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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Gov. Ritter, Community Celebrate the State's Newest Wind Power Project**

#### **WHO:**

Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter is expected to join local elected officials, energy leaders, schoolchildren and community members to dedicate southeastern Colorado's newest wind power project.

Dedication speakers include:

- Gov. Bill Ritter
- Rep. Wesley McKinley
- Bent County Commissioner Bill Long
- Twin Buttes landowner and rancher Marion Sturges
- Karen Hyde, vice president of resource planning and acquisitions for Xcel Energy
- Kevin Devlin, vice president of wind operations for PPM Energy
- Bill Byrnes, managing director of construction for PPM Energy
- Craig Cox, executive director of Interwest Energy Alliance

#### **WHAT:**

This special community celebration marks the official opening of PPM Energy's Twin Buttes Wind Power Project, southeastern Colorado's newest wind farm. The dedication event is open to the public.

#### **WHEN:**

Friday, Sept. 14, 2007

10–11 a.m.: Speaker program

11 a.m.–1 p.m.: Picnic lunch and wind turbine tours

#### **WHERE:**

Twin Buttes operations center

31965 County Road C

Lamar, CO 81052

South of Lamar, Colo., a 4–5 hour drive southeast of Denver. Directions below.

#### **WHY:**

With 50 turbines and a 75-megawatt (MW) capacity, the Twin Buttes Wind Power Project is generating clean, renewable energy for Colorado customers of Xcel Energy. Twin Buttes has increased Colorado's in-state wind energy generation capacity by more than 25 percent.

#### **VISUALS:**

- Gov. Ritter appearance with an anticipated crowd of 400+
- Lines of 30-story-tall white wind turbines set in the rolling ranchland of southeastern Colorado
- Local ranchers speak about how construction crews saved cattle during last winter's 100-year, record-breaking storm
- School children get a special look inside a 389-foot-tall wind turbine

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## **DIRECTIONS:**

Twin Buttes is located 236 miles southeast of Denver, or about a 4–5 hour drive. Allow additional drive time due to construction on 287 south of Lamar.

From Denver International Airport:

- Follow airport signs to 70 east. (87 miles)
- At Limon, take 287 south. (108 miles)
- Continue on 287 through the town of Lamar. (additional 41 miles to the site)
- Stay on main road through town. Drive south from Lamar on 287/385. (29 miles)
- About 29 miles south of the Lamar Community College campus, turn **RIGHT** (west) at the Butte Lake Ranch sign onto County Road B.5. Unpaved road begins. (11.5 miles)
- Follow the jog in Road B.5, and it becomes County Road C heading west.
- The Twin Buttes operations center is located 11.5 miles from the highway on the right side of County Road C.
- Park in the designated parking area at the rear of the operations building, or park in the overflow parking area east of the operations building and substation. The overflow parking area is near turbine C45.

## **RESOURCES AVAILABLE:**

Print-quality images of the Twin Buttes Wind Power Project and b-roll of the site are available in advance from Julie Yamamoto, CMD for PPM Energy, (503) 223-6794, [jyamamoto@cmdagency.com](mailto:jyamamoto@cmdagency.com).

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