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1. having a lease as a Participating Landowner for a Wind Turbine or a lease for a transmission right-of-way,
2. having an identified financial arrangement with a wind development company including a signed Mitigation Waiver with financial remuneration,
3. serving as a paid representative of a wind development company, or a written or verbal promise for future employment or contracts from a wind development company;
4. being directly or indirectly affiliated or related to an Applicant with a pending application for a WTG, and,
5. knowing there is a substantial opportunity to accept bids, receive remuneration, or employment valued at greater than \$10,000 on behalf of a wind development company or as a subcontractor or employee of the Community Owned Wind.

Individuals with a conflict of interest must identify the conflict of interest and recuse themselves from all direct and indirect planning and decision making regarding WTGs or Community Owned Wind, with the exception of voting and debating as a private citizen at any public meetings and public hearings.

### 26.4 Bidding and Contracting

All bidding, contracts and employment for Community Owned Wind projects must be awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding. The Town of Montville reserves the right to design the bidding process to favor local contracts and local employment.

### 26.5 Code of Ethics for Wind Companies and Municipal Employees

26.5.1 Wind companies will not hire municipal employees or their relatives, give gifts of more than \$10 during a one-year period, or provide any other form of compensation that is contingent on any action before a municipal agency

26.5.2 Wind companies will not solicit, use, or knowingly receive confidential information acquired by a municipal officer in the course of his or her official duties.

26.5.3 Wind companies will establish and maintain a public Website to disclose the names of all municipal officers or their relatives who have a financial stake in WTG development.

26.5.4 Wind companies will submit, in writing to the municipal clerk for public inspection, and additionally will publish in the local newspaper, the nature and scope of the municipal officer's financial interest.

26.5.5 All wind easements and leases will be in writing and filed with the County Clerk for public inspection.

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