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COUNTY OF KITTITAS

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY)
COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING)
RE KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER)
PROJECT)

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Ellensburg, Washington

HEARING BEFORE THE KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

3 COMMISSIONER DAVID BOWEN, Chairman

4 COMMISSIONER ALAN CRANKOVICH

5 COMMISSIONER PERRY HUSTON

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1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Good evening. It's
2 Thursday, March 30th, 2006, 6:00 p.m. in the
3 Kittitas County Fairgrounds Home Arts Building.
4 We are here for continued public hearing to
5 consider the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project
6 Z-2005-22 submitted by Sage Brush Power Partners,
7 LLC, for siting of a maximum of 80 wind turbines
8 and associated facilities at a site located
9 approximately 12 miles northwest of the city of
10 Ellensburg.

11 I'm going to go ahead and start out with
12 declarations for the commissioners. I, for once,
13 have not spoken to a single soul about anything
14 regarding this wind farm today.

15 And with that, I guess is there anyone here
16 who objects to my sitting in hearing on this
17 issue?

18 Seeing no one, Commissioner Crankovich?

19 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman. I had a couple brief conversations
21 with staff, Mr. Hurson and Mr. Piercy, about
22 procedures, and other than that I have nothing
23 else to disclose.

24 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Hearing that, is there
25 anyone here who wishes to object to Commissioner

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1 Crankovich sitting in hearing on this issue?

2 Seeing no one, Commissioner Huston?

3 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Nothing to disclose,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Hearing that, is there
6 anyone here who wishes to object to Commissioner
7 Huston sitting in hearing on this issue?

8 Seeing no one, all commissioners will remain
9 seated.

10 Mr. Piercy, you had some opening staff
11 comments?

12 MR. DARRYL PIERCY: I do. Thank you,
13 Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. For the
14 record, Darryl Piercy, Director of Community
15 Development Services.

16 I just wanted to state for the record that
17 the written testimony that was submitted at last
18 night's portion of this public hearing has been
19 duplicated and copies of that written testimony
20 have been transmitted to the Board of County
21 Commissioners. That was given to the
22 commissioners just prior to this evening's
23 meeting.

24 A copy of that was also provided to the
25 applicant, and we will be making an effort to

1 have that information available to the public
2 beginning tomorrow, and we also hope to have that
3 information published on our website within the
4 next 48 hours or so. So that information will be
5 available to the public should you wish a copy.

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you. Anything
7 else from my seatmates before we get started with
8 public testimony?

9 Okay, with that, then, I will go with those
10 people that were on the list last night that
11 either left or wanted to be skipped over will be
12 on the list first today.

13 Our first person -- I should go over the
14 ground rules again, I guess. We're giving a
15 five-minute limit to the testimony, and we'll ask
16 everybody to please turn off their cell phones,
17 direct your comments to the Board, and we'll
18 proceed in that manner.

19 So Ms. Cheryl Chance, you're first.

20 MS. CHERYL CHANCE: My name is Cheryl
21 Chance. I live at 1411 Howard Road in
22 Ellensburg, Washington, 98926.

23 Thank you, commissioners, for the
24 opportunity to speak tonight, I represent myself
25 on the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, and I

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1 stand opposed to this project's location for
2 several reasons.

3 I urge you to do everything in your power to
4 keep this wind farm out of the Kittitas Valley.
5 The negative impact on wildlife, the residents,
6 and the property values far outweigh any
7 potential benefit they might bring to the valley.
8 That's Thing 1.

9 Thing 2: Do we really know if only 64
10 turbines are planned? What is planned,
11 gentlemen? Do you know tonight?

12 No. 3: Where are they going to be placed
13 definite? Again, do we know? Even though it is
14 being termed a wind farm overlay to the existing
15 zoning, it is a fact -- in fact a change to an
16 industrial zone from agriculture. It is a power
17 generation plant.

18 Again I reiterate, we do not refer to
19 Hanford as a plutonium farm; we refer to it as a
20 power generation plant. Please do not put a
21 power generation plant in this part of our
22 beautiful valley.

23 I do understand that master plans in a
24 society require specific areas to be zoned for
25 specific reasons in order to ensure a

1 well-balanced community. Because of this,
2 homeowners make decisions based on these master
3 plans.

4 To change the zoning to allow this overlay
5 is, quite frankly, a dirty trick to play on the
6 many property owners who reside in and around
7 this 6000 acres of the proposed power plant
8 location.

