cover approximately 300 miles in Carson, Randall, Armstrong, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Floyd, Motley and Dickens Counties. Through their presentations Sharyland and PUCT representatives hope to give community members a glimpse into what is to come.

“Sharyland Utilities is pleased to participate in this event so that landowners and other stakeholders are kept up to date on our progress as the CREZ transmission process moves forward,” said Sherry Kunka, Manager for Community Affairs at Sharyland Utilities.

The event agenda also features an environmental services representative from The Shaw Group to discuss issues concerning environmental reviews, due diligence, fatal flaw analysis, and other topics that need to be addressed before wind farms can be developed.

The event is free and open to the public. Local landowners, community leaders and interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. For more information contact the CPWEA office at 806-983-2793.

Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association is a non-profit landowner association working to connect landowners with movers and shakers in the wind industry. Our goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Go to www.caprockplainswind.com to find out more.

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