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Thanks,

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Please accept these comments though they are late. The address given to me-I thought by officials-- turned out to be inaccurate and the first effort to send this response ended up being returned. Here is the document in what I hope is the required form.Thanks for your consideration/

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Dear People

Please consider the following comments in your deliberations on county support for the Terra Gen wind farm project currently under consideration.

I have spent a good deal of time studying this project and contemplating its potential impacts on our community, both humans and natural. I have come to believe that this project is essentially the right thing—production of carbon-free energy—in the wrong place—Monument and Bear River Ridges. The widespread and intense impacts likely to occur from the tower project as planned are themselves cause for denying permission. Other reasons include the following.

After years wasted in denial of the physical reality of the phenomenon, it has become obvious to almost everyone that climate change presents a real and fast-developing threat to human society. The almost universal consensus among atmospheric scientists (See United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change-2018) is that we have only a dozen years or so to take steps necessary to reverse the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. After that, positive feedback loops—self-reinforcing mechanisms—are likely to become irreversible.

As fearsome as this scenario is, it is also essential that we take the right steps, not the wrong ones. We should not be forced to further sacrifice the health of the land simply because that health has already been deeply compromised in the development of our industrial society. We should not place species already seriously at risk owing to human actions at even greater risk in trying to further assure our security. An additional panel of scientists convened by the UN last this spring—the UN Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services—said that we are at risk of losing a million additional species in the next couple of decades if we continue on the path we're on. This panel concluded that further loss of species presents as grave a threat to our civilization as does CO2 related climate change.

It should be noted that at this writing, that Humboldt Redwood Company has begun logging on several hundred acres on and around Rainbow Ridge, the next ridge west of Monument and Bear River (on lands owned by the same corporation/family). Residents in the Mattole Valley have been working for three decades to help develop measures to protect the primary forests still alive on Rainbow and populations of the rare and endangered species that occupy these stands. The level of impact between that of the extensive logging and the construction of 600 ft wind towers—and attendant road building—on the adjacent ridge will be enormous. To try to justify such impacts in the name of limiting climate change is just plain foolish.

Thank you, Sincerely,

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