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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2006-02

Desert Claim Wind Power Project

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP
OF KITTITAS COUNTY**

PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Economic Development Group of Kittitas County (“EDGKC”) hereby files a petition to intervene in the above proceedings concerning the Desert Claim Wind Power Project, pursuant to WAC 463-30-400 and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's Notice of Intent to Hold Adjudicative Proceeding, dated March 25, 2009.

A. Identification of Petitioner

Economic Development Group of Kittitas County
221 E. 4th Street
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B. Petitioner's Representative

Petitioner is represented by:

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1 **C. Statement of Petitioner's Interests**

2 The EDGKC (formerly known as the "Phoenix Economic Development Group") is a
3 private, non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The
4 EDGKC has been designated by the Kittitas Count Board of County Commissioners as the
5 Associate Development Organization to coordinate economic development services for
6 Kittitas County through a contract with the Washington State Department of Community,
7 Trade and Economic Development.
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9 The EDGKC has actively participated in the proceedings to date concerning the
10 Desert Claim Wind Project, and has previously intervened in EFSEC proceedings for other
11 wind power projects located in Kittitas County.
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13 The EDGKC's mission is to provide leadership that stimulates business and promotes
14 economic opportunities to support the needs of Kittitas County. Many of the organization's
15 activities are focused on business development, expansion and retention activities that
16 diversify our economy and create family wage jobs. The EDGKC has a special interest in
17 this proceeding because the outcome will significantly impact the future growth and
18 development of our county.
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20 Other parties do not represent the economic impacts as a whole to Kittitas County
21 residents and the business community. Decisions made in this proceeding may set a
22 precedent for future business development, expansion and retention within our county.
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24 The EDGKC is very familiar with the Kittitas County economy. This unique and
25 important perspective would provide valuable input to assist the Council in its thorough
26 assessment of the proposed project.
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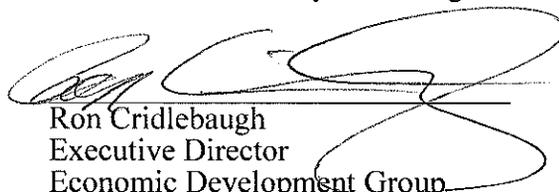
28 The EDGKC desires to be heard in these proceedings and to be afforded the right to
29 participate herein to the full extent authorized under the Council rules, including but not
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1 limited to the right to have notice of and appear at any and all hearings or proceedings, to
2 produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses, to be heard through counsel, through written
3 and oral argument, to be served henceforth with copies of all pleadings, applications, and
4 notices and for such other participation and relief as may be appropriate. Absent the
5 opportunity to proceed as a party in this matter, the economic interests of those in Kittitas
6 County would not be represented.
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12 **D. Conclusion**

13 For the reasons provided above, the EDGKC respectfully requests that it be
14 permitted to intervene in the above-entitled proceedings.
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20 I, Ron Cridlebaugh, hereby verify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of
21 Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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28 Ron Cridlebaugh
29 Executive Director
30 Economic Development Group
31 of Kittitas County

32 DATED: April 16, 2009
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Ron Cridlebaugh, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on April 16, 2009, I caused to be served via U.S. First Class Mail and email a true and correct copy of the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County's PETITION TO INTERVENE and this CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE, to the following:

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DATED: April 16, 2009