Request to Amend the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Site Certification Agreement to Reduce Impacts and Modify Turbine Locations

On May 29, 2009, Sagebrush Power Partners, (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. These changes would result in an 8% reduction in area of the project site. The Certificate Holder is also requesting the relocation of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facility to a site further away and less visible from state highway 97. The Certificate Holder anticipates the proposed changes would result in a significant overall reduction in the visual impact of the project to a majority of residences and a reduction in the permanently disturbed area.

June 23, 2009: EFSEC Public Hearing

On June 23, 2009, starting at 6:30 p.m., EFSEC will conduct a Public Hearing at the Hal Holmes Community Center in Ellensburg, Washington to receive public comments from citizens, stakeholders, and interested persons or organizations on the request to amend the Site Certification Agreement.

We invite all interested persons to attend and participate in this hearing.
Where can I get information about the amendment request?

The following documents about the request for amendment are available from EFSEC:

- The May 29, 2009 amendment request.
- Amendment Request SEPA Checklist.
- Documents used by EFSEC in its previous review of the project (Application for Site Certification, Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement).

To obtain a copy of the amendment request or the above documents, visit the EFSEC website at http://www.efsec.wa.gov/kittitaswind.shtml, or contact Jim LaSpina at (360) 956-2047 or email to jimla@cted.wa.gov

How can I submit a written comment about the request?

**Written comments** about the request for amendment should be sent to EFSEC, PO BOX 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, by e-mail to efsec@cted.wa.gov, or by fax to (360) 956-2158.

To be considered, **written comments must be received in the EFSEC office by 5:00 pm. July 10, 2009.** Written Comments may also be submitted in person during the Public Comment portion of the June 23, 2009 EFSEC meeting in Ellensburg, Washington.

WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

Dated in Olympia, Washington this 10th day of June, 2009.

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