

## RESOLUTION 2009-22

### **(Certification of Land Use Consistency Review for Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project)**

**WHEREAS**, Whistling Ridge Energy Project, LLC (“Applicant”) filed an Application for Site Certification (“ASC”) to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (“EFSEC”) on March 10, 2009 for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project (“Project”) pursuant to RCW 80.50; and

**WHEREAS**, EFSEC has assumed lead agency status pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C for the environmental review of this Project. Skamania County anticipates participating in the SEPA process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skamania County Community Development Director reviewed the ASC to determine the project’s consistency with applicable County land use plans and zoning ordinances and prepared a Certificate of Land Use Consistency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners have reviewed the Community Development Director’s Certification of Land Use Consistency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners on May 5, 2009 considered the Community Development Director’s determination at a regularly scheduled, public meeting; and

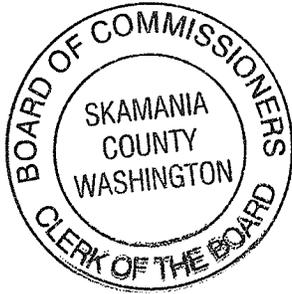
**WHEREAS**, due notice of the Commissioner’s meeting set forth above has been given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, if approved, will be specifically governed by a Site Certification Agreement signed by the Governor and the Applicant, including conditions of approval developed through the upcoming public process, including SEPA review; and

**WHEREAS**, more detailed findings of consistency are included in the Community Development Director’s Certificate of Land Use Consistency, which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of County Commissioners, after due deliberation, adopts the Certificate of Land Use Consistency and resolves that the Whistling Ridge Energy Project is consistent with the Skamania County land use plans and applicable zoning ordinances. A representative for Skamania County appointed by the Board of Commissioners is serving as a member of the Siting Council. Consequently, Skamania County does not, at this time, make any findings or determination regarding compliance with any other regulatory requirements or siting standards, and any potential conditions of approval recommended by Skamania County will be made at such time as the SEPA review is completed and after public meetings and hearings have been duly conducted by EFSEC, in accordance with Chapter 80.50 RCW.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Jeri Kuhn  
Chairman

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Commissioner

Jami Tolpe  
Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

**APPROVE AS TO FORM ONLY:**

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Prosecuting Attorney