

**CHARTER FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF BROADWIND ENERGY, INC.**

**I. PURPOSE**

The primary function of the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Broadwind Energy, Inc. (the “Company”) is to provide oversight responsibilities by reviewing: the integrity of financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to any governmental body or the public; the Company's systems of internal controls regarding finance, accounting, legal and regulatory compliance that management and the Board have established; and the Company’s auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes generally. The Committee will also oversee compliance with the Company’s code of ethics. Consistent with this function, the Committee should encourage continuous improvement of, and should foster adherence to, the Company's policies, procedures and practices at all levels.

**II. AUTHORITY**

The Committee’s primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the Company’s financial reporting process and internal control system.
- Coordinate, review and appraise the audit efforts of the Company’s independent accountants and management.
- Communicate directly with the independent accountants, the financial and senior management and the Board regarding the matters related to the Committee’s responsibilities and duties.

The Committee will primarily fulfill these responsibilities by carrying out the activities enumerated in Section IV of this Charter.

The Committee shall have the authority as and when it shall determine to be necessary or appropriate to the functions of the Committee, to:

- Appoint, discharge and authorize compensation of the Company’s independent accountants.
- Have full and independent access to Company management and personnel.
- Have full and independent access to all information and records of the Company.
- Request from the Chief Executive Officer, President or Chief Financial Officer, and to rely upon, advice and information, orally or in writing, concerning the Company’s business operations and financial information relevant to the functions of the Committee.

- At the expense of the Company, retain legal counsel (which may be, but need not be, the regular corporate counsel to the Company) and other consultants and advisors to assist it with its functions, provided, however, that the Committee shall provide notification of any such engagement to the Chief Executive Officer, President or Chief Financial Officer prior to its commencement. The Committee shall have authority to approve such consultants' and advisors' fees and other retention terms. The Committee shall have sole authority to terminate its relationship with any consultant or advisor that it retains.
- Take all action appropriate to the performance of the Committee's duties, including delegation of Committee responsibilities to subcommittees or to individual Committee members.

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits, to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or to certify or otherwise attest to the Company's financial statements. This is the responsibility of management and the independent auditor.

### **III ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) or more directors appointed by the Board, each of whom shall be independent. The definition of "independence" for purposes of selecting Committee members shall meet the independence and other requirements established by law, the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the Nasdaq Stock Market ("NASDAQ") listing standards and Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, to the extent it remains applicable. At least one member of the Committee shall qualify as an "Audit Committee financial expert," as defined by the SEC. In addition, no member of the Committee shall receive any compensation whatsoever from the Company other than compensation paid to such member as a director of the Company and member of one or more committees of the Board. Committee members shall be appointed and removed by the Board; such appointment and removal may be upon recommendation by the Governance/Nominating Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected by the Board. In the absence of the Board's election of a Chairman, the Committee shall elect a Chairman by majority vote of the Committee members. The Chairman of the Committee shall conduct the meetings as well as represent the Committee to the Board.

All Committee members shall have a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices and shall be able to read and understand financial statements at the time of their appointment to the Committee. Committee members may enhance their familiarity with finance and accounting practices by participating in educational programs conducted by the Company or an outside consultant. At least one member of the Committee shall be an "audit committee financial expert," as such term is defined in applicable regulations of the SEC and NASDAQ.

### **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES**

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties hereunder, the Committee shall:

**A. Review of Documents/Reports**

- Review annually the Committee's charter, make appropriate recommendations to the Governance/Nominating Committee, and publish this Charter in accordance with applicable SEC and NASDAQ rules and regulations.
- Review the Company's annual financial statements and any reports or other financial information submitted to any governmental body, or the public, including any certification, report, opinion or review rendered by the independent accountants.
- Review with management and the independent accountants any quarterly or annual report prior to its filing and any release of earnings prior to its release. If applicable, such review shall include a review of the Company's disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." Such review also shall include a review of the Company's goodwill balance and any testing thereof. If the Company has a material goodwill balance, the Committee shall receive a written report on its status.
- Review internal audit reports, prepared by the internal audit function, as well as management's response.
- Review with the Company's legal officer, any legal matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements and any material reports or inquiries received from the regulators or government agencies regarding compliance.
- Meet with the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer from time to time as appropriate to permit such officers to provide the attestations or certifications required by the rules and regulations of the SEC and NASDAQ.

**B. Independent Accountants**

- Appoint, compensate and oversee the Company's independent accountants. The Company's independent accountants shall report directly to the Committee.
- On an annual basis, review the performance of the independent accountants and present to the Board the conclusions of the Committee relating to the continued qualifications, performance and independence of the independent accountants engaged by the Company, and, if so determined by the Committee, its conclusion that such firm should be replaced. To assist the Committee in performing its duties to evaluate an independent auditing firm's qualifications, performance and independence, the

Committee on an annual basis obtain and review a report by the independent auditing firm retained by the Company describing the following:

- (1) such firm's quality control procedures;
  - (2) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of such firm or by any investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years regarding one or more independent audits by such firm and any measures taken by such firm in respect of those issues; and
  - (3) all relationships between the Company and such firm.
- Establish policies for approval by the Board regarding hiring employees or former employees of the independent accountants engaged by the Company.
  - Pre-approve all audit services and non-audit services to be performed by the Company's independent accountants. Neither the Committee nor the Board shall approve, and the Company's independent accountants shall not provide to the Company, any services which would impair the independence of such accountants if such services are to be provided contemporaneously while serving as independent accountants of the Company.
  - As necessary, discuss with management the engagement of auditors other than the principal independent accountants and document auditor selection criteria.
  - Annually review the current length of the terms of service of lead and concurring audit partners to ensure the regular rotation of the lead audit partner of the independent auditing firm engaged by the Company as required by Section 10A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. If the term of either partner will expire within one year, consider transition plans for new partners.
  - Review material written communications between the independent accountants and management.
  - As necessary, evaluate reports from the independent accountants regarding illegal acts and prepare reports regarding the same.