9 I feel so strongly about this that my belief
10 in self-governments -- self-governance and
11 commitment to grass-roots political activism will
12 not allow me to support any elected official who
13 facilitates the construction of this proposed
14 plant on both sides of scenic Highway 97.

15 Thank you for your consideration of my
16 concerns.

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

18 Next, if he's here, Rich Bettas?

19 MR. RICHARD BETTAS: Good evening, county
20 commissioners. My name is Richard Bettas. My
21 address is Box 327, King Cove, Alaska.

22 Our family has owned 320 acres on Bettas
23 Road since the 1930s. This property is adjacent
24 to the project site for the proposed Kittitas
25 Valley Wind Power Project.

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1 The unfortunate aspect with the debate on a
2 project of this magnitude is that it sometimes
3 pits neighbor against neighbor; friend against
4 friend; and worst of all, family member against
5 family member. I understand the rights of our
6 long-time neighbors to gain financially from wind
7 turbines sited on their property. They and their
8 family members before them have been good
9 neighbors to our family.

10 I believe the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
11 applicant has demonstrated a new proposal worth
12 consideration, hopefully limiting the project to
13 64 turbines. With the realization that this
14 project could have an adverse effect on property
15 values, perhaps some language could be included
16 in the final stipulations to address this.

17 My ownership in the Bettas property is
18 legally defined as an undivided third, as it is
19 owned by myself and two brothers, George and
20 Bobby. In the recent past I submitted letters to
21 the Kittitas County Community Development
22 Services and the Board of County Commissioners
23 requesting denial of the Kittitas Valley Wind
24 Power Project.

25 I would request at this time for the

1 official record that those letters signed by
2 myself be removed from the record and my official
3 position for the record be listed as neutral.

4 Although I cannot legally speak for my
5 brother George, I informed him this afternoon of
6 my decision to take a neutral position, as he was
7 traveling on a business trip in Montana, and he
8 had no objection to my position. God bless our
9 brother Bobby. We always attempt to do what's
10 best for him.

11 I now place my trust and confidence in the
12 integrity and knowledge of you three members of
13 the Board of County Commissioners to make the
14 final decision for the common good of the people
15 of Kittitas County. I respectfully thank you for
16 the opportunity to speak here this evening.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you, Richard.

19 There is one item that I meant to do
20 housekeeping-wise. We did receive a couple of
21 correspondences earlier today regarding one of
22 our staff members was given a cup of coffee
23 yesterday, and you get so familiar with people
24 that we didn't -- I didn't see it happen and
25 nobody thought much of it, but it was noted by

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1 the public and requested that we mention that
2 today.

3 As commissioners I guess I would hope that
4 people understand that a cup of coffee doesn't
5 buy a vote on this county commission. Also did
6 inform the person involved that we just wouldn't
7 be doing that any further. So just for the
8 record I wanted to make sure that was out there.

9 That takes us to Charles Holtz. I don't see
10 Charles.

11 Greg Harrington?

12 Kathy Schumaker? Or "Shoe-maker"?

13 Joseph Powell?

14 Mark Schober?

15 Judith Kleck?

16 Debbie Boddy, B-o-d-d-y?

17 Desmond Knudson? Is he not here yet?

18 MR. DANA PECK: He wanted me to -- he said
19 that he might be running a little late.

20 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: And that's it for last
21 night. Did anybody bring my list for tonight?

22 Okay, I have Rob Boddy, but he noted not to
23 testify; is that still correct?

24 MS. DEBBIE BODDY: I'm Debbie Boddy.

25 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay. I think I just

1 called your name, so why don't --

2 MS. DEBBIE BODDY: Do you want me to wait --

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: If you're ready --

4 MS. DEBBIE BODDY: Call the next person and
5 then I'll --

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, perfect, thank you.
7 Elizabeth Robertson?

8 MS. ELIZABETH ROBERTSON: My name is
9 Elizabeth Robertson. My husband and I live at
10 4101 Bettas Road, Cle Elum. I'd like to read my
11 prepared statement.

12 Our home is located approximately 1200 feet
13 from proposed A1. After listening to last
14 night's testimony, I got the feeling that our
15 patriotism, lifestyle, and so-called "green"
16 credentials were on trial just by living next to
17 this proposed project.

