

# Nebraska Wind Power 2010 Conference

## Kearney, Nebraska

Wind Financing “The Dance Continues...”

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# Key Financing Due Diligence Issues

- Permitting
- Title
  - Endorsements
- Survey
- Agreements
- Who is Financing What?

# Additional Considerations

- Closing
- Financing Structure
- Loan guarantees and other alternative financing mechanisms
- Owner and borrower match
- Leases and signatories

# Financing for Small Wind

- Stimulus funding
- Tax credits
- Grants
- Loan guarantees

# Zoning, Permitting and Environmental Issues

- Migrating birds and Prairie chickens
- Create and use “leks” for mating rituals. These leks are areas on the ground to which the Prairie chickens return each year
- Concern that wind turbines within a quarter of a mile or less of a lek may displace the Prairie chickens, but the evidence is inconclusive
- Survey sites for active leks and try to set turbines back from active leks by a quarter mile or more; avoid construction near leks during active lekking times
- Whooping crane
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Develop plans on a case-by-case basis to mitigate for any loss of Prairie chicken habitat and for impacts to migratory birds

# Questions?

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