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Topic: LCRP implications of the PTC extension through December 2005

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## Statement:

PSCo Transmission anticipates inquiries from wind developers that are in PSCo's interconnection queue regarding PSCo's ability to interconnect their projects by the end of 2005 in order to benefit from the proposed production tax credit extension. In order to assist developers in their planning, we offer the following:

- In general, if a wind generation project is currently in the PSCo queue (<a href="http://www.rmao.com/documents/psco/Interconnection Requests.pdf">http://www.rmao.com/documents/psco/Interconnection Requests.pdf</a>), and if that project would interconnect directly into an existing PSCo owned substation, it may be possible to interconnect the project by the end of 2005, assuming timely execution of an interconnection agreement. This assumes that the requestor is responsible for construction of all facilities up to the point of interconnection.
- For projects that would interconnect to an existing transmission line (and therefore require construction of a new switching station), or that would require PSCo to build transmission to the project, the engineering and construction would take substantially longer, and it is highly unlikely that PSCo could interconnect those projects by December 2005.