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Southern Wind 2010 Conference to Run on Santee Cooper Green Power

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Wind developers, manufacturers, policymakers, financiers and other key stakeholders will be discussing the future of coastal and offshore wind in South Carolina at the Southern Wind 2010 conference, scheduled November 30 through December 2 at the Avista Resort. As participants navigate the challenges and opportunities related to the budding wind industry, they will be assisted by 100 percent Green Power from Santee Cooper.

Session topics will include permitting, environmental impacts, financing, reliability, economic benefits, project design, local perspectives and others. Conference attendees will also participate in the tilt-up Nov. 30 of Santee Cooper's first 2-kilowatt wind turbine in North Myrtle Beach, part of its Wind Education Project.

“As organizer of the Southern Wind conference, Infocast is proud to support local initiatives in renewable energy, such as Santee Cooper's launch of its beachside wind turbine,” said Infocast President William Meyer. “We are excited to host this event in one of the fastest-growing sustainable energy regions in the nation and to provide the backdrop for leaders in wind energy to forge alliances and build the industry.”

Santee Cooper generates 22 megawatts of clean, renewable Green Power from sources including landfill biogas and solar power. It was the first utility in South Carolina to generate and sell Green Power, beginning in 2001 with the Horry County Landfill Generating Station. When an event like Southern Wind 2010 purchases renewable power, that money is fully reinvested in new or expanded Green Power generation by Santee Cooper.

“Santee Cooper is proud to be associated with Southern Wind 2010,” said Marc Tye, Santee Cooper vice president of conservation and renewable energy. “As the session participants and moderators discuss and influence the future of offshore and coastal wind energy in South Carolina, we think it's rather fitting that Santee Cooper Green Power is powering these discussions.”

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