

August 2, 2019

Mitch Simmnos
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Ingrid Ferrell, Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
201 Brooks Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Re: Case 19-0483-E-CS, Black Rock Wind Force

Dear Ms. Ferrell:

12:30 PM AUG 08 2019 EXEC SEC DIV

As a resident of West Virginia, I strongly support the proposal to build the Black Rock Wind Farm. This project has huge support in Mineral County and Grant County and the adjoining region. Wind farms are going up all around the area and we must do all we can to attract new businesses.

Our area cannot sit and wait for the economy to get better, it may take a long time. That is why we must take the bull by the horns and embrace industry that creates new jobs. Many of the "old reliable" companies surrounding the county may not be so reliable anymore. Unemployment is higher than I have ever seen it in our counties. Thousands of dollars coming to the state of West Virginia are being held up. This delay plays out poorly for our area and for the State of West Virginia. Many businesses across the country are looking at these projects to help them decide if they want to invest in our state or go someplace else.

Hundreds of people will be involved in the construction and operation of this wind farm. Other wind farms are in the planning stages but will certainly go to other states if we continue to delay their installations, and who could blame them? Our National Security depends upon our energy independence from foreign oil, this is just one more step in the right direction. I encourage you to resolve these issues and support the expeditious installation of this project.

Thank you,



Mitch Simmons

August 3, 2019

Ashley Miller
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Ingrid Ferrell, Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission of West Virginia
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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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Dear Ms. Ferrell:

Please communicate my support to the chairman and members of the Public Service Commission for the timely issuance of a siting certificate for the Black Rock Wind Farm, Case 19-0483-E-CS.

As a member of the Operating Engineers Local 132, my family and I depend on good development projects such as this new wind farm to put food on the table. I know some local residents have expressed concern about the project. I think they are worried about change more than anything else.

West Virginia and West Virginians need to embrace the changing world in which we are living and work to attract new innovation to our state. West Virginia has a proud heritage of producing energy, and I urge you to see the broader public good beyond the concerns of a few individuals. Wind farms and the high-tech jobs they bring to our state will help fuel the innovation economy – we cannot go back to the economy of old.

Above all, many people of working age like myself are concerned about the loss of jobs in the community. The closing of the Luke Mill is a huge problem and so many workers have lost their jobs as a result. This wind farm can't replace all those lost jobs, but it certainly will help.

I would be proud to help build the Black Rock wind farm and I hope you will give me that opportunity. Please approve this project.

Respectfully yours,



Ashley Miller

August 5, 2019

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Ingrid Ferrell, Executive Secretary
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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this letter of support for the timely issuance of a siting certificate for the proposed Black Rock Wind Farm project currently pending before the Public Service Commission, Case 19-0483-E-CS.

I am a resident, tax payer and registered voter in Grant County, West Virginia and I am an active member of the Operating Engineers Local 132. Our organization provides trained heavy equipment operators to such projects as the Black Rock Wind project. We have participated in the construction of a number of area wind farms and have delivered word class projects to the owners operators who invest in these important economic development projects in West Virginia and beyond.

My family and I depend on good development projects such as this new wind farm to sustain our family and to contribute to the economic good of the region. I know some local residents have expressed concern about the project. I think they are worried about change more than anything else.

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Respectfully yours,



Kenny Vanmeter

August 2nd, 2019

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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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Dear Ms. Ferrell:

I attended the public hearing about the Black Rock Wind Project on July 25th and wanted to clear up some things that were said.

I have seen the flier that some of the opponents were circulating and they don't tell the whole truth. They are using scare tactics to get people whipped up.

My union (Local 132) has helped build wind farms, I know that other wind farms in the region are only incrementally smaller. Fourmile Ridge, Fair Wind and Ringer Hill are all around 150 meters, and the hub heights have not changed much in many years. The technology is always changing and becoming more efficient -- that's the way innovation works.

What's important to me are the jobs that Black Rock will bring (hopefully for me too). I don't need to tell you that the closing of the Luke Mill really hurt a lot of people and their families. We really need some good news now and Black Rock will bring good union jobs to the area.

I ask that you see past the rhetoric and look at all the good that Black Rock will mean for me and other families. Please approve this project so we can put more people back to work.

Sincerely yours,



Matthew Bilmeyer