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To: Humboldt Wind Energy Project Planner

We have lived on Monument Road for 41 years. Our property is about 2 miles west of Rio Dell and approximately 1,100 feet of Monument Road passes over our property.

We feel that there are multiple errors and omissions in the draft EIR that will greatly and adversely effect the outcome of this project and the residents of our area.

- 1. IMPACTS ON MONUMENT ROAD AND ITS RESIDENT’S : Even with the new proposed access road through HRC and Russ properties, Monument Road will become the de facto “short cut” access for construction, maintenance and supplier workers that are coming and going from town. Many parts of Monument Road are now so narrow that it allows for only one car to pass at a time, a dangerous condition for users unfamiliar with the road. The pavement is currently in sub-standard condition with many pot-holes, cracks and “lumpy patches.” There are also many sensitive slide areas that already need stabilizing, and this would become a more profound issue with any increased traffic.
- 2. POLLUTED RUNOFF DURING CONTRUCTION AND THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE: The additional burden of polluted waters entering the ground water and streams from oils, fuels, spills, herbicides, and the additional traffic on Monument road will be significant. This will lead to an increase of polluted water draining into our pastures. We have concerns for the long term effects of this run-off entering our domestic water supply (springs), and effecting the watersheds all along the areas where planned work will be done.
- 3. INCREASE IN FIRE RISK: We live in a very forested area, and we are concerned about the increase risk of fire and the resulting increase in the amount of money we pay for homeowners insurance.
- 4. BEAR RIVER RIDGE ROAD AND MONUMENT ROAD SERVE AS AN EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD FOR MANY COUNTY RESIDENTS: Historically, when floods, slides and/or earthquakes have made other routes or bridges impassable, Bear River Ridge Road and Monument Road has been the only access in and out of Rio Dell/Ferndale for many County residents. This project may adversely effect the ability of residents to safely utilize this alternative route in emergency situations.
- 5. INADEQUATELY STUDIED ADVERSE EFFECTS THIS PROJECT MAY HAVE ON ENDANGERED WILDLIFE: After reviewing many parts of the draft EIR, it is clear that there are many aspects of the environmental impacts that have not been adequately addressed re: the short and long term effect on wildlife. This is unacceptable.

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This is a project that will clearly do a great deal of damage to a pristine environment, only to provide profit for some, but not serve Humboldt County as a whole. The promised jobs that will supposedly be generated locally will likely not be filled by local residents. The electricity generated likely won’t stay in the county. The project infrastructure, after it has been eventually

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abandoned, will be the only thing that remains. This has been the case in almost every windmill project that we have reviewed from across the country.



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We strongly object to the building of the proposed windmill project.

Sincerely,

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