

October 27, 2009

Joel H. Peck
Office of the Clerk-SCC
P.O. Box 2118
Richmond, VA 23218

RE: Case PUE-2009-00092

Dear Mr. Peck,

My name is Erica Chapman and I am writing from Los Angeles on behalf of Camp Allegheny Battlefield. I first visited the area about 6 years ago and was completely and totally enraptured by the pristine and rustic condition of the land and it's historic sights. I sat in the fields eating blueberries and almost-hearing the voices of those who'd been on the land in the hundreds of years before me. There are so few places in America left to "see what it was like", naturally.

I am devastated to learn that this magical and majestic landscape could be turned into something so much less than itself by the near-by (that's actually 1.2 miles) construction of wind turbines by Highland New Wind Development.

No, I do not live in the area, and don't get to visit as often as I would like. But this conflict between "un-checked green development" and "what is useful and appropriate greening" affects me too -- for if the SCC does not have a PUBLIC hearing between the Department of Historic Resources and HNWD, it sets a debilitating precedent in which the regulatory community operates at the expense of the public interest.

I have begun contacting the Los Angeles Times, Environment California and other media outlets on a national level to investigate this conflict as it relates to the larger issue of unbridled development in the name of green energy and specifically the use of wind turbines - an issue we are being asked to face in California as well.

PLEASE, sir, do your public office's duty, and hold the hearing as scheduled on November 10th between DHR and HNWD.

Sincerely,
Erica Chapman
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