#### U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

#### WIND TOWERS FROM CHINA AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than October 12, 2012

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping and countervailing duty investigations concerning utility scale wind towers ("wind towers") from China and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-486 and 731-TA-1195-1196 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

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Name of firm

City	State	Zip Code	
	ddress		
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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# PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

□ No □ Yes-	-List the following information.	
<u>Firm name</u>	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
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domestic or foreign, whi	ch are engaged in importing wind	d towers from countries other than
	United States or which are engagna and/or Vietnam to the United S	
countries other than Chi		
countries other than Chin	na and/or Vietnam to the United S	
Countries other than Chin  ☐ No ☐ Yes-	na and/or Vietnam to the United S -List the following information.	States?
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Countries other than Chin  No Yes- Firm name and country  Related producersDo are engaged in the produ	na and/or Vietnam to the United States the following information.  Address  Des your firm have any related firm	Affiliation

#### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

<u>NOTE</u>.—If your answer to any question varies based on tower size, please note how your answer differs for each of the relevant tower sizes. If you are unable to answer in the space provided for that question, please clarify in question IV-9.

<u>Contact information.</u>-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. **Purchases.**--Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of completed wind towers. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

Quantity (in towers) and value (in \$1,000)						
2009	2010	2011	Jan-June 2011	Jan-June 2012		
				2009   2010   2011		

#### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the relative levels of your firm's purchases of wind towers from different sources have changed since 2009.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend	
United States							
China							
Vietnam							
All other countries							
-3. Purchases from one country onlyIf your firm has purchased wind towers from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.							

II-4. **Supplier identification.--**Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for wind towers since 2009. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of wind towers that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2011.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2011 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

III-1.	<u>Firm type.</u> Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of wind towers (check all that apply)?
	End user (Original Equipment Manufacturer) End user (other:) Distributor Other (Describe:)
III-2.	<u>Competition for sales.</u> —If you are a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of wind towers, do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase wind towers?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe.
III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> If your firm is a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of wind towers, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell wind towers?
III-4.	<b>End uses</b> If your firm is an end user of wind towers, list in order of quantity of wind towers consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases wind towers as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by wind towers and other inputs.

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) you produce accounted for by			
Product(s) you produce	Wind towers (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total	
Wind turbines	%	%	100%	
	%	%	100%	
	%	%	100%	

III-5.	<u>Demai</u>	nd for end i	use products					
	(a)	If your firm is an end user of wind towers, how has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating wind towers changed since 2009?						
		Increase	sed No change De	ecrease	d [	Fluctuated		
	(b)	Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for wind towers?						
		☐ No	YesPlease describ	oe.				
III-6.	Substi	tutesCan	other products be substituted	l for wi	ind to	wers?		
		☐ No	YesPlease fill out	t the tal	ble be	low.		
			End use in which this	Hav		nnges in the prices of this substitute cted the price for wind towers?		
	Substi	tute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation		
1.	·		Wind turbines					
2.								
3								

#### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-7. (a) Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for wind towers has changed since January 1, 2009 and how you anticipate it will change by the end of 2012 and in 2013 and 2014. Describe the principal factors that have affected/will affect these changes in demand.

	Question			_	. No	_		
	Que	stion		Increase	change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors
How demai		wit	hin the U.S.?					
changed : Jan. 1, 2			side the U.S.?					
	with	nin	by the end of 2012?					
	the l		in 2013?					
How you anticipate			in 2014?					
demand will change	outs	ide	by the end of 2012?					
	the l		in 2013?					
			in 2014?					
	2009?			natural gas	market af		nd for wind	towers since January 1,
(d) Have changes in the January 1, 2009?			ary 1, 2009?	•		ing affected		wind towers since

III-8.		tance of purchasing domestic productIs buying a product that is produced in the States an important factor in your firm's purchases of wind towers (check ALL that
	☐ Yes	sPurchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves percent of all purchases of wind towers. sPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of wind towers. sPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of wind towers.
III-16.	Busine	ess cycles
	(a)	Is the wind tower market subject to the general business cycle?
	☐ No	Yes
	(b)	Is the wind tower market subject to business cycles other than the general business cycle?
	□ No	Yes Please describe.
	(c)	Is the wind tower market subject to conditions of competition (including seasonal business) distinctive to wind towers?
	□ No	Yes Please describe.
	(d)	Have there been any changes in the business cycles or distinctive conditions of competition for wind towers since January 1, 2009?
	☐ No	Yes Please describe.

