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Ms. Sandra Squire, Executive Secretary
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Dear Ms. Squire:

As the child of residents of Pendleton County, I am writing to voice my strong **opposition** to the wind power projects that are licensed by your agency. I urgently request that you DO NOT APPROVE the application by US Wind Force, LLC and Liberty Gap LLC, for the **Liberty Gap Wind Generating Facility** that is proposed to be built on Jack Mountain south of Franklin in Pendleton County.

Furthermore, I ask that you DO NOT APPROVE any wind power projects in Pendleton County.

We need to know just how this project and others like it would impact our properties, our communities, our county and our way of life FIRST. The people of Pendleton County, arguably the most beautiful county in West Virginia, deserve answers, in fact, we demand answers.

I am aware that the PSC is working on siting and environmental safeguards in an effort to **protect public interests**; however, I feel these provisions are inadequate until such time that thorough studies can be completed in regard to the impacts of these huge industrial facilities. The experience of Tucker County with its smaller, less numerous wind turbines should be instructive. Did that county actually receive the tax benefit it was promised? How many birds and bats were killed? What do the people who live in the shadow of the turbines feel about them now that they have lived with them a while? How have the wind turbines affected property values in the surrounding area? How has tourism been affected? What about the second home market? What happens when the wind turbines become obsolete? Who will haul them away and reclaim our mountain tops? Also, why have parts of Europe place a moratorium on the construction of wind turbine projects? How long will it take a wind turbine to "pay back" the enormous amount of energy it takes to construct one? All of these questions and more need to be investigated before we allow wind turbines into Pendleton County.

We have many concerns which include, first and foremost, the **human** impact due to noise and light pollution. Among others are property values, view sheds, and killing of bats and birds as well as the small amount of financial return to all of the people of Pendleton County compared to the tremendous income for just a few individual landowners and out-of-state or out-of-country companies.

This has nothing to do with real power but everything to do with tax credits and incentives. A few folks will make out fine-\$\$\$-but what about the rest of us? What will we be left with????

Thank you for your concern about wind power projects and their impact and especially any assistance you may provide in this particular matter.

Sincerely:

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