BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of )
Application No. 2003-01 ) Public Hearing on
SAGEBRUSH POWER PARTNERS, LLC. ) Request to Amend SCA
KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER PROJECT ) Pages 1 - 14
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A Public Hearing in the above matter was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the Hal Holmes Community Center, 209 North Ruby Street, in Ellensburg, Washington at 6:36 p.m., before the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council members.

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CHAIR FRYHLING: Good evening. The date is June 23, 2009. The time is about 6:36 p.m. My name is Dick Fryhling and I represent the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development. In the absence of Jim Luce, our Chair, I'm the Acting Chair tonight of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

On behalf of the Council I would like to thank you for taking time to come tonight and participate in this meeting. We also have some of the Council Members here tonight and I'd like them to introduce themselves starting with Dick Byers.

MR. BYERS: Yes, I am Dick Byers from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.
MR. TAYER: Jeff Tayer with Washington Fish and Wildlife.

MS. McDONALD: Mary McDonald, Department of Natural Resources.

CHAIR FRYHLING: Sitting next to me is Kyle Crews and he's our Assistant Attorney General for the Council. Staff, would you like to introduce yourselves?

MR. POSNER: Stephen Posner.

MR. LaSPINA: Jim LaSpina.

MS. TALBURT: And Tammy Talburt.

CHAIR FRYHLING: If you need anything there is the lady who will get it for you so thank you.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is for the Council to receive comments on the request by Sagebrush Power Partners, the certificate holder, to amend the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) for the Kittitas Valley Wind Project.

Before we begin receiving public comment, I would like to introduce Joy Potter representing the certificate holder will give a brief overview of the proposed project.

MS. POTTER: Good evening, Council Members and the EFSEC staff. For the record, I am Joy Potter, Project Manager for Horizon Wind Energy, 1206 North Dolarway, Ellensburg, Washington. I'm very pleased to present you tonight with the redesigned Kittitas Valley Wind Power
Project. Horizon has spent the last six months redesigning the project to satisfy the micrositing conditions set forth in the Site Certification Agreement. All components have been redesigned into a single integrated project which allows us to eliminate the two turbine corridors with the greatest visual impacts.

To do that, we have obtained turbines with a larger generating capacity that still meet all the criteria set forth in the SCA.

Our designing engineers have reconfigured the entire project to reduce the overall impacts to nonparticipating landowners.

As a result, the project has now been reduced from a total of 65 to 52 turbines.

The collection lines are here. This line and this line.

A new collection line has been designed eliminating the use of both Bettas Road and Highway 97 right of ways. This new design is possible due to the acquisition of a small 6.29 acre parcel of land which we would like to incorporate into the project boundary. Right there.

The O&M facility has been relocated to Hayward Road reducing the visual impact from the traveling public and neighboring property owners.

These revisions result in a nearly nine percent
reduction in ground disturbance. All the required studies and surveys have been completed.

Also, I'd like to inform the Council that Kittitas County and Horizon have formed a positive relationship. The Board of County Commissioners has approved a Franchise Agreement and the Department of Public Works has been approving our permit requests in a timely manner.

On behalf of Horizon Wind Energy, I respectfully ask the Council to approve our request to amend the Site Certification Agreement for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

CHAIR FRYHLING: How about anybody in the audience?

Thank you, Ms. Potter.

We will accept written comments tonight or comments may be submitted by mail through EFSEC office. To be considered comments must be postmarked by July 10, 2009. Please submit your written comments to the EFSEC staff person Tammy Talburt seated at the sign-up table if you have written comments.

Tonight's comments will become part of the Council's review process and is on the record. I would therefore ask everyone to be silent when a witness is
speaking so the Council and the public can hear the witness.
If you need to come and go during the meeting, please do so
as quietly as you can.

Again, the purpose of tonight's meeting is to
receive comments on the SCA amendment, but please be as
specific as possible regarding which sections of the
amendment request you are addressing. As you inadvertently
start drifting away from the subject, I will remind you of
the reason for tonight's meeting and I may ask you to focus
your comments predominantly to the amendment request.

When you give your comments, please state your
name and your address so that it's in the record and so that
our court reporter has that.

The first person to speak tonight is David Crane.

COMMENTS BY DAVID CRANE

I'm David Crane, 1201 North Vista Road,
Ellensburg, Washington. I have a letter here that I sent to
EFSEC and it's already been mailed, a copy.

CHAIR FRYHLING: Just summarize it and then -- it
would be fine to read it again. It looks like it's one
page.

MR. CRANE: Regarding the May 29, 2009 request to
amend the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Site
Certification Agreement, I am fully in favor of granting the
request. They have worked patiently and cooperatively with
the community to make this facility the best and least intrusive that it could be. In my view at least they have done an excellent job. We all know that every large project has some negative impacts. These have been effectively addressed with a high degree of professionalism, precision, and thoroughness.

I have been watching the wind farm situation for about 40 years and even considered putting one, a windmill on my place at one time when I lived in Camas. I've lived here for ten years in Kittitas County and Ellensburg, and I appreciate these people for their willingness to adjust and to try to work together. I think they represent private enterprise at its finest, and I really would like to see them succeed because I think it will help us all a great deal.

I have a section on the back of this where I expressed my appreciation for the Council and what you've done to keep this whole thing on an even keel and to protect your environment and our people. I thank you very much.

CHAIR FRYHLING: Thank you, Mr. Crane.

Helen Wise.

COMMENTS BY HELEN WISE

Helen Wise, 1106 East Third Avenue, Ellensburg.

I've lived in the county and valley for more than 50 years, and I would like to go on record as agreeing with every word
that David Crane said. That Horizon has been doing beautifully in preparing this new vision of a smaller number of turbines but as good a number of megawatts as we had before. Thank you.

CHAIR FRYHLING: Thank you.

Wayne Bell.

COMMENTS BY WAYNE BELL

Good evening and also let me welcome EFSEC Council and staff. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to come before you here tonight.

My name is Wayne Bell and I'm here tonight with my wife Barbara. We reside at 3911 Bettas Road in Cle Elum and are here as nonparticipating residents who adjoin the energy generating facility and are specifically requesting EFSEC to not approve the resiting of Turbines A-1 and A-2 closer to our home and to the site of our future home. That's the intent of my comments. I have a more detailed letter to you that I have deposited in back as well, and I'll paraphrase it for time tonight.

CHAIR FRYHLING: Thank you.

MR. BELL: Actually the timing is pretty good. If you compare with what I'd like to hand out to the Council is an enhanced view of this layout for your use also as part of the package, but I think it will make more sense if you see it because I talk to it.
What I've done is I've taken this particular layout, for those in the audience I apologize, but basically it's blowing this picture up. And I've taken a scale of which is Horizon's scale and I've applied it to the center of my current home, and that's what EFSEC is looking at right now, an enhanced view of the minimum distance four times the height. 1,670 is the inner circle and the outer circle is the recommended 2,500 feet.

The current plan approved A-1 at approximately 2,300 feet from our residence and A-2 is outside of that 2,500 recommended radius. Should EFSEC approve Horizon's current proposal A-1 would now be inside four times the height of the turbines, 1670, and A-2 would be a few hundred feet further back well within the 2,500 foot recommended setback. Under this amendment these two turbines will be moved approximately 600 feet closer to my home. That's two football fields.

So Exhibit B, again because we don't have the scale here, I will talk about this in a second. I am just going to give you a picture. My apologies to the staff. I happen to actually have this here is a second one.

