

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2003-01

Sagebrush Power Partners, L.L.C.

Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Notice of Application for Site Certification;

Notice of Public Informational Meetings; and

Notice of Scoping Meeting Under the State  
Environmental Policy Act.

On January 13, 2003, Sagebrush Power Partners L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of Zilkha Renewable Energy, submitted an Application for Site Certification to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to construct and operate the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project (Project), a 182-megawatt generation facility consisting of 121 wind generation turbines. Related Project facilities include: access roads; foundations; underground and overhead electrical lines, substations and interconnection facilities to allow transmission through existing Puget Sound Energy or Bonneville Power Administration transmission lines; an operations and maintenance center; and associated supporting infrastructure and facilities. The proposed Project will be located within Kittitas County, on the ridges on either side of state Highway 97, 12 miles northwest of the city of Ellensburg.

EFSEC has taken lead agency status under WAC 173-11-938 of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules for the environmental review of this wind generation facility. EFSEC will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this project. EFSEC will be accepting comments regarding the scope of the EIS through March 14, 2002, as indicated below.

EFSEC will hold a public informational and SEPA scoping meeting pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, and EFSEC laws on **March 12, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** When siting a new energy facility, EFSEC holds an initial public informational meeting in the county in which a project is proposed. At this meeting, the applicant will present a description of the project, reasons why the proposed site or location was selected, and a short summary of anticipated environmental, social, and economic impacts. Council staff will describe the state's siting process. A short presentation will also be made by the Counsel for the Environment, a Washington State Assistant Attorney General who represents the citizens of Washington State before EFSEC. At this initial meeting the general public will have an opportunity to speak to Council staff, the Council's independent consultant, and the Counsel for the Environment about the Council's application review and EIS development process.

Following the presentations, a formal scoping meeting will be held during which members of the public may provide suggestions and comments regarding issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement. The issues identified in the scoping process will be taken into account during the preparation of the environmental impact statement for this proposal.

The public informational and SEPA scoping meeting will be held at the Home Arts Building of the Kittitas County Fairgrounds, 512 North Poplar Street, Ellensburg, Washington, 98926. The meeting will begin with an Open House at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7:00 p.m. with the informational presentations and the formal EIS scoping meeting pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act.

Scoping comments may also be submitted in writing at the meeting, or may be sent to EFSEC's SEPA Responsible Official, Mr. Allen Fiksdal, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, or by e-mail to [efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov). Comments concerning the scope of analysis in the EIS must be postmarked no later than March 14, 2003.

In addition to this public informational and scoping meeting, there will be other opportunities for public comment at future public meetings. To receive notice of future meetings please contact EFSEC at the address or e-mail above.

If you require additional information, special assistance, the assistance of a translator, or auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, please contact Mariah Laamb, EFSEC Secretary, at (360) 956-2121 as soon as possible. For TDD, call (360) 586-4224.

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 14th day of February 2003.

Washington State Energy Facility Site  
Evaluation Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Allen J. Fiksdal  
EFSEC Manager