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**INTRODUCTION**

**Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

A. My name is Jimmy Merrick. I am a Development Manager for Apex Clean Energy, Inc. My business address is 310 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

**Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

A. I hold a B.S. in Integrated Science and Technology, with a concentration in Energy, from James Madison University. I started working professionally in the renewable energy industry in 2014 and have been working full time as a developer with Apex Clean Energy, Inc. since June of 2018. I have successfully permitted multiple solar projects in the state of Virginia, totaling approximately 310 MW<sub>AC</sub> of capacity. I currently manage a development pipeline of 889 MW<sub>AC</sub> of wind, solar, and storage assets across the states of Virginia and North Carolina.

**Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

A. As a Development Manager, my responsibilities include managing all stages of development for projects in Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC's ("Apex") portfolio from concept to construction, including project origination, land leasing, transmission, public outreach, environmental permitting, and land use permitting. I also support engagement in the power marketing and financing of projects. I share responsibility for the development of the Timbermill Wind, LLC ("Timbermill") wind

23 energy facility that has a capacity of up to 189 MW<sub>AC</sub> located in Chowan County, NC (the  
24 “Facility”).

25 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**

26 A. No, but I will also provide prefiled direct testimony to support the  
27 Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and  
28 Necessity to construct the approximately 6-mile 230kV transmission line (the “Timbermill  
29 Line”) necessary to interconnect the Facility to the existing 230kV Winfall-Mackeys  
30 transmission line (the “Winfall Line”) owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company  
31 d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“DENC”) that will be filed by Timbermill in docket  
32 EMP-118, Sub 1 (the “CECPCN Application”).

33 **Q. WERE YOU INVOLVED IN PREPARING TIMBERMILL’S**  
34 **APPLICATION IN THIS DOCKET?**

35 A. Yes.

36 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

37 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Application for Certificate  
38 of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a merchant plant (the “CPCN  
39 Application”) filed by Timbermill. My testimony provides the Commission with  
40 information on Apex, Timbermill, and the development history of the Facility, and  
41 expands on topics in the CPCN Application, including the regulatory and permitting  
42 process for the Facility and the need for the Facility.

43 **THE APPLICANT**

44 **Q. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT TIMBERMILL AND APEX.**

45 A. Timbermill is a limited liability company registered to do business in North  
46 Carolina. Timbermill was organized for the development of the Facility that is the subject  
47 of this CPCN Application. Timbermill is an indirect subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy  
48 Holdings, LLC (“Apex”).

49 Apex is an independent renewable energy company headquartered in  
50 Charlottesville, Virginia. Apex has one of the nation’s largest, most diversified portfolios  
51 of renewable energy assets and has the experience, skills, personnel, and proven  
52 capabilities to successfully manage development of the Facility. Apex offers  
53 comprehensive in-house capabilities, including site origination, financing, construction,  
54 and long-term asset management services, and has a successful track record of working  
55 with corporations, utilities, and government entities as partners to bring our projects to  
56 fruition.

57 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE APEX’S EXPERIENCE IN THE RENEWABLE**  
58 **ENERGY INDUSTRY, AND SPECIFICALLY WITH DEVELOPING WIND ENERGY**  
59 **FACILITIES.**

60 A. As a leading independent renewable energy company, Apex develops,  
61 constructs, and operates clean energy assets across the United States. Apex is actively  
62 developing approximately 11 gigawatts (“GW”) of wind projects. To date, nearly two  
63 dozen Apex-originated wind facilities are now operating around the country, totaling over  
64 5 GW. Furthermore, Apex serves as the operator for 11 commercial wind farms across  
65 North America (totaling an operating capacity of over 2 GW).

66 **PROJECT AREA AND FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

67 **Q. DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE FACILITY.**

68 A. The Facility includes approximately 6,300 acres of privately-owned land in  
69 Chowan County, North Carolina (the “Project Area”), which includes approximately 123  
70 acres in the Transmission Corridor, as defined below, and approximately 5.5 acres  
71 where the Interconnection Switching Station is sited. The maps and layouts at CPCN  
72 Application Addendum 3 accurately reflect the location of the proposed Facility, including  
73 the Timbermill Line and the Interconnection Switching Station. The Project Area is a  
74 large rural area used primarily for agricultural and forestry purposes.

