



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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December 4, 2009

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Subject: Desert Claim Wind Power Project - Recommendation of Approval

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed its extensive review of the Desert Claim Wind Power Project, Application No. 2006-2. After public and adjudicative hearings¹, and issuance of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, EFSEC issued Order No. 843 and recommends approval of the project.

No motions for reconsideration of Order No. 843 were filed by the parties.

Order No. 843 details EFSEC's review process, findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommends your approval of the Application for Site Certification, No. 2006-02 for the Desert Claim Wind Power Project. Enclosed please find the Site Certification Agreement that lists the conditions EFSEC proposes be met for construction, operation, and site restoration of this project. The Council has determined that the conditions listed in the Site Certification Agreement will ensure that the public and the environment are protected. Order No. 843 is Attachment II to the Site Certification Agreement.

RCW 80.50.010 requires that within sixty days of receipt of the Council's recommendation, you do one of the following: a) approve the Application and execute the Site Certification Agreement; b) reject the Application; or c) direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the proposed Site Certification Agreement. Please consider the date of this letter as the beginning of the sixty-day gubernatorial review.

If your decision is to approve the project, please execute the proposed Site Certification Agreement by signing the document where designated.

¹ The Exhibit List from the adjudicative hearings is also enclosed.

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I am available at (360) 956-2121 to answer any questions you may have regarding this recommendation for your approval.

Sincerely,

James O. Luce,
EFSEC Chair

c.c.: Keith Phillips, Office of the Governor
Parties of Record, In the Matter of Application for Site Certification No. 2006-02,
Desert Claim Wind Power Project; w/o enclosures

Enclosures: The Site Certification Agreement with Attachments including Council Order No.
843: Order Recommending Approval of Site Certification Agreement
(Attachment II)
Adjudicative Exhibit List
Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement