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January 5, 2006

Dear Ms. Squire:

I am writing with regard to Case # 05-1740, Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC.

I live in Pendleton County and believe that allowing wind turbines into our county opposes our one viable economic alternative -- tourism. I think the members of the Commission need to get out of Charleston and come here to see for themselves. Pendleton County is defined by beautiful views of forested ridges, bucolic valleys, and hillsides untouched by the hand of man.

Pendleton is about Spruce Knob, the highest point in WV, Seneca Rocks, a major rock climbing Mecca, and Smoke Hole, an impressive river canyon all protected within the Monongahela National Forest. Pendleton County's scenery attracts tourists, and many of these tourists are so impressed by what they experience here that they buy property and build vacation or retirement homes. As a member of a family in business here for well over a century, believe me, wind turbines will undo the cumulative efforts of many who recognize that our unspoiled natural beauty is our only sustainable resource.

Newcomers to Pendleton represent the economic future of this county and blighting it with vistas of wind turbines will be its doom.

Sincerely yours,

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