So the second graph that I've handed out takes the ten acre -- whoops, I better stay with the script or my wife will be upset. So additionally when you own a separate 10-acre parcel from the 20-acre parcel where our residence
currently exists, that parcel lies between our residence and
Turbines A-1 and 2. This property is already down as an
unimproved road land and already has power to it. That was
to be the site for our future residence. It's the highest
part of the valley that overlooks Horse Canyon and the vista
is unbelievable. It's just down the road from Mike and Liz
Robertson's residence. It's actually our property which for
they have an easement to get to their home. So the plan was
for us to move up to the top eventually and then we put that
on hold.

So if this amendment is approved as you look at
the second exhibit, Exhibit 1-B, both of those turbines
would be inside the height of 1,670 to our building site
with A-1 being 800 feet away if we were going to build it.
And then just again for reference the one view is
this particular drawing. What I've done is I've taken the
actual exhibit to layout one. It is in the plan. If you
look at the plan, once again there is no scale. Horizon
does not take -- they have a scale down here and they have
it on numbers. So you have to interpret what the 1,670 is
and the 2,500 recommendation is. It's very important. So
what I've done is I've just taken it and I've overlaid it on
my particular property. And then again I have -- so you
have both the existing home, our planned future home
overlaid in a bigger view. That's the best I could do with
the technology at hand. So I promise I will try to be short
to the end here.

So in light of my previous comments and supporting
layouts that I have provided you I would like to add it's
Horizon's policy to minimize the adverse impacts on wind
 turbines in regards to the proximity to existing residences,
and then their strategy to move them closer to existing
residence indicates policy and strategy mismatch.

Specifically in the Applicant's request they
suggest in a request they have made will better implement
the intent of this Council and Governor Gregoire as stated
in SCA Article 1, Section C, Subsection 7, and let me just
take a quote from that section. For each turbine located
within 2,500 feet of a nonparticipating landowner, that
would be myself and my wife, their existing residence
micrositing determination shall be given the highest
priority to increasing the distance of the turbines from
that nonparticipating landowner's residence even beyond the
minimum four times the height of it.

Okay. So we believe that the relocation of
Turbines A-1 and 2 are diametrically opposed to the intent
of this Council and that of Governor Gregoire in micrositing
determinations. We are asking that EFSEC not approve the
relocation of Turbines A-1 and 2 to the proposed locations
in the SCA amendment. We also are asking DNR to be a good
neighbor and consider this request as well and hopefully you can work with Horizon and mitigate the impacts of these turbines as it is your land it is on. And it certainly would be representative of the state but I think you might be able to look at moving them closer to Turbines A-3 and 4 away from our residence rather than closer to them. However, that will be left to DNR and Horizon to sort that out.

In closing, my wife and I would like to thank Horizon for reviewing your business case, specifically Joy Potter for visiting our residence. It's the first time anybody from Horizon has come to our home and it's very welcome to have you here and we both appreciate that very much.

And so in their review of their business case they came up with an alternative specifically to remove that F String and I appreciate that effort and I want to acknowledge that tonight.

I would also like to acknowledge Carla Thomas, a property owner. Carla was the owner of the property the F String was planned on, and for the role that she played in that effort I would like to thank her because she did so at some financial risk, at the risk and expense of being a good friend and a good neighbor. So publicly I want to thank Carla. I haven't reached out to her and I just wanted to
mention that here to everybody in this room.

           Again I have a complete package with more details
3 that have already been handed in with all the attachments.
4 Does anybody have any questions? And also I'll promise to
5 be good.

           CHAIR FRYHLING: Thank you, Mr. Bell.
7 Tammy, do we have any additional sign-ups?
8 MS. TALBURT: No.
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10           CHAIR FRYHLING: Would anybody like to just come
11 out and speak on it or for or against this proposal? We
12 would be happy entertain any additional discussion.
13 If not, we are going to close the hearing.
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15 (Whereupon, the public hearing is adjourned at
16 6:53 p.m.)
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I, Shaun Linse, CCR, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript prepared under my direction is a full and complete transcript of proceedings held on June 23, 2009, in Ellensburg, Washington.

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