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February 11, 2006

Dear Ms. Squire:

I am writing with regard to Case # 05-1740, Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC. and my plea for your attention has never been more urgent. My opposition to building industrial wind turbines in the most scenic region of West Virginia – Pendleton County – has grown from grieving the loss of our view shed, to anger at the abuse of power by noncompetitive public utilities. I implore you, as the commission empowered to serve the public in these matters, to protect us from these abuses. I think that authority should be legislatively mandated or judicially extended to protect us from Exempt Wholesale Generators, who have the power to deprive us of the full use and enjoyment of our scenic vistas and diminish the market value of our property. At the least, I believe my concern warrants a move toward a moratorium on building more wind turbines in West Virginia.

After attending a recent “public meeting” where the Liberty Gap sales team were featured by our local commissioners, I am more convinced than ever that Pendleton County is falling victim to abuse at the hands of an array of racketeers seeking easy, government sponsored, profits. Tactics that have marked the local wind turbine invasion from the start were never more prevalent than at this meeting. A fraction of submitted questions were handpicked weeks in advance, choreographed answers were scripted and accompanied by slick power point charts, and there was no opportunity for follow-up questions that may have clarified Liberty Gap’s evasive and misleading responses. This charade was just the most recent attempt to give our commissioners talking points and cover their embrace of wind turbines for our county, whether the majority like it or not.

I urge you to thoroughly examine the groundswell of grass roots opposition to this wind project lest you, too, be placated with beaming smiles, pretty pictures and empty promises. Read the letters you are receiving, and count them. Listen to the constituency, and act to preserve and protect the crown jewel of the Potomac Highlands.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Bowman, IV

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