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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2009-01: WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY LLC; WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY PROJECT	EXHIBIT NO. 41.00
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**SKAMANIA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S
PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

WITNESS #1: ERIC D. HOVEE

Q Please state your name and business address.

A Eric D. Hovee, Principal and Owner. *E.D. Hovee & Company, LLC.*, 2408 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Q What is your present occupation and profession, and what are your duties and responsibilities?

A Principal and owner of the E.D. Hovee & Company. I provide economic and development services to public agencies, non-profit organizations and private clients,

1 primarily Oregon Washington and Idaho. Additionally, I conduct economic and
2 market research, facilitate community assessments, prepare economic development
3 and diversification strategies and assist in project implementation.

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5 Q Please summarize your education and prior professional experience.

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7 A **Education:**

8 1969-1973: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Economics and Urban
9 Studies.

10 1976-1977: Portland State University, Portland, OR. Graduate courses in real estate
11 finance and environmental economics.

12 1980-1983: National Development Council and National Council for Urban
13 Economic Development, courses in real estate development and finance.

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15 Q Your resume is attached as Exhibit 41.01. Is that document accurate?

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17 A Yes.

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19 Q Are you testifying as a proponent of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project?

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21 A No. The Skamania County Economic Development Council asked me to provide an
22 analysis of the economic benefits of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Attached as
23 Exhibit 41.02 is a report entitled "Economic and Fiscal Effects of Whistling Ridge
24 Energy Project." That report constitutes my testimony.

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Q Are you able to answer questions under cross examination regarding Exhibits 41.01 and 41.02?

A Yes.