

Bats and Wind Energy

1 WHEREAS, the Conservation Federation of Missouri supports use of renewable energy;
2 AND WHEREAS, recent studies have shown wind turbines are causing bat fatalities;
3 AND WHEREAS, many bats are federally endangered or threatened, or are species of conservation
4 concern, such as the Indiana Bat;
5 AND WHEREAS, wind energy facilities can adopt practices that reduce bat fatalities;
6 AND WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulates effects on
7 endangered species;
8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
9 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 requests the USFWS
10 work with energy companies, such as Wind Capital Group, and state conservation agencies to develop
11 and implement policies and practices with wind energy companies to decrease bat fatalities.
12 RESOLUTION SUMMARY – Wind energy facilities are responsible for fatalities among bats, both
13 federally endangered and species of conservation concern. USFWS, state conservation agencies, and
14 wind energy companies should develop and adopt policies and practices to reduce bat fatalities.