18 We bought our 20 acres eight years ago.
19 Five years ago we went through the county
20 permitting process that allowed us to build our
21 home. We were not aware of a wind farm being
22 proposed in our back yard at that time.

23 My husband is employed by a company on the
24 west side and the money he makes is, for the most
25 part, spent in Kittitas County. Although we

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1 could use a local Costco in order to spend more
2 money here. He commutes a couple times a week in
3 a Volkswagen diesel that gets 45 miles to the
4 gallon and is running on biodiesel.

5 We do not have school-aged children, we do
6 not attach to the city of Ellensburg water supply
7 or sewer system. We built our own access road,
8 drilled our own well, and put in our septic
9 system using local contractors.

10 We do not raise animals on our land, if you
11 don't count the bluebirds and the kestrels that
12 every year use the nesting boxes we put up. We
13 don't let our dogs run free.

14 We control noxious weeds on our property and
15 have even ordered special weevils from WSU to
16 control knap weed intrusions from neighboring
17 properties. We turn our lights off at night so
18 as not to disturb wildlife in a natural corridor
19 on our land and to conserve energy. We don't
20 have the mercury vapor lights. We do pay
21 significant county taxes.

22 We relied on the county Planning Department
23 to determine that there was, in fact, enough
24 water available in that area and that our land
25 was capable of supporting our septic system.

1 This is their job. And if growth becomes a
2 problem in these areas, they will undoubtedly
3 limit future home building permits.

4 The siting of a wind farm is just another
5 land-use decision. We are not here tonight to
6 save the planet. If this project is denied for
7 this site, it doesn't mean it can't be built at a
8 more compatible site.

9 In closing, I find it hard to believe that
10 the experts who work in the wind industry, some
11 of whom were heard last night, seem to be unaware
12 of the real impacts associated with these
13 projects.

14 As a transplanted Englishwoman with family
15 still in the U.K., I can assure you that the rosy
16 picture painted of wind turbines in the English
17 countryside is completely false. In fact, it
18 appears that the country will have to revive
19 their aging nuclear industry to meet their carbon
20 reduction targets.

21 Wind power has its uses but it should not be
22 sited around people's homes. Please deny this
23 project application. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. Next let's see,
25 Ms. Boddy made it in, so let me go back and --

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1 it's going to be Debbie Boddy, if I pronounced it
2 correctly.

3 MS. DEBBIE BODDY: Yes. Thank you.

4 Well, these are trying times in our Kittitas
5 County. And my name is Debbie Boddy. I live on
6 790 Dudley Road. I do not live on Highway 97; I
7 live off the Thorp Highway and Highway 10. These
8 turbines will reside directly above my home
9 within, I don't know, a half a mile, my husband
10 has determined. So they will loom over our home
11 on the Yakima River.

12 I guess today a picture is worth a thousand
13 words, so I'm going to give you a handout. I'll
14 let the pictures talk for themselves, mostly, so
15 I'll try to make this very brief.

16 Your charge is to make a recommendation to
17 the governor of this state, so I would like you,
18 as a message to the governor, relay a few things.

19 No. 1. Kittitas County supports wind farm
20 development. You have proven it through the Wild
21 Horse wind farm project. It was the right
22 project and the right place. So for people to
23 say you don't support it is wrong, and you have
24 plenty of proof of that fact.

25 No. 2. And this was something important,

1 new from my last testimony. I looked at the
2 Swift Water Scenic Byway, and that was part of
3 your draft Environmental Impact Statement that
4 was part -- that was going to be impacted by this
5 wind farm as well as the Mountain to Sound scenic
6 byway, the John Wayne Trail, and of course the
7 Swauk Creek Nature Conservancy. Many other areas
8 as well.

9 I found the Swift Water Corridor vision,
10 which that was the part I managed to get a copy.
11 The County obviously has this record, because it
12 was developed by the County with the local
13 residents. This was done in 1997. Not only with
14 the local residents of Thorp and Cle Elum, but
15 also with Washington State Department of
16 Transportation, the U.S. Forest Service.

17 But I included a few excerpts from this just
18 as a reminder to you that a vision has already
19 been declared for this land use on Highway 10 and
20 in the Thorp community. And it ties very much to
21 the Mountains to Sound Scenic Byway.

22 I'd like you as you consider this to review
23 your vision that was already established. Again,
24 a vision that looks at rural communities,
25 preserving rural communities, preserving your

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1 scenic and the beauty of the Yakima River Canyon
2 and so on.

