

Desert Claim Wind Power Project

Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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FACT SHEET

Project Title	Desert Claim Wind Power Project
Project Sponsor	Desert Claim Wind Power LLC
Proposed Action	<p>The Proposed Action is development of a 190-megawatt (MW) wind energy facility on a 5,200-acre site in Kittitas County, Washington. The proposal includes 95 2.0 MW turbines, each a maximum of 410 feet in height (measured from the ground to the tip of the rotor blade when pointing up). The towers would be anchored to steel and concrete foundations. The power collection system would be primarily underground and located within road alignments. One electrical substation would be constructed adjacent to the interconnection point with the regional transmission system (lines operated by Bonneville Power Administration [BPA] or Puget Sound Energy [PSE]). Other Project elements include: approximately 27 miles of roads, providing access to all turbines for maintenance; a 5,000 square foot operation and maintenance (O&M) facility; and four meteorological towers. Construction would be completed over an approximate 10 month period</p>
Project Location	<p>The Project Area is located approximately 8 miles north of the City of Ellensburg and consists of contiguous property owned by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (1,529 acres), four private landowners (2,551 acres), and an affiliate of the Applicant (1,120 acres). It consists of sections and portions of sections in Township 19N, Range 18E, Sections 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29, and 30 along with the NW corner of Township 19N, Range 17E, Section 25.</p>
Date of Implementation	Construction would begin as soon as all required approvals and permits are obtained.
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Required Permits, Approvals & Licenses	EFSEC's Site Certification Agreement for the Project will identify all required state approvals. No federal permits have been identified at this time.
EIS Authors & Principal Contributors	<p>The Final SEIS was prepared by Weinman Consulting, LLC and Tetra Tech EC. It summarizes and incorporates technical information that was prepared by the following firms: Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. (Geology and Water); Ecology & Environment (Wetlands & Streams); Jones & Jones (Aesthetics); Western Environmental Systems Inc. [WEST] (Wildlife and Vegetation); and Northwest Archaeological Associates (Cultural Resources).</p>

Environmental Document Being Supplemented

Desert Claim Final EIS (Kittitas County 2004)

Type/Timing of Subsequent Environmental Review

No subsequent environmental review would be required for the development addressed in the Final SEIS and the Revised Application for Site Certification (ASC) submitted by the Applicant. If the Applicant proposed to develop additional phases of Project facilities or to replace the turbines in the future, such proposals would be evaluated for consistency with the analysis and conclusions documented in this SEIS to determine if any supplemental environmental review would be necessary, pursuant to the SEPA Rules. If the Project were to connect to the BPA 230 kV transmission line that bisects the Project Area, BPA would comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Location of Background Information

The Desert Claim ASC, this Final SEIS, and other background information concerning the Project and EFSEC's procedures may be found on EFSEC's website: www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the ASC and this Final SEIS are also available for public review at the following locations:

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Date of Final SEIS Issuance

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Availability of Final SEIS

CD and printed copies of the SEIS are available from EFSEC at the address listed previously, or may be viewed on EFSEC's website: www.efsec.wa.gov

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Acronyms

ASC	Application for Site Certification
AWEA	American Wind Energy Association
BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
BMPs	Best Management Practices
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
BWEA	British Wind Energy Association
CFE	Counsel for the Environment
County	Kittitas County
DAHP	Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
dBa	A-weighted decibel
Desert Claim	Desert Claim Wind Power LLC
EFSEC	Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
kV	kilovolt
met	meteorological
mm	millimeter
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
mph	miles per hour
MW	megawatt
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O&M	operation and maintenance
PSE	Puget Sound Energy
PUD	Public Utility District
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TCP	Traditional Cultural Properties
TESCP	Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WDNR	Washington Department of Natural Resources