75 Apex and its affiliates have entered into voluntary site control agreements with  
76 individual private landowners for the Project Area. These agreements afford Apex and  
77 its affiliates the right to develop and use the property for wind energy purposes, including  
78 ingress and egress, the installation of wind measuring equipment and turbines, collection  
79 and transmission lines, and other such activities required to develop, construct and  
80 operate the Facility.

81 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE FACILITY.**

82 A. The proposed Facility is a wind energy facility that will generate up to 189  
83 MW<sub>AC</sub> of electrical power. The Facility will consist of up to 45 Vestas V150-4.2MW  
84 turbines (or a turbine model with a substantially similar profile), 34.5 kilovolt (“kV”)  
85 underground electrical collector lines, a 34.5kV to 230kV Collector Substation owned by  
86 Timbermill, the Timbermill Line, an Interconnection Switching Station owned by DENC,  
87 an Operations and Maintenance (“O&M”) building, access roads, and four permanent  
88 meteorological towers. Each component is described in detail in the CPCN Application.

89 The proposed site layout included as CPCN Application Addendum 3 reflects the  
90 boundary of the Project Area and a preliminary layout of all major components of the  
91 Facility.

92 **Q. WILL THE ELECTRICAL COLLECTOR LINES BE INSTALLED**  
93 **UNDERGROUND?**

94 A. The electrical collector lines connecting the turbines to the Collector  
95 Substation will be installed approximately 42 inches below the ground to avoid potential  
96 impact from the existing land uses.

97 **Q. HOW WILL THE FACILITY BE INTERCONNECTED TO THE ELECTRIC**  
98 **GRID?**

99 A. The Timbermill Line, an approximately 6-mile, aboveground 230kV  
100 transmission line designed, constructed, owned and operated by Timbermill, will run

101 between the Collector Substation and the Interconnection Switching Station. An  
102 approximately 150-foot 230 kV tap line, designed, constructed, owned, and operated by  
103 Dominion Energy, will run from the Interconnection Switching Station to the Point of  
104 Interconnection on the existing Winfall Line.

105 **Q. WILL THE TIMBERMILL LINE REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE**  
106 **COMMISSION?**

107 A. Yes. Timbermill will file a CECPCN Application for the 230kV Timbermill  
108 Line in Docket EMP-118, Sub 1.

109 **CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION CONSIDERATIONS**

110 **Q. WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION TIMEFRAME AND**  
111 **PROCESS FOR THE FACILITY?**

112 A. Upon receipt of all necessary permits, construction for the Facility is  
113 planned to begin in November 2022 and reach commercial operations in October 2023.

114 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACCESS ROADS FOR THE FACILITY.**

115 A. Where necessary, new access roads will be constructed between existing  
116 roadways and Facility components. Existing roads will be improved where necessary.  
117 The new and improved access roads will be all-weather, compacted surfaces. During  
118 construction, some existing access roads will be widened to accommodate movement of  
119 turbine components and the turbine erection crane. Prior to construction, Timbermill or  
120 its contractor will enter into road use agreements with the appropriate road authority to  
121 identify haul roads, define use and authorized upgrades, and restoration of roads utilized  
122 during construction of the Facility.

123 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE FACILITY WILL BE MONITORED.**

124 A. Each turbine is connected to a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition  
125 (“SCADA”) system via fiber-optic cable, which allows the turbines to be monitored in real  
126 time by the O&M staff. The SCADA system also allows the Facility to be remotely

127 monitored, thus increasing Facility oversight, as well as the performance and reliability of  
128 the turbines. Not only will the on-site O&M office have full control of the wind turbines,  
129 but a 24/7 remote operations facility will also have control of the individual turbines.  
130 These two teams coordinate to ensure that the turbines operate safely and efficiently. At  
131 least one member of the local O&M staff will be available on-call 24/7/365.

