## BASIC TOWER REQUIREMENTS for the BWC EXCEL 15 WIND TURBINE

## Customer supplied towers for the BWC EXCEL 15 should meet the following requirements:

**Tower Height**: 60 ft (18 m) minimum, 80 ft (24 m) or higher recommended

**Design Wind Speed**: 120 mph (54 m/s) **Turbine Weight**: 1350 lb (612 kg)

**Turbine Thrust Load:** 2500 lb (11.1 kN) @ any wind >= 40 mph (18 m/s)

Distance, Blade Tip to Tower Centerline

60 inches (1.52 m)

**Blade Clearance:** The top 15 ft (4.6 m) of the tower must not extend beyond a 22 inch (0.57 m)

radius from the tower centerline.

**Tower Plumb Tolerance:** Up to 0.25° tolerance from plumb allowed.

**Tower Stiffness:** Tilt at the top of the tower should be no more than 2.0°. Deflection of monopole

towers at 50 mph should be no more than 1.0% of tower height; at 120 mph no more than 2.5% of tower height. (For a 120 ft tower this would be 14.4 in and 36.0 in, respectively.) Overly flexible towers can cause vibration and/or fatigue problems. A professional engineer should approve the tower and foundation

design.

**Turbine Center of Mass:** 5.1 inches (0.13 m) forward (upwind) of tower center and 16.5 inches (0.42 m)

above the tower top

**Tower Design Loads** Fx: 2,500 lbs (11.1 kN)

Fy: 210 lbs (0.94 kN) Fz: 1,400 lbs (6.2 kN)

Mx: 7,150 ft-lbs (9.7 kN-m) My: 4,130 ft-lbs (5.6 kN-m)

Frequencies to Avoid: 1.2 - 2.5 Hz (1P)

3.5 - 7.5 Hz (3P)

Note: Blade first flap frequency is 5.5 – 6.0 Hz

**Stall Regulation Speed:** 150 RPM **Maximum Rotor Speed:** 170 RPM

**Turbine Mounting:** 

 Provisions shall be made for connecting turbine, providing tower wiring strain relief and mounting tower climbing anti-fall equipment.

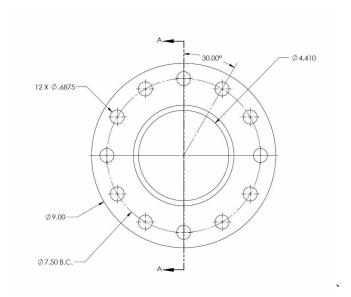
Tubular towers will require a 5" diameter access port ~5" below the tower top.

The top of the tower shall be designed to allow the connection of the power cable through a 2" or larger hole in the center of the tower top plate.

 Hardware for attaching the wind turbine to the tower are NOT supplied with the turbine and must be supplied separately.

 Tower connection shall be made using twelve (12) 5/8" bolts per the turbine mounting details drawing provided below:

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This sketch shows the bottom flange of the Excel 15 tower adapter. The 4.3" center hole in the flange is larger than required in the top plate of the tower.

**Turbine Output Wiring:** The output is a 3-phase AC. Tower wiring is three conductor. There is no neutral or bond wire required for the tower wiring.

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