

Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: LaSpina, Jim (CTED)
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:40 PM
To: Talburt, Tammy (CTED); Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)
Subject: FW: Whistling Ridge Energy Project - Public Comment

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Tammy/Monica, please document this public comment. Thanks, Jim

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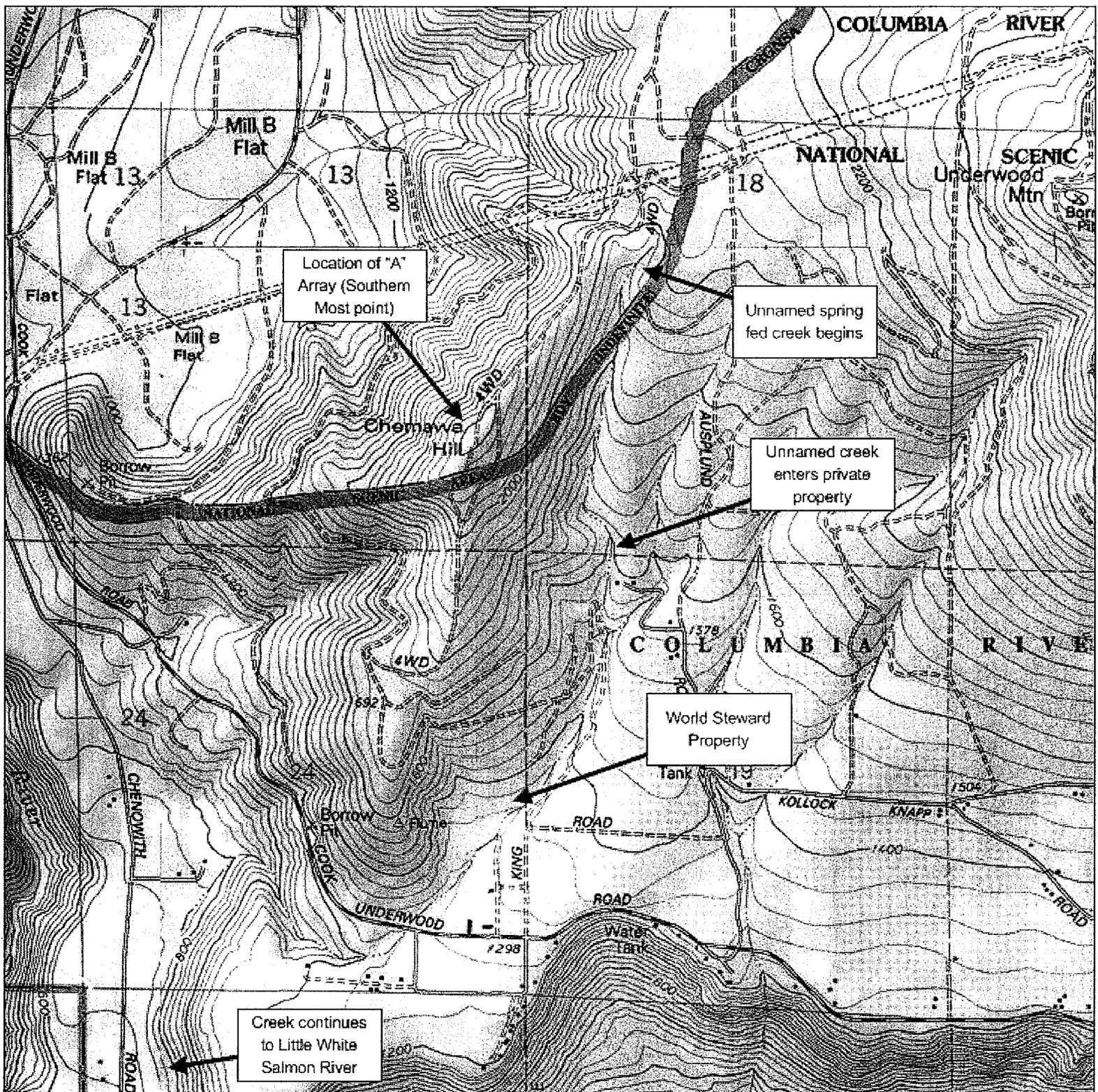
From: Michael Eastwick [mailto: [REDACTED]@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 3:29 PM
To: LaSpina, Jim (CTED)
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project

I wanted to express an environmental concern which I believe is being ignored by the application for the Whistling Ridge Project.

There is an unnamed creek, spring fed (at multiple places) which begins directly downhill and east of the "A" turbine array. This creek flows along the east side of the Chemawa Ridge into the "World Steward" (<http://www.worldsteward.org/index.html>) property, and eventually into the Little White Salmon River. See attached annotated topographic map for your reference.