3 I want the message to be stated Kittitas
4 County supports the Washington state tourism and
5 the scenic byway industry as proven by some of
6 the websites. Historic Ellensburg, the scenic
7 hub of the Pacific Northwest.

8 Again, we promote that scenic corridor in
9 our valley and recognize it at an integral part
10 of our tourism industry.

11 I believe that Kittitas County, through this
12 decision, will help maintain the standard for
13 wind farm development, not only in our county but
14 in the state. And be sure that the governor
15 understands what that standard is that you're
16 setting.

17 I believe that wind farm industry does not
18 belong near rural, prime residential areas or
19 communities like Thorp. I believe the wind farm
20 industry does not belong in scenic byways, scenic
21 byways to include the scenic Yakima River
22 Corridor on State Highway 10.

23 This, again, the photo that I gave you, look
24 at these photos; because if you look at those,
25 those turbines will be exactly above those old,

1 dry, dusty hills looking down on the Yakima
2 River.

3 The wind farm industry does not belong in
4 prime recreational and tourist industries or
5 areas. The Yakima River scenic corridor, again,
6 it's been quoted and promoted by fly fishing
7 industries and, of course, the real adventure,
8 river rafting, not to mention all the university
9 students that float that river. But it's also
10 known as the finest fly fishing and family
11 rafting in the United States.

12 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: One minute.

13 MS. DEBBIE BODDY: Okay, real quick, look at
14 the mountain on that particular excerpt. Wind
15 farms would sit right above it. Again, it does
16 not belong in the John Wayne Trail or adjacent to
17 it.

18 And the scenic -- to say yes to Horizon, for
19 the governor to say yes to Horizon is to say --
20 it's to make our scenic byways vulnerable to the
21 wind farm development.

22 Again, take a look at our state designated
23 scenic byways. To say yes to Horizon means that
24 wind turbines can be built in rural residential
25 communities and prime real estate properties.

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1 Think about that for a minute. What about
2 the community of Kittitas? If Thorp falls
3 victim, Kittitas, places like Thrall Road, Wilson
4 Creek, Manastash, and so on.

5 I also believe if you say yes, the next
6 company that comes along and wants turbines, if
7 you don't like the location, if you say that you
8 don't like the location because it's too close to
9 Kittitas, you've already set a precedent and it
10 opens a liability issue for being able to deny
11 wind farms in other prime areas in our valley.
12 Please be sure that the governor is aware of that
13 as well. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. Takes us to
15 Mike Robertson; said he didn't want to testify?

16 MR. MIKE ROBERTSON: I testified last night.

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: That's right; I thought
18 your name was familiar.

19 And Catherine also did last night.

20 And Jeb did last night.

21 Michael -- I'm not going to pronounce the
22 last name; he said he didn't want to testify.
23 Tom Burke didn't want to testify.

24 Geoff Sanders? Or Saunders?

25 MR. GEOFF SAUNDERS: Saunders. Good

1 evening. Geoff Saunders. My home is at 8241 Elk
2 Springs Road.

3 I don't presume to tell you how to do your
4 jobs, but Horizon is trying very hard to change
5 the subject, and I ask that you stay focused on
6 what's important about this issue, which is
7 location. Nothing else.

8 Horizon's tried to make this about almost
9 anything else except location, and I'd like to
10 take a couple minutes to remind you about what
11 this is not about.

12 This is not about saving the earth. We've
13 heard from their attorney yesterday that this is
14 about saving the environment and that ordinary
15 people in this county should accept a loss to do
16 the right thing for the earth.

17 Wind farms may or may not be a good thing,
18 and none of us here I think are really qualified
19 to say one way or the other. But this is about
20 where to locate this particular wind farm. This
21 is obviously not the only part of the country,
22 the county, or the state where wind farms can be
23 built. The question is, is it an appropriate
24 location?

25 Attorneys who tell us that we should accept

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1 this project in this location with all the
2 accompanying property value loss and damage for
3 the good of the earth are trying to mislead you.

4 Zilkha officials made billions in oil
5 exploration before they discovered that wind
6 farms are even more lucrative than oil. Selim
7 Zilkha is listed by Forbes as one of the richest
8 men in the company.

