

To: Ways and Means Committee
Re: Extend the PTC immediately!

I, Mark Albenze, CEO of Siemens Energy's Wind Power Americas business, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Siemens Energy is a manufacturer of utility-scale wind turbines, with its Americas operations headquarters in Orlando, Florida, and manufacturing plants in Hutchinson, Kansas, and Fort Madison, Iowa, among other locations throughout the U.S. Our 1,800 U.S. employees are currently manufacturing and installing a record number of wind turbines for our 2012 projects in order to meet the December 31, 2012 installation requirement for developers of wind farm projects to receive the tax credit. However, the short-term future of wind power beyond this deadline is uncertain. We are waiting on Congress to send clear signals that would give the wind power industry the certainty needed to plan for the future. We are doing the best we can to manage external forces such as the PTC uncertainty and natural gas prices developments, but with consequences. I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely,
Mark Albenze
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Siemens Energy, Inc.