I was unable to find any mention of this surface water entity, wet land existence, nor anything about protecting it from construction and maintenance of the facility.

Thanks for your consideration of this issue, Mike Eastwick, UnderWood



Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: Joy Gohl [REDACTED]@AdventureCruises.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 4:22 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Concern about Whistling Ridge

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Allen Fiksdal
Manager, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council PO Box 43172
905 Plum Street SE
Olympia , 98504-3172

Dear Mr. Fiksdal, ,

The proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project would cause significant negative impacts to sensitive wildlife and plant habitat and would degrade the outstanding scenic beauty of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Visitors from all over the world spend \$50 million dollars per year to cruise the Columbia River gorge, because of the wildlife and natural beauty. The jobs and support services needed benefit the local economy.

The Whistling Ridge proposal includes more than 80 wind turbines in two counties. This proposal is likely to have different and greater wildlife impacts than any other wind energy facility proposed in the State of Washington, because this project is proposed in a heavily forested area and in a migratory bird pathway. The project would permanently disturb large areas of forested habitat and result in direct and indirect impacts to multiple wildlife species through habitat loss and displacement, direct collisions with turbine blades, and other factors. Several of the affected species are listed as sensitive or threatened in Washington State.

Locating 426-foot-tall turbines on the ridgeline of the Columbia River Gorge would also degrade the scenic values of the Gorge. The turbines would be highly visible from several designated key viewing areas within the National Scenic Area. The project would introduce highly visible industrial facilities into the natural, forested landscape, protruding above ridgelines and detracting from the natural scenic beauty of the Gorge. The wind towers would have daytime and nighttime warning lights, which would worsen the aggravate scenic impacts.

Finally, the proposed project would be located partially within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Specifically, the applicant proposes to construct, expand, and "improve" more than two miles of roads within the National Scenic Area in order to haul industrial materials with gross vehicle weights of up to 53 tons. This proposal to construct and use Scenic Area lands for industrial purposes is prohibited by the National Scenic Area Act and Management Plan, and must be denied.

I support renewable energy, but am opposed to industrial-scale wind energy development within or adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, a designated national scenic treasure.

Joy Gohl

[REDACTED]
White Salmon, WA 98672

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Scoping Comment
#169**Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)**

From: ronda crumpacker [REDACTED]@gorge.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 8:06 AM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: comments to be submitted
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I would like to submit my comments on the potential Whistling Ridge Development. While I am in favor of the project, I am opposed to the 7-8 "A" towers. These are completely visible to the entire Scenic Area and will be damaging to the business that we have spent so many years building. We started our Winery/Event Site a few years ago and have spent so much time and all our money in this endeavor. The windmills would forever change this. I have already had future brides ask me when the windmills were coming, as they would choose another venue where they would not see windmills. My neighbors who were all opening wineries in the next 1-2 years have put their projects on hold after investing hundreds of thousands in property and grapes!

When it comes to the road impact studies, I suggest a third party is asked to evaluate the impacts, as the gentleman that SDS hired to do a road impact study is very pro windmills. The gentleman they hired stands at the door of all community meetings and harasses you as you walk out if you spoke against the windmills! I would say a third party is needed to really determine the impacts to the roads in our neighborhood.

The "A" towers must be removed from this project!

Ronda Crumpacker
[REDACTED]

Underwood, WA 98651

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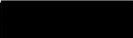
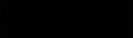
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Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: Mendoza, Sonia (ECY)
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 11:43 AM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: SEPA No. 09-2310 Whistling Ridge Energy project - Comment Letter
Importance: High
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Attachments: 09-2310.pdf

Mr. Allan Fiskdal,
Per your request is our final comment letter attached for the Whistling Ridge Energy project review.

Sonia Mendoza

Department of Ecology-SWRO
SEPA Coordinator
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May 12, 2009

Mr. Allen Fiksdal, EFSEC Manager
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
PO Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of significance scoping notice for the Whistling Ridge Energy project (Application No. 2009-01) located in Skamania County as proposed by Whistling Ridge Energy LLC. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SEPA REGIONAL PROJECT LEAD: Sarah Lukas (360) 407-7459

SHORELANDS:

The submitted scoping notice identifies the intent of preparing a floodplain and wetland assessment as part of the analysis used in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). The assessment should include: An inventory of all wetlands and areas of floodplain in the project area and within the vicinity of the proposal; the environmental values these aquatic features provide to the landscape; what and how the floodplain areas and wetlands will be impacted by the proposal; what environmental values will be lost from these impacts; and mitigation measures to offset the proposed environmental impacts that cannot be avoided.

