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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ANNOUNCES
WIND ENERGY GUIDE AT COLORADO AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM**

DENVER, CO, February 23, 2006 – The Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) announced a new tool, "Small Wind Applications Guide," for landowners interested in harnessing wind energy. Comprised of a video and handout, the Guide is intended to assist small wind developers in projects sized from 35 kW to 300 kW, not large-scale wind farms. OEMC is showcasing this video and handout at the Colorado Agricultural Outlook Forum, being held at the Renaissance Denver Hotel today.

Small wind power is often an economical, practical and renewable solution for meeting our growing energy needs. By generating and consuming power on-site, site owners are able to reduce overall and peak energy consumption and costs. Successful projects require diligence, capital and resource investment on the part of the project owners.

"Our hope is that this Guide will take a landowner from the point of observing wind available on their property to actually producing wind-powered electricity for their home or business," said Drew Bolin, director of OEMC.

The video is a virtual tour of a Colorado hog farm's 65 kW wind turbine installed to offset some of its electrical-use costs while "blending" the wind energy with electricity produced from biogas. The Guide covers the steps necessary to put up a wind turbine in three different phases. The first phase covers the project's feasibility through assessing the site, energy usage, financing, and other considerations. The second phase covers the installation of the turbine. The final third phase discusses ongoing maintenance and measuring actual turbine performance.

"We hope that this Guide will help ranchers, farmers, and landowners to take a look at this renewable energy as a new option economic benefit," said Drew Bolin, director of OEMC.

OEMC received funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Wind Powering America Program to help produce this video and its handout, which are accessible, at no cost, from the OEMC website: www.colorado.gov/oemc.

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