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MJMEUC SIGNS WIND ENERGY AGREEMENT FOR SAVINGS TO MISSOURI MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

COLUMBIA, MO, Jan. 25, 2017 – The Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC) has reached a long-term agreement with Infinity Renewables for delivery of up to 200 megawatts (MW) of low-cost wind energy from their Iron Star Wind Project, under development in Western Kansas.

“This project will allow for substantial savings over other proposals to supply energy to MJMEUC, particularly when including transmission costs,” said John Grotzinger, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Engineering, Operations and Power Supply for MJMEUC. “Savings to the Commission’s Missouri Public Energy Pool (MoPEP) cities translate to a reduction in wholesale costs, and annual savings of about \$10 million, versus their current energy supply.”

Favorable pricing of the energy agreement, along with advantageous terms negotiated with Clean Line’s Grain Belt Express transmission line, would provide benefits to as many as 40 Missouri municipal utilities, for a minimum of 20 years.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a regulated public utility in Kansas, Indiana, and Illinois, and has filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting Missouri approval of the project. Pending needed regulatory approvals, delivery of energy from the Iron Star Wind Project would be expected to begin in 2021.

MJMEUC currently produces or contracts for almost 50 megawatts of renewable energy from solar, wind, and landfill gas resources, in addition to 24 MW of contracted hydro power, for a MoPEP summer peak of 525 MW.

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About the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC)

The Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC), an MPUA organization, is a non-profit Joint Action Agency that operates as an electric utility for the benefit of member cities and utilities. Established by state law in 1979 with six charter members, the Commission’s membership now includes 68 municipally-owned electric systems in Missouri and 5 advisory members in Arkansas serving more than 495,000 customers. MJMEUC may construct, operate and maintain jointly-owned generation and transmission facilities and enter into contracts for power supply, transmission service, and other services for the operation of its member electric utilities. Each member is represented on the Board of Directors by a city-appointed director and alternate director with voting privileges.

About Infinity Renewables: *Infinity Renewables is a leading wind and solar energy project developer, providing landowners and communities the opportunity to participate in renewable, affordable, domestic energy projects for nearly 10 years. Over 1,200 MW of Infinity-developed projects are now operating throughout the central United States*