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**Beech Ridge Wind Farm Announces  
Appointment of Local Project Manager**

*Rupert, WV* - Beech Ridge Energy LLC of Rupert has announced the appointment of Erik Duncan, forester and staff scientist with Potesta & Associates, as local project manager for the proposed Beech Ridge Wind Farm project to be built in rural northern Greenbrier County near Rupert, West Virginia.

"I am excited about this project because of what it means to our national energy supply as well as its compatibility to the Rupert area," stated Duncan. "The Beech Ridge Wind Farm will be compatible with growing much needed sources of pollution-free renewable energy at a time of national energy price increases and shortages."

Duncan received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resources Management from West Virginia University. He is a Registered Professional Forester with the West Virginia Board of Registered Foresters and is also a member of Trout Unlimited.

David Groberg, director of the project for Invenergy LLC, the parent company of Beech Ridge Energy, said, "A lot of misinformation has been spread by the opponents of the project. Erik will help us address these misconceptions and make sure local folks are aware of the many environmental and economic benefits the project will bring to Greenbrier County."

"We are pleased to support Erik's role in this project and to loan his expertise to the Beech Ridge Wind Farm," stated Ron Potesta, President of Potesta and Associates, a Charleston, West Virginia based environmental consulting firm.

The Beech Ridge Wind Farm is a proposed 186-megawatt wind energy project that will be located near Rupert, West Virginia. It will be built along a few isolated ridgelines in rural northern Greenbrier County that have all been forested and/or mined and are currently managed by MeadWestvaco Corporation. Beech Ridge will supply enough clean, renewable energy to satisfy the electricity demands of more than 50,000 households. Beech Ridge Energy LLC will be owned and operated on a long-term basis by Invenergy Wind LLC.

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