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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Allen J. Fiksdal
EFSEC Manager
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
905 Plum Street SE
PO Box 43172
Olympia WA 98504-3172

Re: Application No 2009-01 - Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

I am enclosing Friends of the Columbia Gorge's Response to Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program's Petition to Intervene for filing in the referenced matter.

Should you have any questions, please call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

REEVES, KAHN & HENNESSY



Gary K. Kahn

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Enclosures

cc: Clients
Official Service List (via e-mail and first class mail)

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of)	FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE'S
Application No. 2009-01)	RESPONSE TO YAKAMA NATION
)	CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM'S
WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY LLC)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
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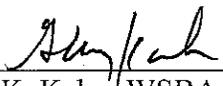
Pursuant to the August 27, 2009 Notice of Opportunity for Response to Petition for Intervention of Confederated Tribes, Friends of the Columbia Gorge ("Friends") submits the following response.

Friends supports the participation of the Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program ("Nation") in this matter. The Nation has sufficiently demonstrated an interest in these proceedings, and its participation would significantly aid the Council's review of the relevant issues. Moreover, the Nation has sufficiently demonstrated that it is the only authorized representative of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and its members. Finally, the Nation is the only tribal party that has expressly identified the protection of cultural resources as a specific issue of concern within its scope of interests. Friends recognizes the Nation as the official Tribal Government department to consult on all matters pertaining to cultural resources.

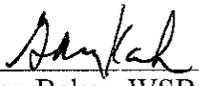
Dated: September 2, 2009.

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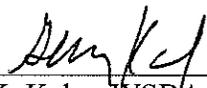
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gary K. Kahn, hereby certify that on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, I served, by U.S. Mail and by electronic mail, the foregoing document entitled Friends of the Columbia Gorge's Response to Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program's Petition to Intervene on the August 27, 2009 version of the official service list in this proceeding.

Signed at Portland, Oregon on September 2, 2009.

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