The DEIS should also include an analysis of all other surface water bodies in, and within the vicinity of, the project site. An equivalent documentation of existing environmental values, proposed impacts, and proposed mitigation measures to unavoidable impacts should be outlined in the DEIS as requested for the wetlands and floodplain areas above.

TOXICS CLEANUP: Connie Groven (360) 407-6254

If contamination is currently known or suspected during construction, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily visible, or is revealed by testing, Ecology must be notified. Contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407-6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required contact Connie Groven with the Toxic Cleanup Program at the Southwest Regional Office at the phone number given above.

WATER QUALITY: Roberta Woods (360) 407-6269

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other

pollutants into surface water or storm drains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Proper disposal of construction debris must be on land in such a manner that debris cannot enter buffers and waters of the state or cause water quality degradation of state waters.

During construction, all releases of oils, hydraulic fluids, fuels, other petroleum products, paints, solvents, and other deleterious materials must be contained and removed in a manner that will prevent their discharge to waters and soils of the state. The cleanup of spills should take precedence over other work on the site.

Clearing limits and/or any easements or required buffers should be identified and marked in the field, prior to the start of any clearing, grading, or construction. Some suggested methods are staking and flagging or high visibility fencing.

A permanent vegetative cover should be established on denuded areas at final grade if they are not otherwise permanently stabilized.

All temporary erosion control systems should be designed to contain the runoff from the developed two year, 24-hour design storm without eroding.

Coverage under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Waste Discharge General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities is required for construction sites which disturb an area of one acre or more and which have or will have a discharge of stormwater to surface water or a storm sewer. An application can be downloaded from Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/#Application> or you can contact Josh Klimek at (360) 407-██████ for an application form. To avoid project delays, we encourage the applicant(s) to submit a completed application form and to publish public notice more than 60 days before the planned start of the project.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(SM: 09-2310)

cc: Connie Groven, TCP
Sarah Lukas, SEA
Brett Raunig, VFO/WQ
Joyce Smith, HQ/WQ
Roberta Woods, WQ
Whistling Ridge Energy LLC (Proponent)

Scoping Comment
#171

Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: Chauna Ramsey [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 2:41 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: SDS Lumber in the Gorge
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to SDS Lumber's "development" in the Columbia River Gorge.

Please do not allow our landscape to be scarred by turbines which create significant adverse environmental impact.

Thank you,

Chauna Ramsey
Hood River Resident

Scoping Comment
#172

Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: LaSpina, Jim (CTED)
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 7:41 AM
To: Talburt, Tammy (CTED); Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)
Subject: FW: Whistling Ridge Energy Project - Public Comment

Please document. Thank you, Jim

From: Jennifer Wilson [mailto: [REDACTED]@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 6:29 AM
To: LaSpina, Jim (CTED)
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Jim,

I moved to Hood River in 1983 and I love the Scenic Area and support it's protection from bad ideas like the Windmills which now pollute the ridges to the East of Hood River on the Washington side of the Columbia River. I recently drove that section in my car and was horrified to think that anyone would put those ugly things in the Gorge Scenic Area.

Please note my objection to the idea.

Thank you,

Jennifer Wilson

[REDACTED]
Hood River, Oregon 97031

Scoping Comment
#173

Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)

From: Amy Rosenthal [REDACTED]@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 6:35 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project
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Mr. Fiksdal and/or Mr. La Spina,

This email is coming to you in regards to the proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I attended the meeting in Underwood on May 7th and learned more about the project. I would like to share my concerns about the project. First I would like to say that I strongly support alternative energy. In fact through my own utility, Portland General Electric, I have been signed up for 100% sustainable/renewable energy for several years. I also wish to support a renewable/sustainable Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area by keeping it safe from industries that will adversely affect it. I believe this project will not only affect the scenic area visually, but it will adversely affect residents both human and non-human.

This project has the potential to have different and greater wildlife impacts than other wind proposals in Washington, because these turbines will be in a heavily forested area. Which brings up a concern about fire. Have you researched the fire dangers of having turbines? Is there a fire hazard possibility? If there is, then it would be wrong to place them so very close to houses and forests. Other people at the meeting reported the species that it would affect and/or kill. So I won't go into that here.

I would like to emphasize my concern about the visual impact it would have on the first National Scenic Area in our county. The Columbia River Gorge area is not just a gem for Washington and Oregon residents, but for our county as well as foreign tourists who visit. There is no way that putting those turbines at the proposed site is not going to affect the scenic area. I agree with whoever said it would be like putting the turbines on the north or south rim of the Grand Canyon.

