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Three wind turbines approved for the Port of Providence

Providence, RI – Rhode Island’s largest onshore wind developer, Green development, LLC announced today that they have received all required approvals to construct three 1.5 MW turbines at the Port of Providence. One turbine will be located on leased land at ProvPort, and two additional turbines will be located on leased land at Johnson & Wales University near their athletic fields.

“The city has been a supportive partner throughout this process, and we certainly appreciate working with Johnson & Wales and ProvPort to develop this important renewable energy project,” **stated Mark DePasquale, founder of Green Development.** Every time we get a project approved Rhode Island becomes a little less dependent on the fossil fuel industry.”

“We are excited to see additional renewable energy projects being developed along our waterfront. Our Port of Providence is well-positioned to support offshore wind development and I can’t think of a better symbol of sustainable investments in our community than projects like these,” **said Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza.**

The project has received approvals from the Providence Planning and Zoning Boards, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Coastal Resources Management Council. The project will sell power directly to National Grid under the Renewable Energy Growth Program. The turbines will reach a height of 325 feet and be a little shorter than the existing turbines located in the area at the Narragansett Bay Commission. Each turbine blade will span approximately 90 feet. Once the Providence project is completed, Green will have developed 43.5 MW of onshore wind power in Rhode Island (Portsmouth, North Kingstown, Coventry and Johnston – 22 turbines total including ProvPort).

“Johnson & Wales University continues to pursue initiatives and seek opportunities that reduce our carbon footprint and support sustainable clean energy,” **said Jason Witham, JWU’s vice president of Facilities Management.** “Our most recent partnership with Green Development is another way for the university to show its commitment to a sustainable future, for our students, for our campus, and for the State of Rhode Island.”

“Each time we identify a greener use of the Port of Providence, it is a good day for the city and the residents who live in my ward,” **stated Providence City Councilman Pedro Espinal,** who

represents Providence's 10th Ward that includes the Port of Providence and the Johnson & Wales campus. "I proudly endorsed this project when it was before the zoning board because my constituents have a great interest in projects that align with recycling and renewable energy."

"From our perspective, the wind energy sector is emerging and will help propel Rhode Island's economy in the coming decades. We were the first port in the nation to support the development of the United State's first offshore wind farm off of Block Island, and ProvPort is well-positioned to support future offshore and onshore wind development. Having a turbine right here at ProvPort was a natural fit for us, and furthers our goals of creating a more sustainable port," **said Chris Waterson, general manager, Waterson Terminal Services.**

Linda Perri, president of the Washington Park Neighborhood Association stated, "We support clean development of any type in the Port of Providence, and we are especially happy to welcome a project that will produce clean green energy."

Site preparation and construction of the turbine foundations is expected to begin at the end of this year, and the turbines will be completed and operational by the third quarter of 2021.

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