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Ms. Sandra Squire
Executive Secretary
West Virginia Public Service Commission
201 Brooks St.
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Case No. 05-1740-E-CS-CN, Liberty Gap Wind Generating Facility

Dear Ms. Squire:

The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy requests Intervenor status in this case. We also request a comment period extension of 60 days. We similarly intervened in the predecessor case at Liberty Gap in November, 2004

We are a small, non-profit corporation, whose primary purpose is education and advocacy for Conservation in the state of West Virginia. Please allow us to proceed in this case without legal representation, as the Commission has done in the past, since we don't have the resources needed to hire attorneys in all such cases.

Our concerns in this case are with wildlife impacts and viewshed.

Major bat kills have been experienced at two already existing facilities nearby. Substantial endangered bat and eagle populations are found in the immediate vicinity of the projects.

Pendleton County is a beautiful and much-visited area. Viewshed impacts are expected in the South Branch Valley, Shenandoah Mountain, North Fork Mountain, Spruce Mountain and other scenic places. The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy does not categorically oppose wind power, even on high Allegheny ridges. But making any determination of likely impacts, will require some time; hence our request for the extension.

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As intervenors, please see that we are provided with copies of all documents filed in this case, including the recently received application for a siting certificate. Please send to the above address or fax number.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shoenfeld". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

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