

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the matter of:)
 Application No. 2004-01:) Informational and
) Public Comment Hearing on
 WIND RIDGE POWER PARTNERS, LLC;) on SCA Amendment
)
 WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT) Pages 1 - 10
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An Informational and Public Comment Hearing in the above matter was held in the presence of a court reporter on March 27, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., at 512 North Poplar Street, in Ellensburg, Washington before Energy Facility Site Evaluation Councilmembers.

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CHAIR LUCE: This is a special meeting of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council for Tuesday, March 27, 2007. The meeting today is to conduct a public hearing on the solar demonstration facility proposal and amendment to the Wild Horse Site Certificate Agreement.

The clerk will call the roll.

MR. FIKSDAL: Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development?

MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is here.

MR. FIKSDAL: Department of Ecology?

MS. ADELSMAN: Hedia Adelsman here.

MR. FIKSDAL: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

MR. TAYER: Jeff Tayer is here.

1 MR. FIKSDAL: Department of Natural
2 Resources?

3 Judy Wilson is excused.
4 Department of Utilities and Transportation
5 Commission?

6 MR. SWEENEY: Tim Sweeney.

7 MR. FIKSDAL: And I guess the Chair?

8 CHAIR LUCE: And the Chair is present.

9 Mr. Fiksdal, do you have a report with
10 respect to the request for amendment to the site
11 certification agreement?

12 MR. FIKSDAL: I'd ask Puget Sound Energy if
13 they would make a brief presentation about the request for
14 amendment.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, Council.
17 Scott Williams with Puget Sound Energy and forgive my
18 attire. We were just down on the site so I didn't get a
19 chance to change, and thank you for coming over here this
20 afternoon.

21 We are as said asking for an amendment to
22 the site certification agreement for installation of a 500
23 kilowatt solar demonstration facility to be located at the
24 site of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project. It's going to
25 be located in two previously disturbed areas on the site;

1 one of which is a quarry that was used in construction of
2 the site and then another small area adjacent to the
3 visitors/operations center; and about nine-tenths of it
4 will be in the quarry, about 450 kilowatts, and then there
5 will be a small 50-kilowatt piece of it by the visitors
6 center so visitors can have a look at it.

7 It is a demonstration facility that will
8 help us learn how these two renewable resources, wind and
9 solar, work together; and we're excited about it and hope
10 to learn a lot that can apply as the technology gets more
11 mature.

12 So the total disturbance is something like
13 four acres, and again these are all in areas that in the
14 case of the quarry has already been disturbed and in the
15 case of the operations/visitors center was permitted for
16 disturbance.

17 I would be happy to answer any questions
18 that you have.

19 CHAIR LUCE: Councilmembers have questions?

20 No questions. Thank you very much.

21 MR. FIKSDAL: Mr. Chairman, you may note
22 that we were on site today.

23 CHAIR LUCE: Yes, I would note that for the
24 record the Energy Siting Council commenced a site visit of
25 the solar demonstration project and the Wild horse Project

1 which was about 2:00 p.m. and we have just completed that
2 site visit.

3 Are there other members of the public that
4 would like to testify regarding the proposed solar
5 project?

6 MR. KNUDSON: Good afternoon.

7 CHAIR LUCE: Name please for the record.

8 COMMENTS BY DESMOND KNUDSON

9 Desmond Knudson, 1661 Vantage Highway,
10 Ellensburg, Washington. I would just like to urge your
11 support for this. This is Kittitas Valley's way of
12 showing that we are into alternative energy, and we have
13 the perfect location and the perfect company to do it.
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you very much. Others
16 wish to testify?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Forgive me, Scott Williams
18 again with Puget Sound Energy. I just wanted to point out
19 an inconsistency between the request for amendment and the
20 environmental checklist. The request for amendment says
21 the height of the structure is not to exceed 10 feet. The
22 checklist says 15 and that is the number that should be in
23 the amendment.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Thanks.

1 COMMENTS BY DARRYL PIERCY

2 Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, for
3 the record I'm Darryl Piercy, Director of Community and
4 Development Services for Kittitas County. Thank you for
5 the opportunity to speak before you this afternoon.

