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Northern Power Systems Names Troy Patton President and Chief Executive Officer

Industry veteran will lead next-generation wind turbine company

Barre, VT, USA (May 3, 2012) – Northern Power Systems (www.northernpower.com), a next-generation wind turbine company, announced today that Troy Patton has been elected President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Patton previously served as President of the Utility Wind business at Northern Power Systems (NPS).

“We are very pleased to appoint Troy Patton as President and CEO of NPS,” said John Simon, Chairman of the Board. “Over the past few years Troy has led the successful development of the NPS 2.3MW permanent magnet direct drive wind turbine, and he is an industry veteran who has earned the respect of the Board, our employees and our customers.”

Since joining NPS in April 2009, Mr. Patton has served as President of both the Utility Wind and Distributed Wind businesses. He brings over 20 years of experience in the power generation industry. Prior to NPS, Troy was Senior Vice President of Engineering and Products for Vestas Wind Systems. Before Vestas, Troy served in numerous technical and leadership roles at General Electric’s Gas Turbine and Wind Turbine businesses.

“I am very excited to be stepping into my new role at NPS,” said Troy Patton, President and CEO of Northern Power Systems. “In addition to building our Utility Wind franchise, I look forward to managing the global expansion of our industry-leading Distributed Wind business.”

The Board of Directors also expresses its gratitude to John Danner, former President and CEO, and Parthiv Amin, former President, Distributed Wind, both of whom are leaving the Company. Mr. Danner and Mr. Amin were instrumental in leading the success of NPS since 2008 and 2010, respectively.

About Northern Power Systems

Northern Power Systems has over 30 years of experience in developing advanced, innovative wind turbines. The Company’s proven, next generation permanent magnet direct drive (PM/DD) wind turbine technology is based on a vastly simplified architecture that utilizes a unique combination of a permanent magnet generator and direct-drive design. This revolutionary approach uses fewer moving parts, delivers higher energy capture, and provides increased reliability due to reduced maintenance and downtime costs. The Company currently manufactures the NPS™ 100 turbine, designed specifically for distributed wind applications

such as schools, businesses, commercial farms, municipalities and diesel-powered remote communities. The NPS 100 is particularly well-suited for European feed-in tariff applications. The Company also designs turbines for the on-shore and off-shore utility-scale wind energy markets, and in 2011 introduced the NPS 2.3 MW wind turbine for on-shore applications. Northern Power Systems is a fully integrated company that designs, manufactures, and sells wind turbines into the global marketplace from its headquarters in Vermont, USA, with additional offices in Massachusetts and Michigan, USA and Zurich, Switzerland. For more information, please visit www.northernpower.com.

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