



## Town of Forest

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Copies Sent: Kenton Bradbury, Board Chair, Gisele Everett, Chair Compensation Committee, Tom Frazier, Chair Commercial Committee, Mary Doswell, Independent Director, Steve Trenholm, Independent Director

Dear Mr. Allen,

As the CEO of Leeward Renewable Energy, we acknowledge your position comes with great importance and responsibility for your projects' communities. Our Town Board believes the Highland Wind Farm project is inconsistent with your corporate values stated on your website. As we close out a challenging year and look forward to brighter days ahead, we seek a gift of peace from Leeward Renewable Energy to the Town of Forest, Wisconsin. Our Town Board believes that this will be a devastating project where people will be forced to leave their homes if the turbines were ever to start operating, similar to the Shirley wind project's disastrous record in Glenmore, Wisconsin.

Although Leeward has received regulatory approval to construct wind turbines in Forest, Wisconsin, our Town Board and our residents vehemently oppose this project. Both have opposed it from its inception with both the Town and our residents (through The Forest Voice intervening at the Public Service Commission), to win initially in the denial of the project by the Wisconsin PSC, and then lose in the further contested rehearing. **Our Town Board, on January 12th, voted to request Leeward Renewable Energy to elect a formal decision of your board of directors to stop the project.** At this holiday time in perhaps one of the worst years in the history of humankind, we appeal to you to give us a gift of ending the Highland Wind Farm project in our Town of Forest.

Our Town Board believes The Highland Wind Farm is not a safe project, and building it would jeopardize Leeward Renewable Energy's brand should this project ever be built. From the start, we believe the Public Service Commission's expert testimony shows that this would be a repeat of the Shirley Wind Farm in Brown County, WI. Families would be forced to leave their homes at a rate potentially five times worse than what occurred at the Brown County project due to the increased plan size of the Forest project. Among the Town Board of Forest's concerns are:

- 1 The Shirley Wind Farm record in Brown County, WI (the predecessor to the Forest project), was declared a human health hazard by the Brown County Board of Health.
- 2 The public service record shows that three families near the Shirley Wind Farm in Brown County have left their homes due to the effects of the wind farm, and hundreds of complaints about the harmful effects of the turbines have been filed by residents.
- 3 A dairy farmer sold his herd of cows because of reduced milk production of 50% after the turbines went online. Seventy plus animals died or went down from the effects he attributed to the Shirley Wind Farm.

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- 4 A homeowner reported that she sleeps in her basement because of the turbines' effects. It is believed that the infra-sound, or inaudible sound, generated from the turbines, is at the root of the complaints, impacting peoples' and their animals' health. This area remains a significant concern for the wind industry's future.
- 5 Leeward has yet to deal with the Town on the decommissioning requirement established as a pre-condition to beginning the project. Our attorneys previously sent a letter to Leeward regarding this.
- 6 The Town Board of Forest believes that the curtailment plan to be operated by sophisticated software (we assume yet to be developed by Leeward) included as a project condition by the Public Service Commission's permit to you is unachievable (and undevelopable as an implementable software).

Mr. Allen and Leeward board members, we request that you review the Town's concerns and formally vote to end the Highland Wind Project in Forest, Wisconsin. The Town Board of Forest believes the project's delay is being caused by Leeward energy now having had time to assess its safety. We believe your experts now have their own significant concerns. Because of this, Leeward's inaction causes our Town to be subject to the effect of a project that is not safe, yet one without your board's formal decision to stop the project continues to hang over the Town of Forest Residents' heads. Please discuss our concerns, review the following information with your board of directors, and vote to end the project. We wish to hear from you and your board's decision before the end of February.

Please visit [forestwindtruth.org](http://forestwindtruth.org) for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Forest Town Board 3-0

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