My other concern involves health concerns for humans also. By profession I am an audiologist and am aware of how sound can affect our health. We really haven't addressed the many ways it affects us in this county. Although I am aware that information obtained on the internet is not always conclusive or accurate, I have found enough information from research that we need to really look into the effects of noise on human health. One of the issues may be that turbines have not been around long enough here for us to know long-term effects. However I did find some research articles through PubMed.gov . There were articles from the National Institutes of Health and also some articles in the Journal of the Acoustical Society, which talks about vibro-acoustical disease. There was concern that hilly and rocky terrain increased the noise. I also saw something about turbines throwing off ice and that being a concern. The gorge is known for being cold, so I am not sure how that will affect things. I also found summaries of various concerns with turbines. It mentions newspaper accounts, as well as papers presented on this issue. I think it is important enough to look into all these issues. I think this is a site from New York from folks having concerns about turbines. www.savewesternny.org/health.html

I think a lot more research and study and **independent** environmental impacts studies need to be done. I appreciate that SDS Lumber Company is interested in developing new industry and helping with alternative energy. I don't think wind turbines in the Columbia Gorge are a good idea.

5/19/2009

Thank you for your time in reading about my concerns. Please take this seriously. The turbines could be located away from the scenic area and less populated areas. Our country is pretty big.

Amy Rosenthal
Portland, OR

Scoping Comment
#174

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Fiksdal, Allen (CTED)
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 8:14 AM
To: Talbert, Tammy (CTED); Bhavnani, Monica (CTED)
Subject: FW: Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Underwood, Washington
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From: drbradford@gmail.com [mailto: [REDACTED]@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Don Bradford
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 6:53 PM
To: Fiksdal, Allen (CTED)
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Underwood, Washington

Dear Sir:

I am a resident of Underwood, Washington. I participated in the SDS tour of the proposed wind project site and attended the afternoon meeting at the Underwood Community Center. I left previously prepared comments in the drop box provided at that meeting. After listening to the various presentations at the meeting I attended, I have analyzed many of those comments and my conclusions are presented in the attached Acrobat document, which I respectfully submit for consideration prior to your recommendations to the Governor.

Don Bradford
Underwood, WA

Comments on the Whistling Ridge Energy Project:

I attended one of the public hearings at Underwood on this project and listened to the emotional objections of a number of its local and non-local opponents. I am a resident of Underwood and have been so for 17 years. I am a retired electrical engineer. I have no relationship with and no acquaintances that work for SDS lumber. In my work career, I constructed, operated and managed both gas-fired combined cycle power plants and waste heat recovery power plants.

Some of the statements made and my observations on them are:

During rush hours, traffic on Cook-Underwood Road will reach 250 cars per hour:

That amount of traffic is 4.17 cars per minute or one car about every 14.4 seconds. If equal number traveling both ways at 40 mph (the speed limit), that means there is about 0.32 miles or 1,642 feet between cars on the average. Not a very high traffic density and this is only during a very short period during the day. If all are traveling the same way, then the average distance between cars is 820 feet. Traffic density on Oregon Hwy 18 (a two-lane road to the town of Dundee, Oregon) exceeds 26,000 cars per day for an average of over 1000 cars per hour for the entire 24-hour period and much higher than that at rush hour.

If there is a fire and one of the big trucks is going up Cook-Underwood, it completely blocks the road:

Although the transport trucks are wide, they do not completely block the road. There must be enough road width for the truck to pass a vehicle going the opposite direction (even if stopped) and a fire truck has the right-of-way, so there is enough room for the fire truck to pass the transport truck.

Underwood has a thriving Agro-tourism industry and that will disappear if the windmills are erected, destroying the scenic view:

Underwood has a thriving Agro-tourism industry? On what day of the year? There is none in the months November through April, because the trees and the vineyards are barren. I live in Underwood and walk my dog practically every day during the summer. I usually walk the length of Kollack-Knapp Road to Asplund road, the area in which the windmills

would be the most visible. The dog and I walk down the middle of the road. On weekdays, we frequently will not see a car during this two-mile stretch, which going and coming takes us about an hour to walk. When we do see a car, it is usually one of the farm workers or one of the residents along the road. During September-October when grapes and pears are harvested, there is more traffic (mostly the farm workers). On weekends, perhaps in May, there may be a few vehicles to see the trees in bloom, but why come to Underwood when you can see many more orchards in the Hood River valley, plus have the convenience of a freeway, no toll bridge, and a number of restaurants and convenience stands? There are no restaurants or convenience stands in Underwood – they are not permitted under the Gorge Act. If there are “thousands” of tourists as stated, where do they spend their money? Do they throw cash out the window to the owners of the vineyards and orchards? Do the few tiny wineries sell enough wine over the counter to make an economic difference? When they bottle their wine and ship it to Portland or elsewhere, does the wine reflect that there were windmills within a few miles of the grapes?

