



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
*PO Box 43172 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3172*

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340

For the

**KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER PROJECT  
REQUEST TO AMEND THE SITE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**Description of current proposal:** Horizon Wind Energy, through its subsidiary Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC (Certificate Holder), requested that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) approve an amendment to the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Site Certification Agreement, the permit that lists the conditions and requirements for the construction and operation of the project. If approved, the amendment would: (1) allow installation of new wind turbines generators that were not previously available, (2) reduce the total number of turbines from up to 65 to a maximum of 52 (with no change in power generation), (3) eliminate certain turbine corridors in proximity to existing residences, and, (4) allow some adjustments in the siting of remaining corridors and turbines. The Certificate Holder also requests the addition of a 6-acre parcel to the project site and removal of 471 acres from the project site, reducing the total authorized project area to approximately 5,416 acres. The Certificate Holder is also requesting the relocation of the Operations and Maintenance facility to a site further away and less visible from state highway 97.

**Proponent:** Horizon Wind Energy  
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**Address and location of proposal:** The Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project is located on 6,000 acres approximately 12 miles northwest of Ellensburg, along state highway 97, in Kittitas County, Washington.

**Titles of documents that have been previously adopted:** The lead agency issued the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements for its review of the Project application for site certification.

**Previously Adopted documents are available for inspection at:** Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 925 Plum Street NE, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays), from 8 am to 5 pm, and on the EFSEC web site at [www.efsec.wa.gov](http://www.efsec.wa.gov).

**Determination of Nonsignificance:** This threshold determination is based on the information contained in the following documents and other information on file with the lead agency:

- Request of Amendment to the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Site Certification Agreement, Amendment No. 1. from Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC dated May 29, 2009 (available for inspection at [www.efsec.wa.gov/kittitaswind.html](http://www.efsec.wa.gov/kittitaswind.html) or the EFSEC office);
- Request to amend the Site Certification Agreement for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Environmental Checklist, May 29, 2009, also available on the EFSEC website and office listed above.

**Lead agency action:** Action on this proposal will be consistent with Chapter 463-66 WAC. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council may take action to approve or deny this request during a Special Meeting at **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2009**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 905 Plum Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504.

**Public Comment:** This DNS is issued pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340. Comments on this DNS must be submitted in writing to the lead agency no later than **July 31, 2009**.

**Responsible official:** Allen J. Fiksdal  
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There is no agency appeal.

**Date:** July 16, 2009

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Attachment: Environmental Checklist