

Open letter to Gov. Manchin

Dear Sir:

I stand firmly opposed to the proposed Beech Ridge Wind

Farm Project in Greenbrier County, WV. As a sixty-year old property owner, vegetable farmer and proud citizen of the county, living just a few miles as the crow flies from the pristine mountain sites where the giant turbines are to be erected, I am appalled.

Of course West Virginia is always looking for new revenue. Yes, alternative energy is a good idea. Yes, Invenergy LLC out of Chicago, the company that wants to bring us these towering wind turbines has the cooperation of Mead-Westvaco. But sir, that does not outweigh the damage this project will perpetrate.

As you well know...as we all well know...Greenbrier County makes the bulk of its money with tourism. And let us not forget the excellent hunting and fishing revenues. Those of us who live here roll out the red carpet for tourists and sportsman and are happy to do so. Why run the risk of chasing off those two clean sources of income with over 130 ungodly huge wind turbines in one of the most beautiful parts of the county. Indeed the state?

Have you been to Greenbrier County? Have you been to Beech Ridge or the Williams-Burg Valley that lives in its shadow? It's Paradise. The eyesore of the turbines would be seen far beyond those points as well...all the way out to the highways that carry the tourists and sportsman in and out of the area.

If only wind energy in its current technological state worked. Well, then we would really have to consider this. Unfortunately it does not. Existing wind turbine energy

sighted and wise.

Thank you,
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