Interestingly enough, the Agro-tourism organization touts Maryhill Winery as the shining example of how agriculture attracts the tourists. Maryhill Winery and Maryhill museum are not in the National Scenic Area. Further, on the hilltop above Maryhill (and on Maryhill property) there are currently large wind turbines. How can Maryhill possibly allow this since, according to the Agro-tourist organization, windmills will be the death of tourism?

Scenic View, scenic view, scenic view – ruining the view from the National Scenic Area:

The view of the windmill area right now is a clear cut. The top of Saddleback mountain is a clear cut and the West and East sides of Underwood Mountain are clear cut (and within the NSA). SDS owns the timber on the South side of Underwood all the way down below Scoggins Road and I expect one of these days, this will also be clear cut.

The wind farm is outside of the National Scenic Area. If Congress in their vast wisdom wanted to condemn more private property and expand the scenic area, then they have the power to do so. The residents of Skamania County did not get to vote on whether the county should be included in the scenic area in the first place, and, had they been allowed

to choose, Skamania County would not have been included. Now a vocal minority wants to extend the scenic area beyond the original boundaries established by Congress. Why should they get to vote on this? If it is to be a vote, let's put it on the ballot and have the entire county vote on it.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The barren trees and vineyards that exist for half of the year are not pretty. The forest of plastic grow tubes that are across from my house (and have been there in various degrees of disarray for over six years) are not scenic and anyone that would drive here to see those has bigger problems than lack of scenery.

The electrical power may not be needed and the windmills would be shut down and stand there as a blight on the landscape:

Several people raised this issue. One person stated that the ugly concrete towers would remain as an eyesore forever once the need for the electricity was gone. The towers are steel, not concrete. Steel has value and would be dismantled for recycling.

Russia is preparing for wars starting as early as 10 years from now over oil in the Arctic Ocean. Oil is going to run out in the current century. Already, we are looking at all-electric vehicles, hydrogen-powered vehicles, and other sources of fuels. There will be an energy crisis in the next few decades. If we don't have a need for the power from the windmills in 25 years, it will be because society has collapsed and we are back in the Stone Age. At that point, no one is going to worry about the view.

Our national strategy for avoiding economic collapse is to use the renewable resources that we have. Nuclear power is out because of public outcry, and it is not a renewable resource. The U. S. has vast deposits of coal, but that is being ruled out because of CO₂ emissions. There is not that much available hydropower left plus a vocal minority crying for removal of existing dams on the river. That leaves wind, solar and biomass as our potential energy sources for the future. The problem with wind is that the best locations are generally far from the major population centers where the power is needed and that the wind is not consistent. The Underwood project is ideal for three reasons – one, there is wind at the project location; two, there is convenient connection to a major power grid to transmit the power to where it is used; and three,

there is an interconnected hydro system that can be (partially) regulated to match the wind generation to the load. This interconnected system stretches all of the way to Los Angeles via the Celillo converter station in The Dalles.

If current wind power costs approximately 7 cents per kilowatt-hour, then about 6 cents of that cost is for debt service and 1 cent is operations and maintenance. Debt service is a fixed cost and does not increase. Operations and maintenance costs are variable and increase with inflation. Historically, variable costs double approximately every 10 years. If we use the example of a natural gas fired combined cycle power plant, the cost of electricity (for a new plant) is at least 6 cents per kilowatt-hour, split up as about 2 cents for debt service, 2 cents for fuel, and 2 cents for operations and maintenance. In 10 years, variable costs double, so the gas-fired electricity cost is now 2 cents debt service, 4 cents fuel and 4 cents O&M, a total of 10 cents per kilowatt hour. The wind farm costs are now 6 cents debt service, 2 cents O&M for a total cost of 8 cents per kilowatt hour. In twenty years, the gas-fired costs are 2, 8 and 8 for a total of 18 cents per kilowatt-hour and the wind power is 6 and 4 for a total of 10 cents per kilowatt-hour. In thirty years (projected life of the project), the gas-fired plant cost is 2, 16 and 16 for a total of 34 cents per kilowatt-hour and the wind power is 6 and 8 for a total of 14 cents.

How do we know the power will be needed in 25 years? Look at the economics – not only will it be needed, it will be highly desired.

