

**WASHINGTON STATE
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 329

RECOGNITION OF ALLEN J. FIKSDAL

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal has worked for the state of Washington for thirty-two (32) years, and for the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council for twenty-four (24) years beginning in 1986;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal joined the Council staff in August 1986 as an Energy Facility Site Specialist, after working as a Geologist for fifteen years for the state Department of Natural Resources (10 years) and in private industry (5 years);

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal's initial duties with the Council were to support its involvement with the state Nuclear Waste Board in its consideration of a proposed high-level nuclear waste repository at the Hanford Site, in addition to providing technical expertise to the Council's siting and regulatory activities at nuclear and coal project sites;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal in the early 1990's assumed responsibility for managing and coordinating all of the Council's siting activities related to processing applications that were filed for natural gas-fired combustion turbine projects in Longview, Satsop, Chehalis and Creston;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal was appointed Acting EFSEC Manager in 1997 and in May 1998 was selected to be the EFSEC Manager, with responsibility for managing all aspects of the Council's siting and regulatory activities for major energy facilities;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal was recognized by the Council for his outstanding work in managing the challenging review process for the proposed Olympic Pipeline Company's Cross Cascade Pipeline Project that involved a record number of Council members and parties in a highly contested adjudicative proceeding;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal guided the Council through an extensive stakeholder review process in 2001-2002, that resulted in significant statutory and administrative changes in EFSEC's laws and rules, and the adoption of siting guidelines;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal has capably managed the Council's processing of controversial wind power facilities in Kittitas County, that included overseeing the preparation of a massive administrative record that was filed with the state Supreme Court as it considered legal challenges to the Council's processing and the Governor's decision for the Kittitas Valley Project;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal's capable stewardship of the Kittitas Valley Project was a significant factor in the Council's prevailing before the Washington State Supreme Court in an unanimous decision on all issues in the landmark case, Residents Opposed to Kittitas Turbines v. EFSEC, Case No, 81332-9;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal during his career with the Council has worked on twenty-three (23) energy facility projects and served under seven (7) Council Chairs;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal as the EFSEC Manager has demonstrated effective leadership of staff activities in support of Council administrative and deliberative matters;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal's patience, judgment, flexibility and experience have contributed greatly to the Council's collaborative decision-making process countless times;

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal has provided invaluable advice to the Council, the Department of Commerce, and the Governor's Office over the course of his career by guiding the Council in its consideration of highly complex and controversial major energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, Allen J. Fiksdal will retire from state service effective March 1, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council recognizes Allen J. Fiksdal's outstanding contributions to the Council's siting and regulatory activities and gratefully expresses its gratitude for the commitment, dedication and effort he has shown over the past twenty-four years.

Dated at Olympia, Washington on this 9th day of February 2010.

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By: _____
James O. Luce, Chair

Attest: _____
Mike Mills, EFSEC staff