



## **PORTCORPUSCHRISTI**

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### **PORT CORPUS CHRISTI ENHANCES ITS RAIL CAPABILITIES FOR WIND COMPONENT MOVEMENTS**

**Corpus Christi, TX** – Class-I rail services from the three major rail companies can now be offered at the Port to move wind turbine components. Last year, BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Rail Road (UP) began offering rail services to major manufacturers of wind energy components through Port Corpus Christi. Last week, Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR) moved their first wind tower train from Port Corpus Christi. With this move, all three Class-I carriers are now competing for wind component business in the region.

KCSR worked with Port Corpus Christi to coordinate the move, and Kansas City Southern de México S.A. de C.V. helped coordinate transportation and car distribution. Last week, the movement of the first two 50-car unit trains by KCSR was its first wind energy component movement from Port Corpus Christi. *“We are very pleased to be able to work with KCSR. Having one more Class -I rail option to move the wind components from our port, along with our deep uncongested channel and strategically location in the Gulf of Mexico, gives the*

*Port a better opportunity to serve the growth of wind energy components and other project cargoes.”* said, John LaRue, Executive Director.

The primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is one of the 10 largest ports in the United States in total tonnage. The Port’s mission statement is to serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45’ft deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly, *“More Than You Can Sea.”*



*KCSR loading first movement of wind components from Port Corpus Christi*