Road construction will require the “taking” of private property:

There was a valid objection by a person who resides at the corner of Scoggins and Kollach-Knapp road. This is a hairpin turn and it is hard to see how a truck with a trailer upwards of 160 feet long will make that turn without road modifications across part of their property. I am opposed to the “taking” of private property just as I am opposed to the “taking” from SDS beneficial use of their land.

There is another route to the wind project site. Asplund road, further west, connects to Kollack-Knapp and Kollack-Knapp extends with a minor curve into Scoggins road. The curve at Asplund to Kollack-Knapp is not as sharp as the presently proposed route and laying it out using the width of the roadway plus level shoulders indicates at a 10 feet wide load on a trailer 186 feet long can make that curve. These trucks have steerable

rear axles on the trailers. No residences would be disturbed at either the intersection between Asplund and Cook-Underwood nor further up the route. The route would be approximately 2 miles longer than the presently proposed route.

An aviation industry was conceived and created by a house right here on the Underwood Bluff:

Presumably, this was a reference to Tad McGeer, who founded Insitu. Someone would have to talk with McGeer to find out, but I think he conceived and designed his plane prior to moving to Underwood. Although he did live on the bluff (until a fire in the scenic trees burned down his house), Insitu actually is located in Bingen, Washington, in the urban area exempt from the requirements of the National Scenic Area. They constructed a facility (brightly lit all night 7 days per week) on Bingen Point, in clear view of the river, the Interstate highway, Highway 14 and the identified key viewing areas in the Gorge Scenic Act. They now employ over 400 people and are owned by Boeing.

Although only a short distance from the borders of the National Scenic Area, Bingen Point is outside of that area. Had Bingen Point been in the Scenic area or subject to the view restrictions proposed by the opponents of the Whistling Ridge wind project, then Insitu would not be here and would have located somewhere else. There is nothing about this area that made it unique to the requirements of Insitu, yet they are now probably the major employer in Klickitat County and have a lot more economic impact than the Agro-tourism business.

Wind mills should not be allowed any closer than 2 miles to the nearest residence:

This statement follows on SOSA's misinformation campaign about the hazards of windmills to people's health and welfare. If this rule were to be applied nationwide, it would essentially eliminate the potential of generating wind energy in vast sections of the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and major parts of South and North Dakota as well as any states east of the middle of the country. Think about it. The first windmill would require that no residence be within 2 miles in any direction, so almost 16 square miles of empty land would be required for the first mill to be constructed. That is 10,000 acres. Each additional windmill would

require about 245 additional acres, so a 50-mill wind farm would required an area of approximately 22,500 acres. In the more populous states where the federal government does not own large portions of the land, properties consisting of 10,000+ acres without a residence are rare. The states I listed are the areas of the U.S. where the potential for wind generation is the greatest. In Europe, it would be nearly impossible to find any private property locations exceeding 10,000 acres, so wind farms would be non-existent in much of the world where the power is needed.

Don Bradford



Underwood, WA 98651

Scoping Comment
#175

Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Cris McEwen [REDACTED]@co.klickitat.wa.us]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 8:39 AM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project - Comments
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Responsible Official:

Attached to this email please find Klickitat County's comments with regard to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Application No.. 2009-01.

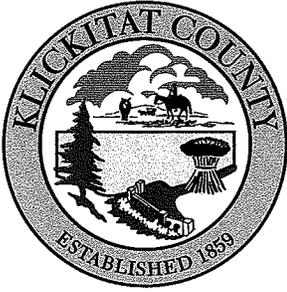
Please include these comments into the record in support of the project.

A hard copy will be sent via US Postal Service.

Thank you.

*Crystal D. McEwen, Executive Secretary on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners
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May 14, 2009

Allen J. Fiksdal, EFSEC Manager
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RE: Whistling Ridge Energy Project
Application No. 2009-01

**ENERGY FACILITY SITE
EVALUATION COUNCIL**

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

Klickitat County is home to several wind turbine projects that are in various stages of construction including completed projects, projects currently under construction, and projects in the permitting process.

As the Board of County Commissioners we offer the following comments to be included in the record for the above referenced project:

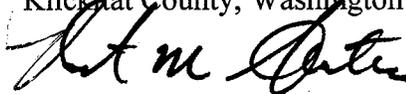
1. Comments have been made by some area constituents with regard to the visual impacts of the turbines but we believe that the large majority of our constituents feel that the benefits far outweigh those concerns. Everyone recognizes the need for electricity.
2. Noise does not seem to be a factor unless you are near the turbines; noting it is difficult to hearing anything above the wind.
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Sincerely,

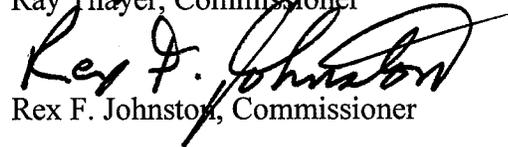
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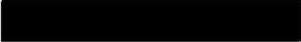
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Cc: Frantz--Pat
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W. Forrest Frantz

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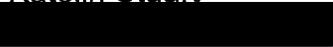
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Katelin Stuart


Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: David M Brown [REDACTED]@easystreet.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:00 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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From: Cyndi & Pete Biltoff [REDACTED]@gorge.net]
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Please! I can't even believe this is proposed.