132 **Q. WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PREPARE FOR A POTENTIAL**  
133 **EMERGENCY SITUATION AT THE FACILITY?**

134 A. Timbermill's contractor will prepare an Emergency Action Plan ("EAP") in  
135 coordination with the county emergency management services and fire services.  
136 Timbermill will work with the county to obtain 9-1-1 addressing for the Facility access  
137 points and components, as well as install appropriate signage and mapping. Timbermill  
138 and its contractors will provide training as requested by Chowan County.

139 **ANTICIPATED LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PERMITS AND APPROVALS**

140 **Q. DESCRIBE THE PERMITS AND APPROVALS ANTICIPATED TO BE**  
141 **NECESSARY TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY.**

142 A. The anticipated local, state and federal permits required for construction  
143 of the Facility are set forth in CPCN Application Exhibit 2, and include but are not limited  
144 to Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") Determinations of No Hazard, an Individual  
145 Permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), a Wind Energy  
146 Facility Permit and Erosion and Sedimentation Control approvals from the North  
147 Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), and a Conditional Use Permit  
148 ("CUP"), zoning permit, grading permit, building permit, and electrical permit from  
149 Chowan County.

150 **Q. WHICH PERMITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED TO DATE?**

151           A.       The CUP from Chowan County was obtained in 2016 and amended for  
152 the current Facility configuration in 2018. All other permits remain in process at this  
153 time.

154           **Q.       WHAT COORDINATION WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HAS**  
155 **APEX UNDERTAKEN TO DATE?**

156           A.       Timbermill has engaged with and continues to coordinate with all local,  
157 state and federal agencies that will require various regulatory permits, reviews, and  
158 approvals for construction of the Facility. Timbermill has engaged with USACE on  
159 potential jurisdictional features and is in the process of requesting a jurisdictional  
160 determination from the USACE as well as applying for an individual permit pursuant to  
161 Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Timbermill has engaged with the United States  
162 Fish and Wildlife Service, with multiple divisions of the North Carolina DEQ, including but  
163 not limited to the Division of Water Resources, the Division of Water Quality, the Division  
164 of Coastal Area Management, the North Carolina Wildlife Commission, the Division of  
165 Cultural Resources, and the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources.

166           With respect to the local permits for the Facility, Apex has extensively engaged  
167 with Chowan County officials since 2015 with respect to local permits. A CUP was  
168 obtained in 2016 and subsequently amended for the current Facility configuration in  
169 2018. Apex continues to engage with Chowan County elected officials and County staff  
170 members.

171           **Q.       DESCRIBE APEX'S COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
172 **DEFENSE AND WITH NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASES.**

173           A.       Apex has conducted extensive diligence with respect to Timbermill and  
174 military facilities since 2013. Beginning in 2013, Apex initiated meetings and has  
175 maintained communications with base commanders and military related organizations,  
176 including, but not limited to, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, NAS Oceana,

177 Andrews AFB, Allies for Cherry Point (“ACP”), and Friends of Seymour Johnston  
178 (“FOSJ”). Apex filed a turbine layout and Notice of Proposed Construction (“NPC”) for  
179 Timbermill with the FAA on September 22, 2020. The FAA filing initiated a mission  
180 compatibility review with the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse (“DoD  
181 Clearinghouse”). This process is designed to allow all military stakeholders the  
182 opportunity to research and resolve any potential impacts Timbermill may have on  
183 military missions. After years of collaboration between the Navy, MIT’s Lincoln  
184 Laboratory, the DoD Clearinghouse, and Timbermill, U.S. Southern Command and The  
185 Joint Staff notified the DoD Clearinghouse in June, 2021 that the Facility would not  
186 adversely impact U.S. Southern Command’s mission and that no mitigation is  
187 necessary. Accordingly, the military services and the DoD Clearinghouse cleared all 45  
188 turbines in the FAA’s Obstruction Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis system.

