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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

I am opposed to using the ridges of Pendleton County for industrial wind turbines, as outlined in Case No. 05-1740-E-CS-CN.

The research I have done since the wind farms have been proposed in Pendleton County has not produced sufficient benefits to Pendleton County, to West Virginia, or to the citizens of the United States – since the technology is so incredibly inefficient! The many side effects are all negative and detrimental to the community and wildlife.

I am in constant contact with people coming into the county for recreation, searching for second or retirement homes, for family history research, or just traveling through. The universal statement is some variation of: “It is *so beautiful* here.”

Our natural beauty has value to those of us who live here, many around the state who count on Pendleton County as a beautiful, serene and bucolic vacation spot, and for many in surrounding states. The beauty of West Virginia and Pendleton County in particular is a blessing that is becoming increasingly valuable, as other areas are ruined by development or industrialization.

I count on you to have the wisdom and courage to protect our beautiful state from this deceitful, profit-seeking and inefficient technology.

Sincerely,



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