		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discus how your firm/customers determine the producer and w this information is important
Your	firm					
Your custo	mers					
custom	ers mak		ng decision			to the extent that you know, do y based on the country of origin of  If at least sometimes, discus
		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	how your firm/customers determine the source and wh this information is importan
Your	firm					
Your custo	mers					
Numb purcha		ppliers con firms	ntactedH	low many suppl	liers do y	ou generally contact before makir
<u>Suppli</u>	er nego	tiations				
	Do pur		wind tower	s usually involv	e negotia	tions between supplier and
(a)		Γ				iations, noting whether purchasers
(a)	☐ No	L	_	ocess.	r	
			pı	rocess.		
(a) (b)	Does y	our firm to	pi end to vary	rocess.	om a give	en supplier within a specified time

III-14.	<u>New suppliers.</u> Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2009?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them.
III-15.	Supplier qualification
	(a) Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell wind towers to your firm?
	☐ No ☐ Yes percent of purchases in 2011 ☐ Yesall purchases
	(b) Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.)
	(c) How long does it take to qualify a new supplier?days  (d) Please identify all wind tower suppliers qualified or certified to sell wind towers to your firm in January 2009 – June 2012. If a supplier became qualified since January 2009, please indicate when they became qualified.
	(e) Please discuss whether price is part of the qualification process ( <i>i.e.</i> , only those suppliers that meet a minimum pricing threshold are asked to qualify).

III-15.	(f) When introducing a new tower model, how many firms do you typically ask to qualify? to
	Of those that you ask to qualify, how many typically become qualified?
	Please provide support and examples since 2009 which provide support to your responses.
III-16.	<u>Failure to certify.</u> Since 2009, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their wind towers with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.
III-17.	Quality problemsSince 2009, have any domestic or foreign producers' wind towers had issues
111-17.	with respect to the quality of their product(s)?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, the specific quality issues, how you dealt with those issues, and how they were resolved.
III-18.	<u>Long-term arrangements.</u> For any long term contracts, supply agreements, or other similar arrangements you maintain, please describe if there are any minimum purchase quantities included or any dedicated capacity that is maintained by a supplier in the arrangement. Please list and quantify these arrangements.

### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-19. <u>Purchasing factors</u>.--For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for wind towers.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Available capacity			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
Transportation costs to the U.S			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

2. 3. Other feature or comments.					
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Other feetore an account of					
Other factors or comments:					
Quality characteristicsWh quality of wind towers?	at characteris	ucs does your	IIIII consider wi	en determini	ing the
agreed-upon date. Note when	the delivery	was scheduled	to occur when it	t did agann a	1
costs associate with the late de	elivery.				
	elivery.				vers tha
Frequency of decisions base	elivery.  d on pricel	How often does	s your firm purch	ase wind tow	

## PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1.		edgePlease indicate the co ting/pricing knowledge.	untries of origin for wind	towers for which your fir	m
	United State	s			
	China				
	☐ Vietnam				
	Other countr	ies (specify			_)
IV-2.	Please indicate A  A = the p  F = the p  S = the p  N = the p	LityAre wind towers products are <i>frequently</i> intercoroducts are <i>never</i> interchangements with products from a specified coorducts are <i>sometimes</i> intercoroducts are <i>never</i> interchangemiliarity with products from	used in the same application elow: untry-pair are <i>always</i> intechangeable changeable geable	ons)?	
		<b>.</b>	No. 4		

Country-pair	China	Vietnam	Other countries
United States			
China			
Vietnam			
	r-pair producing wind towers ors that limit or preclude inte		er interchangeable, please

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS -- Continued

IV-3. **Factors other than price.--**Are differences other than delivered price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between wind towers produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are sometimes significant

N =such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Vietnam	Other countries
United States			
China			
Vietnam			
factor in your fir		er than price <i>always</i> or <i>free</i> identify the country-pair an	quently are a significant and report the advantages or

# PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

	<u>eferences</u> Do you or your customers ever specifically order wind towers from one articular over other possible sources of supply?
No	YesPlease identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why wind towers from these countries are preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).
	of merchandiseAre certain grades/types/sizes of wind towers available from only ce (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?
☐ No	YesPlease identify the source and the grade/type/size.
to insufficien of units you v of units they	ailabilityIf you were unable to purchase wind towers from a specific producer due at available manufacturing capacity, please list the project name and date, the number were seeking to purchase, the intended supplier (name and country), and the number were unable or unwilling to manufacture. Please provide any documentation listing to supply you with that product.
a comparable	coduct not based on priceIf you purchased wind towers from one source although product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your
nonsubject fo	loing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and preign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as the to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, transportation charges, etc.

#### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS -- Continued

IV-8. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how wind towers produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with wind towers produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries).

	product from United States compared to product from China			United COI	duct fr d State mpared duct fr	s d to	product from China compared to product from Vietnam		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Available capacity									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
Transportation costs to the U.S									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									
Other (specify):									
		П			П	П		П	П

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

#### IV-7. *Continued*.

	compared to product from			compared to product from			compared to product from		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Available capacity									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
Transportation costs to the U.S									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									
Other (specify):									

A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

#### IV-7. *Continued*.

	compared to product from			compared to product from			compared to product from		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Available capacity									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
Transportation costs to the U.S									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									
Other (specify):									

A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

## PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

IV-8. <u>Minimum quality.--</u>How often do wind towers from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know	
United States						
China						
Vietnam						
Canada						
Korea						
Mexico						
Other:						
Other:						
Other:						

IV-9.	<u>Additional information</u> Please use this space to answer questions that, for some reason, you were unable to answer in the space provided in that questions. Be sure to label each response with the appropriate question number(s).

#### PART V.—PURCHASE DATA

V-1. Please submit, in chronological order, the information requested below for your purchases of wind towers for delivery on or after January 1, 2009 in a separate document, in spreadsheet format.

Use the column formatting provided in the example on the next page, and include all relevant data. List all bids (or, if it was not put for outside bid at one or more suppliers, use internal cost data) for each of your projects. If you already have a pre-arranged price for the category of wind tower used in a project (e.g., through an earlier bidding-type event, supply agreement, sales contract, or similar agreement), please use that bidding/pricing data for each project that uses that category of wind tower. The bid amounts should include the cost of any services provided, such as installation, training, or warranty which was included in the bid. Provide data on all bids submitted for each project.

The required columns in this spreadsheet are:

Project name,

Project location,

Order/RFQ month,

Order/ RFQ year,

Delivery month,

Delivery year,

Number of towers,

Megawatts per tower,

Height of tower (meters),

Bidder name,

Bidder location (country or state),

Initial f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars),

Final f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars),

Final f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars per short ton),

Ocean freight and duties (dollars),

Inland transport costs (dollars),

Final delivered cost (dollars),

Number of towers awarded,

Services included in bid,

Reason(s) for winning/losing bid, including non-price factors.

In the final column, if a contract was awarded to multiple vendors, please include a description of how the allocation of towers between vendors was decided.

### PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

Project name	Project location	Order/ RFQ month	Orden/ RFQ year	Delivery month	Deliver year	y Number of towers	Megawatts per tower	Height of tower (meters)	Bidder name	Bidder location (country or state)	Initial f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars)	A Final f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars)	Finel f.o.b. quote per tower (dollars per short ton)	B Ocean freight and duties (dollars)	C Inland transport costs (dallers)	= A + B + C  Final delivered cost (dollars)	Number of Services towers included in ewerded bid	Reason(s) for winning/ losing bid, including non-price factors
Wind Ferm A	Green Bay, WI	1	7 201:	2	1 201	3 1	5 1	.8 8	0 Producer A	Sheboygan, WI Galveston, TX	440,000				0 52,00		Installation	Low delivered price, capacity constrained
									China Co. A	China	400,000	380,000	2,200	40,50	0 100,00	520,500	2 year 0 warrenty 2 year	High transport costs
Wind Ferm B	Walla Walla, WA		8 201:	2 :	2 201	3	5 2	A 10	Canada Co. A	Fargo, ND	600,000				0 50,00		Installation 5 year 0 warranty	High delvd cost
									Producer B China Co. A	TX	550,000 450,000		,		0 200,000 105,500		0 only 2 year	High delvd cost  Lowest delvd cost  Delivery too late, high
										China		450,000	2,300		200,000	555,500	2 year 5 warrenty 2 year	High delvd cost