9 Then the Zilkhas sold their company to
10 Goldman Sachs to form Horizon, and I don't think
11 Goldman Sachs bought the company to save the
12 earth. I think they bought this because this is
13 a very lucrative investment. So why are we being
14 asked to accept a loss to make these companies
15 richer?

16 Horizon is quick to tell us that wind power
17 is a rapidly growing area, that hundreds of new
18 wind farms are being built each year. Yet they
19 want you to believe that this spot on Highway 97
20 is the only possible place that a wind farm can
21 be built. Does that make sense to you? It
22 doesn't make any sense to me.

23 Another thing this is not about is tax
24 revenue. We heard yesterday that this is about
25 the tax revenue that the county will get, and we

1 heard a long list of numbers from Horizon's
2 attorney about what schools and fire departments
3 will get if you approve this project.

4 Well, I haven't seen any official numbers
5 from the county and I wonder if there are any
6 yet. And without official numbers, the numbers
7 that Horizon is throwing about mean nothing and
8 must not be part of your decision.

9 But if you are going to consider tax
10 revenue, then you also need to consider the
11 devaluation of a thousand properties, the loss of
12 tourist revenue, and the way that this enormous
13 project will slow growth in the county because
14 people will be less likely to move here.

15 Horizon actually tells that you that this
16 project will result in fewer homes being built,
17 as though this were a good thing. They admit
18 that it will cause growth in this county to slow.

19 And another very important thing to remember
20 on the subject of taxes is that if you decide
21 that there is a better location in this county
22 for this wind farm, a remote area where the
23 project is welcomed, like Whiskey Dick, then the
24 county will get whatever tax revenue there is to
25 be had, if there is any. Once again, the issue

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1 is location.

2 And the last thing that this is not about is
3 a choice between houses and wind farms. We heard
4 a lot about that yesterday. I'm sure you find it
5 ironic, as I do, that this developer, Horizon, is
6 arguing you should accept its project to prevent
7 other housing developers from building their
8 projects. That sounds a little hypocritical to
9 me.

10 And look at this logic. They're telling
11 that you a wind farm will make the area so ugly
12 and noisy that it will be unsuitable for housing.
13 Their argument is that we should destroy the area
14 to save it. That makes no sense to me. And if
15 Horizon is correct that this project will keep
16 houses away, then it will also keep tourists
17 away; and tourists are a vital part of this
18 county's economy.

19 The decision you're making is about one
20 thing: location. Wind farms are not currently
21 permitted by county law in this location. The
22 reason that so many people have written to the
23 County, so many people have shown up to these
24 meetings over the last four yours and testified,
25 and so many people have written to the newspapers

1 is because most people think Highway 97 would be
2 the worst possible place for this project.

3 One more thing. I'm sure you've noticed
4 that there are EnXco executives in the back of
5 this room. You denied their project and they
6 sued you. Now they're here to see if you approve
7 this project. Because if you do, they will argue
8 that you're being inconsistent. And they'd be
9 right. You must deny this project for the same
10 reason that you denied EnXco's project, which is
11 only one mile from Horizon's proposed project.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

14 Next is Terri Perry?

15 MS. THERESA PETREY: That's me, Terri
16 Petrey.

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: That's right. I knew I
18 wasn't saying that one right.

19 MS. THERESA PETREY: Thank you for the
20 opportunity once again to address you. Last
21 night I told you that I'd send you an e-mail, but
22 it's been a busy day and preparing the document,
23 I decided to come on in.

24 A couple things. I have supported all of
25 the wind projects in this valley. I support PSE

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1 in its efforts. I support the Zilkha family and
2 its efforts. I support Goldman Sachs and its
3 purchase of the Zilkha wind farm projects to
4 become Horizon Wind Energy. And I support EnXco,
5 including its executives in the back of the room.

6 I am here because I'm a member of this
7 community for three and a half years. I didn't
8 come here because I wanted to be here; I came
9 here because I had to come here. As I've stated
10 before, I came here under unfortunate
11 circumstances and had a chance to live as a
12 member of the working class. A member of one one
13 of the families in town that has to struggle.

14 My circumstances have recently changed a bit
15 and I've been able to purchase a home in town, so
16 I'm now a property owner and really can't
17 represent that 60 to 70 percent of the
18 unrepresented rental population in this
19 discussion.

20 I do have children. I'm a married person.
21 I have a family of five residing here right now.
22 They include a 24-year-old son who's a WSU
23 nursing student. I have a 13-year-old at Morton
24 Middle School and a 7-year-old at Mt. Stuart.