Cyndi & Pete Biltoff
[REDACTED]
Hood River, OR 97031

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Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

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Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:02 PM
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portland, OR 97214

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From: Brian Beinlich [redacted]@beinlich.org]
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Brian Beinlich

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North Plains, OR 97133

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Talburt, Tammy (CTED)

From: erik haug [REDACTED]@dakine.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:25 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Saddle Back Mt/Whistling Ridge Wind Turbine development.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Saddle Back Mt/Whistling Ridge Wind Turbine development. I live on Ashley Dr in Underwood WA. My family and I will be directly impacted by this development. We have the following concerns and I urge you to take these into account when considering the possible sighting of the this large scale industrial development.

1. Inconsistent with zoned use: Large-scale industrial power generation is not consistent with the forestry zoning. This area and areas close by are zoned for forestry and agriculture. Industrial power generation is not consistent with the surrounding uses. The A towers would be very close to homes and farms in the area. There should be a greater buffer between projects like this one and existing uses.
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3. Negative effect on National scenic area: Saddle Back Mt/Whistling ridge have a huge effect on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. A 380 foot tower with red strobe light will negatively effect the whole Columbia River Gorge. There is no buffer between the project and the scenic area.
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 - c. This project will affect many people, as it is so visible (sited on a ridge top, adjacent to a gorge) to the surrounding communities. This project is not sighted in a wheat field in an area with low population density.
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I urge you to take the above points in consideration when reviewing the Saddle Back Mt/Whistling Ridge Wind Turbine development. At the very least we need to protect the scenic resource, which is driving our economy in the Underwood/Hood River area. If we keep the windmills north of the existing power transmission lines we could buffer the existing uses, avoid possible health issues and mitigate the impact on the scenic area.

Thanks for your consideration,

Erik Hauge

Underwood WA

Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Angelique Moore [REDACTED]@teleport.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:28 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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Angelique Moore

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Portland, OR 97225

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Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Peny Gibbons [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:28 PM
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From: Evelyn Bishop [REDACTED]@ipns.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 2:32 PM
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Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Betsy Hege [REDACTED]@gmail.com]
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While SDS might like to capitalize on an opportunity, to do so would be poor stewardship; you need to act to defend the scenic resources of your state in this situation. You have already allowed regional treasures to be marred by approving turbine placement on the ridge above Maryhill Museum. When will your greed stop and you start taking responsibility and leadership for only allowing turbines in areas that do not ruin scenic vistas that will be forever impacted for future generations?

Construction of an industrial wind farm in a forested location like Whistling Ridge will be a bloody mess, exeeding the impacts of a logging operation. Erecting a slew of turbines, that have a limited lifespan, that will only generate a third of their rated output will not be worth the massive damage the forest and wildlife will experience (not to mention the carbon output).

While you may not be able to deny an application based on an individual homeowner's loss of view, you need to understand that you represent a collective of national and international residents and visitors to the Gorge, and that you must not allow the encroachment of an industrial facility stretching over thousands of acres to wreck that. There is no reason why you cannot deny the SDS application for that reason alone.

If you approve and allow this construction, whenever I look across my property (I will be able to see it from Seven Mile) I will see a renewable industrial energy complex, and be reminded that Washington State failed in its broader mission of sustainability, the essence of which does not destroy our treasured resources.

Sincerely,
Betsy Hege

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[REDACTED]

The Dalles, OR 97058

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Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Frances Hannah [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]
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From: tanya nevarez [REDACTED]@state.or.us]
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Maria White


Beaverton, OR 97007

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: James Minick [REDACTED]@gorge.net]
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To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Concern about Whistling Ridge

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James Minick



Lyle, WA 98635

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Talburt, Tammy (CTED)

From: linda Ogden [REDACTED]@aol.com]
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linda Ogden



Valencia, CA 91355

Talburt, Tammy (CTED)

From: Barbara Hopp [REDACTED]@msn.com]
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Barbara Hopp



Portland, OR 97212

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Karen Lamson [REDACTED]@aol.com]
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Karen Lamson

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Sarah Lincoln Pattee [REDACTED]@gmail.com]
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The Gorge is irreplaceable -- please do not allow it to be damaged/harmed for us or our children.
Thank you.

