

A quick look

■ *Liberty Gap LLC is a subsidiary of U.S. Wind Force, a wind energy developer based in Pennsylvania.*

■ *The developer has a power purchase agreement in place with FirstEnergy Corporation of Ohio.*

■ *Liberty Gap intends to build a 100-megawatt, \$200 million string of industrial wind turbines along the Jack Mountain ridge in southern Pendleton County. The project would consist of up to 50 turbines, each over 400 feet tall.*

■ *The line of turbines would begin just north of the Highland, Va./Pendleton, W.Va. line and extend north for 6.4 miles, ending just south of the intersection of Jack Mountain with Moyers Gap Road. The project would require 17.25 miles of transmission line connecting it to a substation in north Franklin, W.Va.*

■ *Liberty Gap needs a siting certificate from West Virginia's Public Service Commission before it can build. Pending approval from the PSC it hopes to be operational by November of 2007.*

■ *Developments on Liberty Gap's application with the PSC can be monitored on the PSC's website: www.psc.state.wv.us. The case number is 05-1740-E-CS.*

■ *Several groups and individuals are formally intervening in the case. They are: The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy; Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County; Larry and Rebecca Thomas; Garnett Gregory of Chestnut Woods Association; and the West Virginia Building and Construction Trades Council. Intervenors are much like respondents in Virginia's State Corporation Commission. They will be at the evidentiary hearing in Charleston, W.Va. June 28 and 29 where they will give expert testimony in a court-like*