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US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. Announces Grant Application Availability

Pinnacle Wind Farm’s Community Benefit Fund to Give \$20,000

Keyser, WV – August 27, 2018 - US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., today announced that it is accepting grant applications from qualified nonprofit organizations for grants from its Community Benefit Fund. The grant applications must be postmarked no later than Saturday, October 13, 2018. The Community Benefit Fund was established as a way to provide locally-controlled financial resources for worthy “bricks and mortar” community projects in the communities immediately surrounding the Pinnacle Wind Farm.

The 55 megawatt, 23-turbine Pinnacle Wind Farm is located on Green Mountain near Keyser, West Virginia. The foundation, through its Community Benefit Fund, has awarded more than \$170,000 in grants to local community organizations since the wind farm was completed in January 2012.

Pinnacle was developed by US Wind Force, LLC and is now owned and operated by NRG Renew. Pinnacle voluntarily committed to donate \$60,000 to the Community Benefit Fund at the start of commercial operations and \$20,000 per year for the life of the project.

“This is a continuation of a long-term relationship between the foundation and the communities surrounding the wind farm,” said Jim Cookman, President of the US Wind Force Foundation and partner in the wind energy development company, Laurel Renewable

Partners. "We appreciate the community's broad support for the project, and NRG Renew's continued support for the community."

The grant applications will be subject to a rigorous review process by an Allocation Committee made up of Mineral County residents. "It's rare to see companies give local control over donated money. I'm proud to serve on the committee and I remain confident in the other members of the committee," noted Cindy Pyles, Chair of the Allocation Committee.

To learn more about the Pinnacle Community Benefit Fund and the grant application process, please visit the foundation website www.uswff.org. The grant application form is also available on the foundation website at http://www.uswff.org/forms/USWFF_Grant_Application.pdf.

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