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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, L.L.C.

WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY PROJECT

Application No. 2009-01

City of White Salmon
Petition for Intervention

A. INTRODUCTION OF PETITIONER

White Salmon, located in Klickitat County, is a municipality that has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington since 1907. As the nearest municipality nearest to the Whistling Ridge Energy Facility site, it will be directly affect by the approval, construction and operation of the Facility, and has a direct interest in ensuring that it is able to participate in the review of the application for siting, and the conditions placed thereon insofar as they affect the socioeconomic interests of White Salmon.

By this Petition, White Salmon seeks to intervene in the matter of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Application No. 2009-01, under the authority contained in RCW 34.05.442 and WAC 463-30-091.

Petitioner Information:
City of White Salmon
David Poucher, Mayor

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B. STATEMENT OF PETITIONER'S INTEREST IN PROCEEDINGS

White Salmon, Washington is a noncharter code city of 2,235 residents located in the western end of Klickitat County, WA on the north side of the Columbia River. White Salmon is the urban center nearest to the site of the proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project in Skamania County, WA. As the location of many of the commercial and business services and temporary housing that would provide support during both the temporary construction and permanent operations of the Project, approval of the Project will have a significant and direct impact on White Salmon. However, because White Salmon is not located in Skamania County, it will not be a beneficiary of the county tax revenues that may be generated by the Project. While in the direct line of benefits and impacts that may flow from the Project, White Salmon is not the jurisdiction that has a seat at the EFSEC council in reviewing these proceedings. Consequently, it is incumbent that the City be allowed to participate as a separate voice to represent its own interests in this matter.

C. LEGAL ARGUMENT

Intervention may be sought from the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council upon written request. Pursuant to WAC 463-30-091, intervention "shall be allowed to any person upon whom a statute confers a right to intervene and, in the discretion of the council, to any person having an interest in the subject matter and whose ability to protect such interest may be otherwise impaired or impeded." White Salmon is directly affected by the terms, conditions and constraints placed upon any approval for siting and development of this Project. It will provide the bulk of the commercial supplies and services needed to support both the construction and operational phases of the Project, and

may experience other impacts as a result of the development of the facility, including without limitation traffic and transportation and other socioeconomic interests.

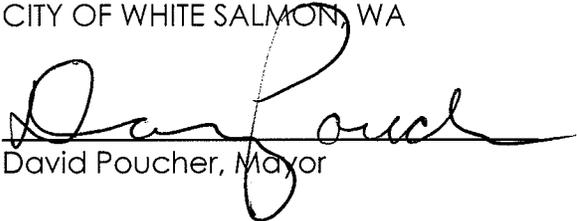
The parties to these proceedings do not represent the interests of White Salmon. The Applicant, while commended by the City for its willingness and ability to invest its own financial and land-based resources in pursuit of economic development, cannot formulate or represent the legal position of a municipality that may be directly affected by this Project for many years to come. That is the role and responsibility of the City's elected officials: to direct the overall scope, direction and financing of City services. Likewise, Skamania County will control the allocation of the property tax and other county revenues generated from the Project as a result of its proposed siting in that county. Those county-based revenues cannot flow across county lines to White Salmon, in Klickitat County, although White Salmon stands in line to receive many of the benefits and possibly experience impacts of the Project depending on its terms and conditions of approval. Therefore, it is imperative that White Salmon be granted its own voice in these proceedings to the extent that the Project, and the conditions considered for it by EFSEC, has the potential to affect economic well-being of this community. White Salmon's participation in these proceeds will neither unduly delay proceedings nor will it impair the rights of the existing parties.

D. CONCLUSION

The City of White Salmon requests that this Petition for Intervention be granted by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, and that its participation in all aspects of these proceedings be allowed to the fullest extent necessary to protect the socioeconomic interests and responsibilities of the City and its citizens.

Approved in regular session and dated this 15 day of July, 2009.

CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA


David Poucher, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney

VERIFICATION

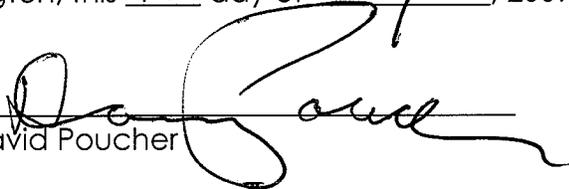
David Poucher declares as follows:

I am the Mayor of the City of White Salmon, Washington, which by this Petition seeks intervention in this matter. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this declaration and am competent to testify to those facts.

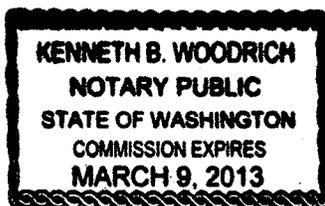
I have read the foregoing Petition for Intervention. I verify and attest that the factual allegations in the Petition for Intervention are true, and request that the Petition for Intervention be granted.

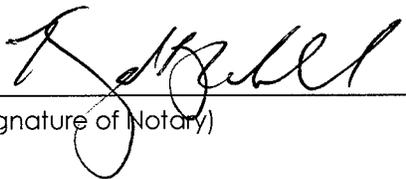
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNED at White Salmon, Washington, this ^{SKAMANIA COUNTY} 15th day of July, 2009.


David Poucher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of July, 2009.




(Signature of Notary)

Kenneth A. Woodruff

(Legally Print Name of Notary)

Notary public in and for the State of
Washington,

Residing at FOOD RIVER, OR

My appointment expires 3-9-13