189 **Q. WILL THE FACILITY BE DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED AND**  
190 **OPERATED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND**  
191 **LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS?**

192 A. Yes.

193 **BENEFITS FROM THE FACILITY**

194 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC BENEFITS**  
195 **FROM THE FACILITY TO CHOWAN COUNTY.**

196 A. Chowan County will realize an increase in tax revenues as a result of the  
197 Facility being in its jurisdiction. The estimated taxable investment by Timbermill is \$246  
198 million, which will result in an estimated \$30 million in tax revenue for Chowan County  
199 over a 30-year period (in 2020 dollars). The Facility is expected to be one of the largest  
200 taxpayers in Chowan County, providing long-term, stable revenue that will allow Chowan  
201 County an opportunity to direct significant revenue into education, health care, public  
202 health or critical infrastructure, as the County leadership sees fit. In return, the Facility



203 will require minimal public services, thereby resulting in a substantial net tax benefit to  
204 Chowan County.

205 Timbermill will provide a one-time influx of economic activity in Chowan County  
206 estimated to support 150 local jobs, invest \$5.5 million in labor income and \$19.8 million  
207 in economic output during construction of the Facility.

208 After construction, a team of approximately 10 employees, based out of an on-  
209 site operations center, will be responsible for the operation and management of the  
210 Facility. The O&M staff will receive competitive salaries and benefits, as well as training  
211 in the operation and maintenance of utility-scale wind energy facilities. In addition,  
212 landowners will receive lease and royalty payments during the life of the Facility.

213 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FROM THE**  
214 **FACILITY.**

215 A. The Facility will rely solely on the local wind resource to generate power.  
216 Wind is a form of energy that can be converted into electricity passively, without the  
217 need for fuel such as coal or natural gas. As a result, the Facility requires no off-site  
218 mining, drilling or transportation of fuel, can produce electricity without emitting air  
219 pollution, uses virtually no water, and creates no hazardous or radioactive waste. Wind  
220 energy also displaces harmful emissions from fossil fuel power plants and offsets carbon  
221 emissions, making it a safer generation option for people, wildlife, and natural  
222 ecosystems.

223 **NEED FOR THE FACILITY**

224 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE NEED FOR THE FACILITY.**

225 A. Need for the facility is demonstrated by the North Carolina Renewable  
226 Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (“REPS”), Dominion Energy’s most  
227 recent Integrated Resource Plan, the Virginia Clean Energy Economy Act, Duke

228 Energy's most recent Integrated Resource Plan, and demand by corporate and industrial  
229 entities.

230 North Carolina's REPS

231 G.S. § 62-133.8 established a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio  
232 Standard under which investor-owned utilities in North Carolina are required to meet up  
233 to 12.5% of their energy needs through renewable energy resources or energy efficiency  
234 measures by 2021 and thereafter. Under the REPS statute, wind qualifies as a  
235 renewable energy resource. Investor-owned utilities, electric cooperatives and municipal  
236 electric suppliers demonstrate compliance through the purchase of renewable energy  
237 certificates ("RECs"). The Facility will provide approximately 465,000 RECs annually for  
238 use by those entities that must comply with the REPS requirements. North Carolina has  
239 also shown a commitment to clean energy through its Clean Energy Plan finalized by the  
240 North Carolina DEQ in October 2019, which sets a statewide carbon neutrality goal by  
241 2050.

242 The development of the REPS was intended to diversify the resources used to  
243 reliably meet the energy needs of consumers in the State, provide greater energy  
244 security through the use of indigenous energy resources available within the State,  
245 encourage private investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency and provide  
246 improved air quality and other benefits to energy consumers and citizens of the State.  
247 The Facility will help achieve all four of these goals. Allowing this Facility to go forward  
248 will enable a new, clean, renewable energy resource with low environmental, health and  
249 safety impacts, and significant economic development benefits to meet the growing  
250 demand for electricity in the State and region.

