

Tyr Energy-Led Consortium Agrees to Purchase Interests in Four Power Projects

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas – Tyr Energy, Inc. ("Tyr"), John Hancock Financial Services ("John Hancock") and Prudential Capital Group, an investment business of Newark, N.J.-based Prudential Financial (NYSE: PRU) ("Prudential") announced today that they have agreed to purchase certain interests in four electric generating projects owned by affiliates of Energy Investors Funds ("EIF").

The four projects are the 275-megawatt (MW) Rathdrum Power Station near Rathdrum, Idaho; the 229-MW Plains End Generating Station near Denver, Colorado; the 249-MW Whitewater cogeneration project located in Whitewater, Wisconsin and the 245-MW Cottage Grove cogeneration project in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Each of the projects has long-term power purchase or tolling agreements in place with local load serving entities.

Tyr, John Hancock and Prudential will acquire the interests through a special purpose vehicle. Tyr led the transaction on behalf of the three partners and will assume asset management responsibilities for the portfolio. The new company will become owner of 100 percent of the Rathdrum and Plains End projects and 35 percent of the Whitewater and Cottage Grove projects. Each of the four projects is operated by NAES Corporation, which is a subsidiary of ITOCHU International Inc., the U.S. affiliate of ITOCHU Corporation.

"These are quality, well-operated, strategic assets that we will successfully optimize," said Tyr CEO Karl Usami. He added, "We are pleased to enhance our relationship with John Hancock and Prudential, and we look forward to working with these partners on future opportunities."

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC acted as exclusive financial advisor to Tyr, John Hancock and Prudential. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and consents and is expected to close at or around the end of Q1 2013. Transaction terms were not disclosed.

About Tyr Energy, Inc.

Based in Overland Park, Kansas, Tyr Energy, Inc. is wholly-owned by ITOCHU Corporation and ITOCHU International Inc. The company and its affiliates own equity interests in 14 power projects located in Alabama, California, Georgia, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, with total gross capacity of 7,000 MW. With operations in over 80 countries covering a broad range of industries, ITOCHU is among the world's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.tyreneergy.com.

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