

Beech Ridge Energy

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Beech Ridge Energy Opens Rupert Office to Coordinate Wind Farm Project Development

RUPERT, W.Va. _ Beech Ridge Energy LLC opened a field office in Rupert Monday (April 10) to oversee development of its planned \$300 million, 124-turbine wind farm in Greenbrier County.

“Opening the office is the next step in Beech Ridge bringing jobs and economic development to Greenbrier County,” said Local Project Manager Erik Duncan.

“This signifies an important step in the life of this project,” said Dave Groberg, director of business development for Beech Ridge parent company Invenergy LLC. “We have been at work in the community for some time, but now we have a visible presence demonstrating that we intend to be good, local citizens.”

“We welcome Beech Ridge as a Rupert’s newest corporate citizen,” said Mayor Charles Mundy. “We look forward to the company’s continued presence and to the jobs the wind farm will create in our community.”

The new office is located at 211 Nicholas St., Unit No. 5 and will begin operation with two employees.

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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