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Sandra Squires, Executive Secretary
WV Public Service Commission
P O Box 812
Charleston, WV 25323

Re: Case #05-1740-E-CS

I wish to register my objection to all aspects of the Liberty Gap Wind Generation Facility, Pendleton County.

Since I am not a citizen of West Virginia I may lack standing in this case. However, I must point out that if this project is approved it will be built on Jack Mountain from the Moyers Gap Road south to the state line near Doe Hill in Highland County, VA, which is my home county. Even if construction stops at the state line, this project will directly impact citizens of Virginia in the Doe Hill area with noise, flashing lights, and blade flicker as well as indirect impacts such as disruption of wildlife, fragmentation of the forest, and the killing of unknown numbers of birds and bats.

Liberty Gap Wind Force, in its application for interconnection to PJM, made it clear that it would like to extend this project south into Highland County, VA, as far as US 250. The application speaks of 112 turbines, of which only 50 would be in WV. If the project is allowed to build in WV it will then attempt to expand into VA, in which case a much greater number of Highland County citizens will be directly affected.

Highland County is currently threatened by a similar, albeit much smaller, project on Allegheny Mountain, very close to the WV line. Highland County citizens have expressed their objections to this proposal in overwhelming numbers and are similarly disenchanted with the Liberty Gap project. Testimony at public hearings and letters in the local paper have consistently been 5:1 or more against this project.

West Virginia citizens in both Grant and Greenbrier Counties are expressing their opposition to wind projects proposed in those areas. It is time for a complete moratorium on wind projects in the Appalachian Mountains until such time as detailed environmental studies have been completed and it can be shown definitively that these machines are as benign as their promoters claim they are.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please make this letter a part of the public record in this matter.

Sincerely,

John R. Sweet