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August 12, 2011

WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY PROJECT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Interested Person:

This notice is to advise you that a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been issued for the proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project. The proponent, Whistling Ridge Energy (LLC), has requested to build and operate a 75 megawatt wind power facility located on approximately 1,152 acres in Skamania County, Washington, approximately seven miles north of the City of White Salmon. The proponent has also requested interconnection to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regional transmission system.

BPA and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) released a Draft EIS (DEIS) in May 2010 for public review and comment. BPA and EFSEC considered all comments received on the DEIS and prepared a Response to Comments Appendix (Appendix G). Comment letters have been reprinted and included in Appendix H. EFSEC expects to make its recommendation to the Governor in fall 2011. BPA expects to issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed project in fall 2011.

This FEIS has been issued by EFSEC to fulfill its State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) lead agency responsibilities under the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 463-47-150. BPA will be issuing this FEIS to meet its lead agency obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), before it makes a decision on whether to allow an interconnection of the proposed project to the BPA transmission system. EFSEC and BPA have worked together to ensure that this FEIS meets the requirements of SEPA and NEPA.

Copies of the FEIS will be mailed to persons and organizations who commented on the DEIS. The FEIS is available to other interested persons upon request. Copies of this document may be requested by contacting EFSEC at (360) 664-1363, by mail at P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, or by e-mail at efsec@utc.wa.gov. The FEIS is also available on the internet at: www.efsec.wa.gov.

For information regarding the Whistling Ridge Energy Project and the EFSEC review process, you may contact Stephen Posner, EFSEC Compliance Manager at (360) 664-1903 or you may visit the EFSEC web site at: www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the following locations:

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6880 Capitol Blvd
Tumwater, WA 98504-2460
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Project Title	Whistling Ridge Energy Project		
Project Sponsor	Whistling Ridge Energy LLC		
Proposed Action	Whistling Ridge Energy LLC (Applicant) proposes to construct and operate the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, an approximately 75-megawatt (MW) wind turbine facility, about seven miles north of the City of White Salmon in Skamania County, Washington. This wind project would be located on an approximately 1,152-acre site that is currently private commercial forest land. The wind project would consist of up to 50 wind turbines that could each range in size from 1.2 to 2.5 MW, an Operation and Maintenance facility, an electrical substation, underground collector lines and systems, and other ancillary facilities. Approximately 7.9 miles of existing roads would be improved and 2.4 miles of new roads would be constructed to provide access for project construction and operation.		
Project Location	The Project Area is located approximately seven miles north of the City of White Salmon, Washington.		
Date of Implementation	If the Project is approved, the Applicant proposes to begin project construction in the first quarter of 2012 with the goal of having construction completed and commercial power production initiated by January 2013.		
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Required Permits, Approvals & Licenses	EFSEC's Site Certification Agreement for the project will identify all required state approvals. No federal permits have been identified at this time.		
EIS Authors & Principal Contributors	The Whistling Ridge Energy Project EIS was prepared by the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), with the assistance of URS Corporation (URS), a consulting firm, West Inc., Northwest Wildlife Consultants, GeoDataScape, and Carroz Consulting. In addition, ENTRIX Consulting was retained by Washington EFSEC to provide an independent, third-party review of the EIS for SEPA and NEPA compliance.		

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Environmental Document Being Submitted

Whistling Ridge Energy Project Final EIS (2011)

Additional Information

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Date of Final EIS Issuance

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Availability of Final EIS

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