25 I've heavily involved myself in the

1 community for a number of reasons. One of those
2 reasons is I've seen economic struggle here at
3 all levels. It's a community that was desperate
4 a couple of years ago, desperate-looking
5 downtown. I'm not the only person that rallied
6 to the effort. I finally had to face the fact
7 that I could make a difference here in the kind
8 of personal choices that I made.

9 So I got involved in the community, looking
10 for ways to help drive tourism here. That was
11 something I could do by engaging in the
12 Ellensburg Film Festival. Took a lot of work, a
13 lot of effort. Paid off. And 68 people devoted
14 themselves to helping me on that project.

15 Personally the choice that I made was that I
16 was going to try to spend every cent that I could
17 in this community. And to do that, I have to go
18 out of my way. I bought all my Christmas
19 presents here this year. Maybe not the things I
20 would have had first priority, but I made sure
21 that those dollars stayed in this community so
22 they could turn and have the multiplier effect.

23 I go buy bread from Vinman's bakery. It's
24 actually a little cheaper than the kind of bread
25 that I was buying at Fred Meyer, but I can be

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1 assured that those dollars stay in this
2 community, because it helps develop this
3 community economically.

4 I buy my ice cream at Winegar's through the
5 drive-through. I encourage all of to you support
6 those local businesses who have invested their
7 hard-earned dollars.

8 I spent the last week and a half in southern
9 California, San Diego, Los Angeles, and the
10 southern San Joaquin Valley. I want to tell you
11 that things have not improved there, and we see
12 the kind of development that we are seeing in the
13 foothills in the valley here, even in the
14 southern San Joaquin Valley's prime farmland,
15 Tahahn Ranch is now up for development.

16 You cannot move about in Los Angeles on the
17 freeways even at one o'clock in the afternoon
18 without encountering massive traffic. It's our
19 choice to make right decisions now.

20 I think that the most compelling testimony
21 that we heard last night came from Catherine
22 Clerf, who is a fourth-generation resident of the
23 valley, who talked about the sacrifices that were
24 made to build the Wanapum Dam. I don't know if
25 those properties were freely given or if they

1 were taken. I don't know if the property that
2 became the Yakima Firing Range was freely given
3 or it was taken. She mentioned that the
4 compensation wasn't there.

5 What we have here is a situation where we
6 don't have any proof of any property loss values
7 in this area. We have a lot of bad science that
8 comes through, a lot of incorrect information
9 gleaned from the internet that's used as evidence
10 in these hearings.

11 I am sure the applicant has provided you
12 with some good solid testimony. You've had
13 experts from Department of Natural Resources
14 here.

15 And it's important to make good choices,
16 make the right choices, even if they're not easy.
17 And I encourage you to get in the fight and fight
18 for the economic future of this county. Thank
19 you. And I'm going to leave with you a summery
20 of my testimony to pass here.

21 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Let's see, next one is
22 Gloria Lindstrom, who testified last night.

23 James Carmody?

24 MR. JAMES CARMODY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 My name is James Carmody. My address is 405 East

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1 Lincoln. I've been before you and I've
2 represented Residents Opposed to Kittitas
3 Turbines from the inception of this process, all
4 the way back to the creation and drafting of the
5 ordinance that you will be applying in this
6 proceeding.

7 I've testified far too many times, spent far
8 too many hours here, but it's an important
9 decision for you; and more importantly, it's an
10 important decision for the residents in this
11 community.

12 As a starting proposition and one of the
13 concerns that I have on this was registered in
14 some of the questions that were asked by you, and
15 that is what really is the project? After all
16 these hours of hearing, all these discussions,
17 what in the world is the project?

18 We're told that it's 80 turbines, but I
19 don't see anyplace in any material a layout with
20 80 turbines. This (indicating) was pointed to as
21 the example of what was changed about it. But
22 take a substantive look at that. It doesn't
23 change a thing from the original. They put a
24 ceiling of 80, but the turbine strings are in the
25 same locations, run the same distances, have the

1 potential of impacting properties just as the
2 first one did.

3 They don't tell you where the turbines are
4 going to be. If you count the turbines on that,
5 it's 64 turbines. That was what was the basis
6 for the aesthetic analysis, all that was before
7 you. We have no idea where the turbines are
8 going to be. All we know is that there are
9 strings and there's a maximum of 80. You can put
10 them in any one of the strings or all of the
11 strings. So we don't even know where the project
12 is from the beginning.

