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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Rule adoption: Chapter 463-85 WAC, Greenhouse Gases Emissions Performance Standard and Sequestration Plans and Programs for Baseload Electric Generating Facilities and Chapter 463-80 WAC Carbon Dioxide Mitigation Program for Fossil-fueled Thermal Electric Generating Facilities. The proposed rules implement a greenhouse gases emissions performance standard for baseload electric generation of 1,100 pounds per megawatt-hour under the jurisdiction of the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council as directed in Chapter 80.80 RCW; and sets carbon dioxide mitigation requirements at twenty percent of total carbon dioxide emissions by allowing three types of methods for mitigation, and sets criteria for establishing and maintaining a list of Qualified Organizations that could implement carbon dioxide mitigation projects under Chapter 80.70 RCW.

Proponent: Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Not applicable. The proposed rule applies statewide.

Lead agency: Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.

☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

☒ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by April 18, 2008.

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