251 Dominion Energy's Integrated Resource Plan

252 Need for the Facility is also supported by the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan  
253 ("IRP") filed by Dominion Energy. The IRP forecasts its load serving entity peak and

254 energy requirements are estimated to grow at approximately 1.0% and 1.3% annually  
255 throughout the 15-year planning period. Each Alternative Plan in the IRP calls for a  
256 significant amount of retirement of coal-fired and inflexible, higher cost oil-and natural  
257 gas-fired generation, ranging from 3,030 MW to 3,183 MW over the 15-year planning  
258 period and 4,651 MW to 13,978 MW over the 25-year planning period. In an analysis of  
259 the annual assumed levelized cost of energy of select new renewable capacity options,  
260 “onshore wind resources reflect the most economic option in the near-term given the  
261 ability to take advantage of production tax credits.” Further, Dominion Energy’s IRP also  
262 states it anticipates it will soon become a full participant in the Regional Greenhouse  
263 Gas Initiative, a regional effort to cap and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the power sector.

264 Virginia Clean Energy Economy Act and the PJM Region

265 The Virginia Clean Economy Act (“VCEA”), which established a mandatory  
266 renewable portfolio standard aimed at 100% clean energy from Dominion Energy’s  
267 generation fleet by 2045, requires the development of significant energy efficiency, solar,  
268 wind, and energy storage resources, and requires the retirement of all generation units  
269 that emit carbon dioxide by 2045 (unless such retirement would threaten grid reliability  
270 and security). Notably, the VCEA requires Dominion to seek all necessary approvals for  
271 at least 16,100 MW of new solar or onshore wind resources by December 31, 2035.

272 In addition to needs specific to Dominion Energy, significant need exists in the  
273 PJM Interconnection (“PJM”) region to which the Facility will be interconnected.  
274 Summer peak load in PJM is expected to grow by 0.6% per year over the next 10 years,  
275 and by 0.5% over the next 15 years. For the Dominion Virginia Power zone, summer  
276 peak load growth is expected to grow by 1.2% per year over the next 10 years, and  
277 1.0% per year over the next 15 years. The anticipated 10-year summer peak load  
278 growth in the Dominion Virginia Power zone represents 4.6% growth over the January  
279 2019 load forecast report.

280 Winter peak load growth in PJM is projected to average 0.4% per year over the  
281 next 10-year period, and 0.3% over the next 15 years. Winter peak load growth for the  
282 Dominion Virginia Power zone is expected to grow by 1.4% per year over the next 10  
283 years, and 1.2% per year over the next 15 years. The anticipated 10-year winter peak  
284 load growth in the Dominion Virginia Power zone represents 15.7% growth over the  
285 January 2019 load forecast report. The PJM service area in Dominion Energy territory,  
286 including North Carolina, is expected to average between 1.2% and 1.4% per year over  
287 the next 10 years versus the PJM RTO load growth projections to average 0.6% over the  
288 next 10 years.

289 Thus, the PJM projected load increases, announced generation retirements, and  
290 renewable portfolio standards provide a need for new resources in the PJM footprint.  
291 The Facility, located in the PJM footprint, will help fill this need.

292 Duke Energy's Integrated Resource Plan

293 There is also a showing of need for the Facility in the Duke Energy Progress,  
294 LLC ("DEP") and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") (together, "Duke") IRPs. Duke  
295 has a goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 that will "require a diverse mix of  
296 renewable, and other zero-emitting, load following resources," including onshore wind.  
297 Duke included multiple input assumptions regarding renewable energy in its 2020 IRPs,  
298 including "up to 150 MW of onshore Carolinas wind generation, assumed to be located  
299 in the central Carolinas, [which] could be selected by the capacity expansion model  
300 annually to provide a diverse source of economic energy and capacity." Duke also  
301 found that adding onshore wind would benefit winter peak demand, which drives the  
302 resource planning process.