13 I'm struck in part by the comments earlier
14 about who was here. Because who is here watching
15 this hearing last night were the EnXco
16 representatives, Mr. Steeb and the others. And
17 why are they here? Because you denied Desert
18 Claim and they've filed an action proceeding
19 before EFSEC to tip over the local decision-
20 making process.

21 And that process will be successful and
22 preemption applied if this decision is made in a
23 manner different than what was applied in Wild
24 Horse and in Desert Claim.

25 Also here tonight is Mr. Peeples. He's been

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1 here through the entire process. He hasn't
2 spoken to you, but his role is to represent
3 Zilkha and Horizon in the EFSEC proceedings.
4 They want to preempt this decision-making
5 process, and this is the only opportunity this
6 community has to make their voice heard and have
7 their voice be a matter in the land use planning
8 process.

9 And that's why we asked the Planning
10 Commission and ask you to deny this project,
11 because it's the only opportunity. The fight is
12 a long fight ahead. We've already spent time in
13 the Superior Court with Judge Cooper over Desert
14 Claim, and he concluded that the decision the
15 County made was proper and that the basis of
16 denial was proper. And each of those standards
17 apply in this case even more significantly.

18 Take a comparison of Wild Horse, Desert
19 Claim, and Kittitas Valley. And take a look at
20 the factors that became important in each of
21 those: Proximity of residents, interfacing
22 problems associated with that, whether it be
23 shadow flicker, property value, noise, magnitude
24 of the project. Each of them is magnified in
25 this particular project.

1 The impacts in relationships are more
2 significant in this corridor than they were for
3 Desert Claim, and clearly Wild Horse was a proper
4 decision. There were no residential impacts,
5 there were no aesthetic impacts.

6 Take the fact that this sits on a scenic
7 highway at the foot of Mt. Stewart, and what does
8 that mean to the valley? When I grew up here,
9 Mt. Stuart was a focal point. That's what people
10 would think. If I drove over the hill coming in
11 tonight and I saw that, that is what this
12 community is about.

13 Think about what wind farms do to
14 communities. State Line; what do you think
15 about? You think about wind machines. You don't
16 think about all the houses that are there.
17 Preserve that, make that an important part.

18 We have heard -- we have heard about
19 property values. And Geoff Saunders' comments
20 were right. Location is the issue. But there's
21 all kind of talk about you haven't been given
22 information on property values, but think about
23 the record that you have and who testified.

24 Colleen Anderson, Roger Weaver, the only
25 local realtors, testified as to the property

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1 value diminution. That is a fact. Just use your
2 common sense. You put 80 forty-story towers in a
3 vicinity, you are going to kill values. And
4 that's just common sense.

5 You've been told that there's economic
6 benefits associated with this project. Those
7 economic benefits don't flow from the location;
8 they flow from a project. Those benefits can be
9 had in a proper location. Wild Horse'll bring
10 that. Diminution of values will reduce your
11 taxes.

12 Erin Anderson last night waved Senate
13 Bill 6141 in front of you and told you that it
14 was going to generate significant -- hundreds of
15 thousands of dollars of new tax revenues to you.
16 Read the bill, because it has nothing to do with
17 that. It doesn't generate one additional tax
18 dollar.

19 These projects are taxed as personal
20 property or real property, and those dollars come
21 to you. All this does is -- all this does is
22 covers your base on your levy base. So we would
23 urge you to set this aside.

24 The last quick comment I would like to
25 make -- and I apologize for the time -- is I've

1 been involved in wind farm projects, I've
2 represented them. This is not the only place
3 this has happened. There are five projects,
4 three of which are approved in Klickitat County.
5 Benton County, Walla Walla County all have
6 projects. You have Wild Horse here. There is
7 not a need for that. So all the argument about
8 it saving the environment, ending coverage on
9 petroleum needs aren't present, and you have no
10 fact to support that.

11 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

12 I have Douglas MacArthur here, but I do
13 believe he testified last night, so I'll skip
14 past that. If you have written testimony, you
15 can certainly hand that to our clerk.

16 That takes me to the end of the list in
17 front of me. So I'll have my clerk go ahead and
18 check by the door again, and I'll go back through
19 again last night's and see if some folks have
20 come into the room.

