December 12, 2003

KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER PROJECT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Interested Person:

This notice is to advise you that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been issued for the proposed Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. The proponent, Sagebrush Power Partners, L.L.C., has requested to build and operate an approximately 182-Megawatt wind powered generation facility in Kittitas County, Washington, located on the ridges on either side of state Highway 97, 12 miles northwest of the city of Ellensburg.

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed this DEIS under contract with Shapiro and Associates. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The scoping phase of this project analysis has identified several issues that are addressed in the DEIS. A No Action and Action Alternative, including mitigation measures, are discussed in detail in the DEIS.

The DEIS is available to interested persons free of charge. Copies may be requested by contacting EFSEC at (360) 956-2121, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. The DEIS is also available in electronic format on CD-ROM, and on the internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

The public and other reviewers can provide comments regarding the DEIS to EFSEC. The comment period for the DEIS closes on January 20, 2004. Please send your comments to: Allen J Fiksdal, Manager, EFSEC, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov.

Comments should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of alternatives discussed, or both. Commenters are encouraged to supply relevant additional information, respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the DEIS, and/or respond to the mitigation measures identified. To be considered, comments on the DEIS must be postmarked by January 20, 2004.

(360) 956-2121 Telefax (360) 956-2158
EFSEC will review and respond to all comments received and intends to publish a Final EIS after the adjudicative hearings for this Project in 2004. Please note that comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

Public Comment Meeting: January 13, 2004, Ellensburg, Washington

A public meeting has been scheduled to receive comments on the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project DEIS. The public meeting will be held as indicated below. There will be an open house before the meeting, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Comments will be received starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

Open House: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Public Comments: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Building, Kittitas County Fairgrounds
512 North Poplar Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926

For further information regarding this proposal, you may contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047. You may access the Draft EIS and find more information about the project and the review process at the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Application for Site Certification, EFSEC No. 2003-01 and this Draft EIS are also available for public review at the following locations:

Washington State Library
Joel M. Pritchard Library
Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Blvd
Tumwater, WA, 98504-2460
(360) 704-5200

Energy Facility
Site Evaluation Council
925 Plum Street SE, Building 4
Olympia, WA, 98504-3172
(360) 956-2121

Carpenter Memorial
(Cle Elum) Library
302 Pennsylvania Ave
Cle Elum, WA 98922-1196
(509) 674-2313
Hours:
Tuesday & Friday:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday:
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ellensburg Public Library
209 North Ruby St
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 962-7250
Hours:
Monday to Thursday:
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact EFSEC at (360) 956-2121 or TDD at (360) 586-4224.

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