TODD COUNTY COMMUNITY WELCOMES GERMAN TURBINE MANUFACTURER

HEWITT, Minn.—The award-winning Bertha-Hewitt High School marching band will lead a procession of local and state dignitaries who will welcome German wind turbine manufacturer Nordex to Hewitt, Minn., during a rally Friday, June 8 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Nordex selected Hewitt (population 268) as the first North American site for deployment of its 2.5 megawatt wind turbine and the city is planning a large welcoming ceremony.

The new Hewitt turbine will be Minnesota’s largest. Standing nearly 300 feet tall, it is expected to be operational for attendees to view on June 8. If the first turbine testing is successful, plans are to install 12 additional turbines at the site. Regional electric utility Minnesota Power is purchasing all of the output from the C-BED (community-based energy development) facility.

Besides the annual Hewitt Pickle Festival held each July, the June 8 event is sure to be one of the most exciting events in town this year. The community is excited to be associated with Nordex, a multi-national corporation with ambitious global growth plans. Several top Nordex executives from Germany will be in Hewitt to join in the celebration.

In operation since 1985, Nordex is a global developer and manufacturer of wind turbines. Nordex has installed nearly 3,000 commercial wind turbines presently operating in 33 countries with a total rated output of more than 3,273 megawatts. Nordex maintains its headquarters in Rostock, Germany. More information about the company is available at www.nordex-online.com.

Approximately 175 miles from Minneapolis, Hewitt is located in west central Minnesota near the intersection of state highways 71 and 210 in the northwest corner of Todd County.

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