Sarah Lincoln Pattee

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Portland, OR 97217

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Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Kendrick Simila [REDACTED]@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 3:33 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Wind Energy Application for Whistling Ridge

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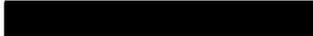
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Rita Heinz

Talent, OR 97540

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Subject: Whistling Ridge Project

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I support strenuous energy conservation efforts way before construction of energy facilities -- even those reliant on renewable sources such as wind. And I am vehemently opposed to industrial-scale wind energy development within or adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, a designated national scenic treasure. If we cannot protect this precious, limited area, what hope is there for any real progress in our quality of life?

Susan Drew
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Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

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I am old enough to remember when hydro was clean energy that was going to save us all with no environmental costs. That has turned out to be sadly untrue, yet we somehow continue to be taken in by the latest "green" fad, wind turbines.

As many comments have pointed out, the environmental review on this project is inadequate, given the potential environmental impacts on the forested and nearby inhabited areas.

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Please do not approve this project. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Patricia Arnold
[REDACTED]
Trout Lake, WA 98650

509-395-[REDACTED]

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: chuck ware [REDACTED]@egreen.wednet.edu]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 3:50 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Concern about Whistling Ridge

Allen Fiksdal
Manager, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council PO Box 43172
905 Plum Street SE
Olympia , 98504-3172

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chuck ware



Vancouver, WA 98687

Talburt, Tammy (CTED)

From: Rick Ray [REDACTED]@rickray.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 3:50 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Please be thorough in reviewing the Whistling Ridge proposal

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Rick Ray

[REDACTED]
Springdale, OR 97060-9380

503-695-[REDACTED]

Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: Mary Heath [REDACTED]@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 3:59 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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Mary Heath

[REDACTED]
Roseburg, OR 97471

Talbur, Tammy (CTED)

From: John Hammond [REDACTED]@SpiritOne.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:21 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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John Hammond


Portland, OR 97212

503-287-

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: marie uhlir [REDACTED]@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:29 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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I agree with all that is written above, we only have ONE national scenic area in the whole country, this is not the place for something like this. We need to protect our scenic area and our scenic area does not end at the scenic area boundry, the whole columbia rive gorge and the mountains and rivers beyond is a "scenic area" .

marie uhler

hood river, OR 97031

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Thomas Marney [REDACTED]@q.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:30 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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Thomas Marney



Salem, OR 97301

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: John Goeckermann [REDACTED]@wizzards.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:31 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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LET'S PUT THIS POLITELY: DON'T BE AN IDIOT! YOU WANT TO F**K UP A MAGNIFICENT SCENIC ATTRACTION -- A NATIONAL TREASURE -- AND YOU'D SELL IT OUT???!!!!

"DESPICABLE" IS ONE WORD FOR IT -- HERE'S A FEW MORE: UNACCEPTABLE, STUPID, DISGUSTING.

YOU CALL INTO QUESTION YOUR ABILITY, YOUR SANITY, AND YOUR INTEGRITY.

THE ONLY WAY MOST REASONABLE PEOPLE WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THIS RIDICULOUS BLASPHEMY WOULD BE WITH LARGE BAGS OF NON-CONSECUTIVE SERIAL NUMBERED FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES DELIVERED TO THEM UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS.

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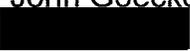
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John Goeckermann


Grants Pass, OR 97526

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Hall White [REDACTED]@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:31 PM
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Hall White

[REDACTED]
Fairview, OR 97024

503-314-[REDACTED]

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: Ninian Blackburn [REDACTED]@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:36 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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Ninian Blackburn

Portland, OR 97213

503-249-

Talbert, Tammy (CTED)

From: John Zachman [REDACTED]@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:44 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
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Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

John Zachman

[REDACTED]

Portland, OR 97214

971-544-[REDACTED]

Talburt, Tammy (CTED)

From: Brian & Mary Jokela User [REDACTED]@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 4:51 PM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Application No. 2009-01

Spokane Audubon Society
P. O. Box 9820
Spokane, WA 99209-9820
May 15, 2009

Mr. Allen J. Fiksdal
EFSEC Manager
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
P. O. Box 43172
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Re: Whistling Ridge Energy Project, Application No. 2009-01

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

Spokane Audubon Society's Board of Directors, by unanimous direction supports Seattle Audubon Society's position on the above-entitled proposal.

Very truly yours,

SPOKANE AUDUBON SOCIETY

By Mary Jokela
Conservation Chair