6 As identified in the presentation to the
7 EFSEC board that was prepared by Darrel Peeples, I'd refer
8 to page 2, date of March 2, 2007. We are in agreement
9 with the position of Mr. Peeples in this document that
10 would indicate that this is identified as a minor facility
11 as identified in the Kittitas County code. As such we
12 believe that the facility is a permitted use under our
13 code and therefore no additional land use approvals would
14 be required or necessary from Kittitas County.

15 As such, I would like to state for the
16 record that it is our belief that the amendment that is
17 necessary to the development agreement for this site is in
18 fact an amendment to the process of reclamation of the
19 disturbed areas of the Wild Horse Wind Farm Site, and
20 there is not an amendment necessary to actually place the
21 facility in that it is a permitted use within Kittitas
22 County code and therefore consistent with local
23 requirements. No different than if they were proposing a
24 house on the site, which is a permitted use under our
25 code, would not require an amendment specifically to the

1 agreement with EFSEC for the wind power facility.

2 I'd just like to make that clarification
3 that we are really looking at an amendment that delays the
4 restoration of the site from the disturbed area and not
5 the facility itself. Be happy to respond to any
6 questions.

7 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you, Mr. Piercy.
8 Councilmembers questions?

9 Thank you.

10 MR. PIERCY: Thank you.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Are there other members of the
12 public who would like to testify on this matter pending
13 before the Council?

14 Hearing that there are no other members of
15 the public that want to testify we'll close the public
16 comment.

17 MR. FIKSDAL: There is one. We have
18 received one comment from the Department of Fish and
19 Wildlife.

20 CHAIR LUCE: I'm sorry. Please, Steve.

21 MR. POSNER: Stephen Posner with EFSEC. We
22 did receive one comment from Fish and Wildlife, and
23 basically it dealt with the same issue that was just
24 mentioned: restoration of the area. And their concern was
25 only that whether or not that area would be restored at

1 some time in the future because that would actually be the
2 change in the SCA; that would be the amendment to the SCA
3 where we'd require a delay in a certain part of that area
4 being restored, and I think Scott Williams can speak to
5 that in more detail. Basically the restoration would
6 occur but at a later date. That's what would be amended
7 in the SCA.

8 CHAIR LUCE: Mr. Williams.

9 MR. PEEPLES: Let me cover that.

10 Essentially what we're proposing is that at the time that
11 the solar facility ceases to be used we'll come back and
12 we'll restore at that time. Come back with a restoration
13 plan specifically for that site, coordinate with
14 everybody, and have that restoration plan approved. So
15 you don't know what it's going to be like when we get
16 there; so we believe we may need a new restoration plan
17 that would be approved by EFSEC.

18 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

19 Councilmember questions?

20 Hearing no questions, anyone else wish to
21 testify?

22 Staff, have there been any other comments
23 received from members of the public?

24 MR. FIKSDAL: No, not to our knowledge, not
25 as of yesterday.

1 CHAIR LUCE: All right. We'll close the
2 meeting, the hearing at this point in time. So the public
3 hearing is closed.

4 Staff, do you have a recommendation for us
5 with respect to this particular issue?

6 MR. FIKSDAL: No, not yet. I think I'll
7 direct you to the notice and in the notice that written
8 comments must be received by EFSEC by 5:00 p.m. on April
9 6. So I would offer that at your April 10th meeting that
10 you take an action on this item.

11 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Then the action
12 item listed on the green sheet was an error.

13 MR. FIKSDAL: It was a just in case.

14 CHAIR LUCE: A just in case. All right.
15 Well, just in case we'll take action at our next meeting.
16 Thank you very much. I appreciate all you coming and we
17 will be meeting here later this evening with respect to
18 the Kittitas Valley Wind Project at seven o'clock; is that
19 correct?

20 MR. FIKSDAL: Yes.

21 CHAIR LUCE: Seven o'clock for those of you
22 who wish to return. Thank you so much for coming. This
23 meeting is adjourned.

24 (Whereupon, the Informational and Public
25 Comment Hearing adjourned at 4:12 p.m.)

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I, Shaun Linse, CCR, Certified Court Reporter,
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Shaun Linse, CCR

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