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Jim Luce, Chair
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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RE: Grays Harbor Energy Center, Units 3 & 4
EFSEC Recommendation Letter dated December 23, 2010

Dear Chairman *Jim*

Pursuant to RCW 80.50.100, I have approved and executed the enclosed Site Certification Agreement to allow construction and operation of additional electrical power facilities at the Grays Harbor Energy Center, with the terms and conditions as recommended by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC).

After review of EFSEC's record, I concur with EFSEC's conclusion that the proposed facility meets the requirements of applicable law and will provide the region with significant energy benefits without significant adverse environmental impacts. EFSEC has addressed the major project issues, secured the necessary permits and approvals, and obtained support from local government and the community.

The input of citizens that live near these projects is important to me, and I pay close attention to their concerns. The Site Certification Agreement will require the project proponent to address the concerns of neighboring residents related to noise and lighting glare associated with operation of the facility.

State and local government are in agreement on the siting of these new energy facilities. Grays Harbor County has certified that the facility is consistent with local land use requirements, and the County's representative that participated in the proceedings signed EFSEC's unanimous recommendation to approve the project.

This project will provide both short-term construction jobs and long-term operation jobs for the county and the state and is another good sign of the state's economic recovery.



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Local support for this project demonstrates that EFSEC found an effective balance in its recommendation for expansion of the Grays Harbor Energy Center at Satsop. Approval of the project serves both the local community and state interests.

I commend EFSEC for its good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine".

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

Enclosure