

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of ()
Application No 2003-01 ()
() Petition to Intervene
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Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project ()
Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club ()
Petition to Intervene ()

The Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club hereby files a petition to intervene in the above proceeding according to RCW 34.05.443, WAC 463-30-400 and the Notice of Opportunity to file Petitions to Intervene dated May 12, 2003. Members have an interest in and seek to participate in all areas addressed in these proceedings.

A. Identification of Petitioner:

The Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club is a chapter of the Sierra Club, an international not for profit 501(c)(4) organization over 100 years old headquartered in San Francisco, the purpose and activities of which are “to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth’s ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.” The Sierra Club, including Cascade Chapter members, have studied and issued public recommendations on energy policy, environmental protection and climate change. The 25,000 members of the Cascade Chapter in Washington State including 113 in Kittitas represent a wide spectrum of professions, occupations and ages.

Statement of Petitioner’s Interest:

The members of the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club have a direct and specific interest in the outcome of these proceedings and denial of their application to intervene in these proceedings could impair and impede their ability to carry out their activities and protect their interests, including the promotion of sustainable energy sources for the improved quality of the natural and human environment.

Cascade Chapter of Sierra Club's Specific Areas of Concern:

1. Affordable and reliable electric power at consistent rates

Members have an interest in the responsible use of the earth's resources, and in particular in promoting the commercial development of wind energy where it is steady and available for the provision of electricity at affordable and consistent rates.

2. Full employment in a healthy and sustainable economic climate

Members educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. They wish to present research showing the positive economic impact of windfarms including job creation in sustainable industries and the detrimental economic aspects of increasing the fossil fuel energy facilities.

3. A regulatory process supportive of the establishment of clean alternative technology

Members practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources which includes a transition to clean alternatives energy replacing the burning of fossil fuels which emits greenhouse gases that are threatening major sectors of our state economy through unprecedented rapid atmospheric heating. If not granted the right to intervene, members have no other way to ensure that the facts of recent scientific assessment of the impact of lessening fossil fuel emissions are fully considered in the proceedings.

4. Responsible use of earth's resources

Where wind is consistent and strong, it is a public resource, which can be used to meet the electric needs of consumers and businesses. The finite supply of valuable fossil fuel should be conserved for the use of future generations, and its burning minimized to slow the advance of global climate change. Windfarms do not require the large use of water resources required by fossil fuel plants. Other resources protected by increasing the input of wind energy include the diversity of plant and animal life, the rain cycle, clean water supplies, soil stabilization, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and tourism.

5. The protection and restoration of the quality of the natural environment

Chapter members explore and enjoy the wild places of the earth, including those in Washington State for recreation, business, health, personal relaxation and spiritual renewal. Wilderness is undergoing documented and historically unprecedented injury from rising temperatures of climate change resulting from increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, an emission from fossil fuel power plants. Members seek protection for the native species of flora and fauna in the state ecosystems.

6. A diversity of clean and environmentally sustainable energy sources

With the impact of global warming on snow pack and hydro system and the fluctuating and rising prices of fossil fuels, it is critical that we diversify our energy sources to include many kinds of sustainable energy generation. This will help prevent severe negative impacts to our economy from drought and volatile energy markets. In addition, lessening our reliance on hydropower can reduce low water damage to agriculture and salmon fisheries and the communities that rely on those enterprises. Members promote a healthy environment for our economic and social well-being, including access to water, clean air, healthy food, employment opportunities, affordable housing and reasonable electric rates.

DATED this 13 day of June, 2003

Louise S. Stonington
Authorized member of the Cascade Chapter
of the Sierra Club

By -s- _____
Louise S. Stonington,
On behalf of the Cascade Chapter of the
Sierra Club

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COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA)

Louise S. Stonington, being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: That she is a duly authorized member of the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club and makes this verification as such; that she has read the foregoing document, knows the contents thereof and believes the same to be true.

-s-

Louise Stonington

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13 day of June, 2003

_____ -s- _____ Maily N. Nguyen _____

Notary Public in and for the State of
Washington
residing at ___Seattle WA ___
My commission expires:
_____11/29/06_____