**C. Financial Reporting Processes**

- Periodically consult with the independent accountants outside of the presence of management regarding the integrity of the Company's internal and external reporting processes, adequacy of internal controls and the fullness and accuracy of the Company's financial statements.

- Inquire of management and external accountants about the adequacy of the Company's internal control procedures as a complete system, as well as the discovery of any individual material gaps and/or failures in the Company's internal control procedures.
- Review with management and the independent auditor any correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies, or any employee complaints or published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies.
- Consider the independent accountants' judgments about the quality and appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
- Review the audit scope and plan of internal auditors and independent accountants in order to ensure coordination of efforts, completeness of coverage, reduction of redundant efforts and effective use of audit resources.
- Review major changes to the Company's auditing and accounting principles and practices as suggested by the independent accountants, management or the internal auditing department.
- Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with each of management and the independent accountants any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information or any significant disagreement among these groups in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.
- Review with the independent accountant any issues, including matters of audit quality and consistency, on which the Company's audit team consulted the national office.
- Review with the independent accountants and management the audit process and the extent to which changes or improvements in financial or accounting practices, as approved by the Committee, have been implemented.
- Review, at least annually, with consultation from the independent accountants, all critical accounting policies and practices used by the Company and periodically evaluate alternative treatments that are within generally accepted accounting principles.
- Evaluate, as necessary, with consultation from the independent accountants, the effect of new regulatory and accounting pronouncements and off-balance sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.

**D. Audit Committee Report**

- Prepare an annual Audit Committee Report to be presented to the Board. The Audit Committee Report shall include, at a minimum, the following representations:

- (1) that the Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management;
  - (2) that the Committee has discussed with the independent accountants the matters required to be discussed by SAS 61, as may be modified or supplemented;
  - (3) that the Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent accountants required by Independence Standards Board Standard No.1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees), as may be modified or supplemented, and has discussed with the independent auditor the independent auditor's independence;
  - (4) that, based on the review and discussions referred to in paragraphs (1) through (3) of this item, the Committee recommends (or declines to recommend) to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the last fiscal year for filing with the SEC; and
  - (5) that the individual Committee members, and the Committee in the aggregate, complies with the Committee independence requirements set forth in this Charter.
- The Audit Committee Report may include other information that the Committee deems appropriate. The Committee will prepare the Audit Committee Report with the understanding that its representations will in used by the Board and the Company to comply with Item 306 of Regulation S-B and Item 7(d)(3) of Schedule 14A as those regulations affect the Company.

#### **E. Related-Party Transactions**

At least annually, or more frequently as may be necessary, each executive officer and director of the Company shall report to the Committee regarding all related-party transactions to which such person and the Company may be a party prior to the implementation of such transaction to assess whether such transactions meet applicable legal requirements.

#### **F. Ethical and Legal Compliance**

- Review periodically the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct and management's enforcement of the Code as it relates to the Company's financial reporting process and internal control system.
- Ensure that management has the proper review system in place to ensure that the Company's financial statements, reports and other financial information disseminated to governmental organizations and the public satisfy legal requirements.

- Review, with the Company's counsel, any legal matter that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.
- Review, with management, the Chief Financial Officer and the independent auditors the material risks facing the Company and assess the steps that management has taken or proposes to take to minimize such risks. Periodically submit to the full Board mitigation strategies and quantifiable risks and insurance coverage to cover such risks, and review and update such report periodically and as necessary.
- As required by the applicable regulations of the SEC and NASDAQ, establish and maintain procedures for efficiently responding to complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing including among other things, procedures that allow employees to submit concerns regarding questionable accounting and auditing matters on an anonymous basis.
- Perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, the Company's Bylaws and governing law, as the Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

#### **G. Internal Control**

- Review the process for the SEC required CEO and CFO quarterly certification and related internal controls
- Periodically review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and the Companies internal controls, including material weaknesses, significant deficiencies and significant changes in internal controls, if any.
- Consider the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over annual and interim financial reporting, including information technology security and controls.
- Understand the scope of the internal and external auditors review of internal control over financial reporting, and obtain reports on significant findings and recommendations, together with management responses and remediation plans.

### **V. MEETINGS AND MINUTES**

The Committee shall meet in person or electronically no fewer than four times per year, and as many additional times as the Committee deems necessary. The Committee shall also meet from time to time at the request of management or at the request of the Company's senior internal audit executive or the independent public accounting firm engaged by the Company to perform audit services on behalf of the Company.

A majority of the members shall represent a quorum of the Committee, and, if a quorum is present, any action approved by at least a majority of the members present shall represent the valid action of the Committee. As necessary or desirable, the Committee may request that members of management or

others, including the Company's advisors, be present at meetings of the Committee. In addition, as part of its job to foster open communication, the Committee should meet at least once annually with management and the external accountants in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or each of these groups believe should be discussed privately. The Committee should also meet with the independent accountants and management quarterly to review the Company's financials consistent with Section III of this Charter.

The Committee will maintain written minutes of its meetings. Such minutes will be provided to the Board, and filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE**

At least annually, the Committee shall conduct an evaluation of its performance and shall report the results of such evaluation to the Company's Governance/Nominating Committee.

#### **VII. MANAGEMENT COOPERATION**

Management of the Company shall cooperate with the Committee and render to the Committee such assistance as it shall request for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

*Approved by the Board of Directors on December 13, 2007  
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