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US Wind Force Foundation Names Allocation Committee for Pinnacle's Community Benefit Fund

Local Committee Will Decide How Wind Farm's Community Benefit Fund is Distributed

PETERSBURG, WV – September 20, 2010 - US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., announced today the selection of a nine member panel to serve on its Pinnacle Community Benefit Fund's Allocation Committee. The Allocation Committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating and recommending funding for selected community projects in the geographic area surrounding the "Pinnacle Wind Farm at NewPage," planned for construction atop Green Mountain, west of Keyser, West Virginia.

The Community Benefit Fund will provide locally controlled financial resources for community projects. Pinnacle Wind Force, LLC has committed the first \$50,000 to the fund upon the project achieving commercial operations, which is expected in late 2011. An additional \$10,000 gift earmarked specifically for historic preservation projects will be awarded at the same time. Starting with the second year of commercial operations and continuing for the operational life of the project, the company will provide \$20,000 annually. This represents a commitment of \$540,000 during the expected life of the project.

Terry Stephens, Bill Boggs, Patsy Koontz, Polly Hightower, Gary Wilson, Barb Linthicum, Marc Bashoor, Bill Braithwaite, and Tammy Ashby are the Allocation Committee members. "We are delighted with the makeup of the Allocation Committee," said Jim Cookman, the US Wind Force Foundation President. "I know that each of them has the best interest of the community at heart and that they will exercise the responsibility with the utmost care, attention, and consideration. The



foundation board looks forward to working with this esteemed group of individuals and we are delighted to make these important additional financial benefits available to the community.”

Gary Wilson, Chairman of the Allocation Committee added that “[t]he developers always said they wanted to see local control over grant making decisions from the Community Benefit Fund. They seem to have accomplished this. I am honored to serve as a volunteer member of the committee.”

The 23 turbine (55 MW) wind energy project, owned by Pinnacle Wind Force, LLC and developed by US Wind Force, LLC, has made a legal commitment to the communities surrounding the project to finance a Community Benefit Fund. “This commitment is our way of saying thank you to area residents for supporting our efforts to bring this clean, renewable energy project to Mineral County,” noted Dave Friend, Chairman and CEO of US Wind Force, LLC. Cookman and Friend led the development effort for US Wind Force.

To learn more about the US Wind Force Foundation, the Pinnacle Community Benefit Fund, and its Allocation Committee, as well as the grant application process, please visit the US Wind Force Foundation website at www.uswff.org. Inquiries can be submitted to foundation@uswff.org and the Foundation can be reached by calling (304) 257-0770.

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