303 The Duke IRPs also include a discussion of Duke's corporate commitment to  
304 reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power generation by at least 50% from 2005 levels by 2030,  
305 and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

306 Corporate Demand for Clean Energy

307 According to Renewable Energy World, 2019 was “a record year for renewable  
308 energy procurement with corporate buyers purchasing over 7 GW of renewable energy  
309 capacity” in the United States.<sup>1</sup> Corporate buyers included major corporations such as  
310 AT&T, Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Walmart, Starbucks, Amazon, and many more.<sup>2</sup>  
311 According to BloombergNEF, in 2020, corporations purchased even more (23.7 GW)  
312 than the record-breaking amounts in 2019 (20.1 GW) “despite a year devastated by the  
313 pandemic, a global recession and uncertainty about U.S. energy policy ahead of the  
314 presidential election.”<sup>3</sup> The report found that “to not only maintain, but grow, the clean  
315 energy procurement market under these conditions is a testament to how high  
316 sustainability is on many corporations’ agendas.”<sup>4</sup> Wind projects in PJM’s territory are  
317 well positioned to meet the robust demand of corporations.

318 **MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF APEX**

319 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE APEX’S TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL**  
320 **CAPABILITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A WIND POWER FACILITY.**

321 A. As an Apex subsidiary, Timbermill will have full access to the managerial  
322 and technical capabilities of Apex to construct and operate the Facility. Apex brings the  
323 experience of having successfully developed 24 wind and solar facilities with a total  
324 operating capacity of more than 5 GW and serving as the operator for 11 commercial  
325 wind farms across North America (totaling an operating capacity of over 2 GW).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.renewableenergyworld.com/solar/reba-corporate-renewable-energy-buyers-set-new-record-in-2019/>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> [https://about.bnef.com/blog/corporate-clean-energy-buying-grew-18-in-2020-despite-mountain-of-adversity/#:~:text=Partnership-,Corporate%20Clean%20Energy%20Buying%20Grew%2018,2020%2C%20Despite%20Mountain%20of%20Adversity&text=New%20York%20and%20London%2C%20January,published%20by%20BloombergNEF%20\(BNEF\).](https://about.bnef.com/blog/corporate-clean-energy-buying-grew-18-in-2020-despite-mountain-of-adversity/#:~:text=Partnership-,Corporate%20Clean%20Energy%20Buying%20Grew%2018,2020%2C%20Despite%20Mountain%20of%20Adversity&text=New%20York%20and%20London%2C%20January,published%20by%20BloombergNEF%20(BNEF).)

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

326 Apex has one of the most experienced renewable energy development teams in  
327 the industry with more than 250 professionals with expertise in wind and solar resource  
328 assessment, GIS, land management, permitting, transmission and interconnection,  
329 turbine procurement, project finance, engineering, and construction management.  
330 Included as **Merrick CPCN Direct Exhibit 1** is information on Apex's executive team. In  
331 construction management specifically, Apex employs responsible and experienced  
332 onsite construction managers to ensure that projects are built in compliance with all  
333 applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations, approved construction plans,  
334 and in a way that respects community and landowner concerns and results in a high-  
335 quality facility that will operate smoothly for years to come.

336 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

337 A. Yes.

338 **Merrick Direct Exhibit 1**

339 **Apex Executive Team**

340 **Mark Goodwin, President and Chief Executive Officer** – previously with  
341 Horizon Wind Energy, EDPR, and Vestas; former naval officer and helicopter pilot, BS in  
342 aerospace engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, MBA from the Kellogg Graduate  
343 School of Management.

344 **Sandy Reisky, Founder and Chairman** – Founder and president of Greenlight  
345 Energy (wind energy), Axio Power (utility-scale solar), Columbia Power (wave energy  
346 technology); and Greenlight Biofuels (waste-to-energy). BS from the McIntire School of  
347 Commerce at UVA.

348 **Jim Trousdale, Chief Financial Officer** – 20 years of international and domestic  
349 finance experience, including in renewable energy. Previously with Fortis, CIT,  
350 Citigroup, and Greenlight Energy. BA and an MA/SFS from Georgetown University,  
351 MBA from Columbia.

352 **Ken Young, Chief Operating Officer** – Previously with Vestas Wind Systems,  
353 former army infantry officer. BS in political science and systems engineering from West  
354 Point, MBA from the University of Notre Dame.