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KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER PROJECT

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF
ADJUDICATIVE HEARINGS AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY SESSION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Interested Person:

This letter is to notify you that the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project adjudicative hearings, scheduled for the weeks of August 16 and August 23, 2004, are being postponed until late September - early October. The public hearing scheduled on the evening of August 19, 2004, to receive testimony from the public regarding the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, is also postponed. You will receive notice of the new Adjudicative Hearing schedule once the new hearing dates, times and locations have been determined.

On July 29, 2003 EFSEC noticed the date, time and location of adjudicative hearings for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, scheduled to be held in Ellensburg, Washington during the weeks of August 16 and August 23, 2004, as well as a Public Testimony Session to be held in Ellensburg, Washington, on August 19, 2004, starting at 7:00 p.m..

The Applicant and Kittitas County requested that the Council postpone the hearings above to allow the public the opportunity to comment on a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (see below) prior the adjudicative hearings being held. On August 10, 2004, the Council ruled that such a delay was reasonable, and in the interest of public participation in this matter. As indicated above, the adjudicative hearings scheduled for August are therefore being postponed until late September – early October.
This notice is also to advise you that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) has been issued for the proposed Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. The Draft SEIS presents an analysis of off-site alternatives for this proposal.

The Draft SEIS 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 Draft SEIS 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 Draft SEIS to EFSEC. The comment period for the Draft SEIS closes on Monday September 13, 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 Draft SEIS or the merits of alternatives discussed, or both. Commenters are encouraged to supply relevant additional information and/or respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the Draft SEIS.

To be considered, comments on the Draft SEIS must be received in the EFSEC office no later than 5 p.m. September 13, 2004.

EFSEC will review and respond to all comments received on the Draft SEIS. This Draft SEIS and the Draft EIS issued in December 2003 will be incorporated into a single Final EIS to be issued after the adjudicative hearings are completed for this Project later 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.


A public meeting has been scheduled to receive comments on the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Draft SEIS, as follows:

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Samuelson Union Building – Theater
Central Washington University
400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, Washington 98926

For further information regarding this proposal, you may contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047. You may access the Draft SEIS 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, the Draft EIS, and this Draft SEIS are also available for public review at the following locations:
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