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Wind Power Front and Center for Presidential Inauguration on Capitol Hill

Mariah Power and Southwest Windpower showcase operational wind appliances at U.S. Botanic Garden, a stone's throw from swearing-in ceremony

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 15, 2009) – Mariah Power (www.mariahpower.com) and Southwest Windpower (www.windenergy.com), leading manufacturers of successful wind appliances, both have units installed at the United States Botanic Garden, currently contributing to Washington, D.C.'s power grid. The turbines are just a few hundred feet from the Capitol, visible from where President-elect Obama will take office Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

The Obama administration is calling for hope and change – including a substantial shift in our energy usage toward using cleaner, renewable energy. The wind turbine installations at the U.S. Botanic Garden are a visual representation of the future of renewable energy. Small wind is an example of new technologies born of necessity and innovation; a newly accessible solution for home owners and businesses who want to participate in the forthcoming renewable energy revolution.

"We are all in this energy crisis together and it is going to take everyone's participation to work our way out of it," said Andy Kruse, co-founder of Southwest Windpower. "Our backyards and roofs are capable of converting wind into energy that can power our homes and eventually our cars.

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Small residential wind turbines and solar PV are examples of technologies moving us toward realizing President-elect Obama's vision for a renewable energy future and also creating thousands of new manufacturing and dealer jobs across the country."

The units represent the two primary classes of wind turbines: the Windspire is a vertical axis design, in which the rotor spins around the center pole; the Skystream is a horizontal axis design, in which the rotor spins around a hub located on the top of the pole.

Southwest Windpower's Skystream 3.7®, is the first compact, user-friendly, all-inclusive, grid-connected wind generator designed to provide quiet, clean electricity in very low winds. Early adopters are reporting a 30-80 percent reduction in their energy bills and in fact some customers have seen their utility meters spin backwards.

Mariah Power's Windspire® is distinguished by its silent operation and its powerful, sleek and aesthetically pleasing design which allows it to blend in well with a variety of settings, making it an ideal renewable energy option for home and business owners. The Windspire is the lowest cost residential-scale wind system on the market.

"Mariah Power transforms an old form of power – wind – into a cost effective, practical, and smart energy solution that is well-suited to homes and businesses," said Mike Hess, CEO of Mariah Power. "Mariah Power is proud of its 100 percent "Made in the USA" manufacturing approach, a fitting choice for Americans during these turbulent economic times. We look forward to playing a key role in turning the President-elect's 'New Energy for America platform' into a reality, in which renewable energy powers our daily lives, and is entrenched in our way of thinking forevermore."

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Reinforcing the President-elect's commitment to alternative energy, Mariah Power's Windspire® located in the shadow of next Tuesday's swearing-in ceremony, is a working example of an alternative energy solution available to consumers and businesses today

About Mariah Power

Based in Reno, Nevada, Mariah Power provides low-cost, low-noise, attractive wind power appliances for use with residential, business, and commercial buildings. For more information, visit www.mariahpower.com.

About Southwest Windpower

Since 1987, Flagstaff, Arizona-based Southwest Windpower has been pioneering wind technology, including the Skystream 3.7®, the first fully-integrated wind generator designed for the grid-connected residential market. For more information, visit www.windenergy.com or www.skystreamenergy.com.

About United States Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBF) is located on the U.S. Capitol Grounds and run by the Congress of the United States. For more information, visit www.usbg.gov.



America's renewable energy future is here: Southwest Windpower's Skystream helping to power the Washington, D.C. grid

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