21 Charles Holtz, H-o-l-t-z? He doesn't appear
22 to be here.

23 Greg Harrington? Not here.

24 Kathy "Shoe-maker" or "Shoe-mocker"? Not
25 here.

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1 Joseph Powell? Not here.

2 Mark Schober. I don't see Mark.

3 Judith Kleck?

4 Takes me down to Desmond Knudson, who I see
5 is here.

6 MR. DESMOND KNUDSON: Desmond Knudson, 1661
7 Vantage Highway, Ellensburg, Washington. I
8 represent myself and my company.

9 I'm going to start off by I've taken these
10 pictures recently of the project site. I've
11 taken a few days to make a scaled model that's
12 back there over in the corner by that wind tower,
13 which is also scaled to the wind towers which are
14 to be -- two scale models of the transmission
15 towers that are already out there. You guys are
16 about a half a mile away. That's what you'll
17 see. When I'm up there and I'm standing a half
18 mile away from the towers, that's what I'm seeing
19 down there.

20 That picture there is looking up towards the
21 mountains. That's the mountains in Kittitas
22 Valley. As you can see, you don't even see
23 Mt. Stuart because I'm -- I'm kind of above that
24 area.

25 Another shot looking north. I purposely

1 took this from a few miles away to see if there's
2 any homes in the photo. I don't see any.

3 Another faraway shot. This is looking down
4 towards the Manastash Ridge.

5 Another shot. This would be the northeast
6 corner of the proposed site looking, again,
7 towards town.

8 Another site looking from the southeast
9 looking up north. Again, the big scale is to
10 look for homes.

11 And this is the famous Elk Springs Road from
12 the BPA north line looking down towards town.
13 Unfortunately that road's in that condition
14 because some of the property owners didn't want
15 it fixed. You know, if these wind towers were
16 there, we'd have road money budget; that would be
17 fixed. Even though that is a private road.

18 There's a wind tower on Hopkin Ridge shot
19 from the county road, which means I wasn't that
20 far away, but that's 750 feet away. We have
21 testimony from Mark Holloway last night saying
22 at that distance he could not tell the difference
23 between the blades going around and the
24 background wind. I was there with him, stood
25 right next to him, and I have to concur with

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1 that.

2 There's what you see a quarter mile away.
3 Yes, folks, these things are big. Don't get me
4 wrong. We're harvesting wind, we're not mowing
5 grass. There are plenty of safety factors built
6 into this thing. If they fall over, they fall
7 over.

8 Most importantly, remember, folks, this is
9 range -- Forest and Range land; this is not urban
10 land. I don't see any of the people here that
11 are testifying against running down to Community
12 Development Services to file for a rezone to
13 Urban, to Rural, to Rural-20, to Rural 3, 5. Oh,
14 no, they stay in the Forest and Range land.

15 And I believe I have a copy of that that
16 I'll read into the record. But since I've only
17 got a minute left, I'll read past that.

18 Here's the benefits: 30K annually in
19 royalties rent to landowners. 1.8 million
20 annually in tax revenues. These things put in a
21 dollar and take out 25 cents. They don't need
22 police, they don't need firemen, and they need
23 very little emergency service. Unlike
24 residential; they put in a dollar and take out a
25 dollar twenty-five. That is a proven fact, and I

1 have the records with me which I will submit to
2 your clerk.

3 These models of these towers are not 1980,
4 not 1990. They're 2005. A lot has changed since
5 then. Bird kills are little if not none.
6 Hopkins Ridge, one of the engineers who worked at
7 Altamont Pass told me man, that was bad. But
8 they've had three kills in four months and they
9 were starlings.

10 Thank you very much, and I'll hand in the
11 rest of my testimony.

12 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

13 And that is the end of the list from last
14 night that I have. When I do get through the
15 list of sign-ups tonight, I will ask if there's
16 anyone else, so don't feel you'll be left out if
17 you haven't heard your name in case I skipped
18 somebody errantly.

19 Next on the list is Jill Kuhn.

20 MS. JILL KUHN: My name is Jill Kuhn, 607
21 North Okanogan, Kittitas.

22 Commissioners, what has it been, four or
23 five years of meetings, letter writings, debates?
24 Don't you think the time for debate is over?
25 This proposed wind farm is not compatible with

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1 the Comprehensive Plan, nor the zoning. More so,
2 it is not compatible with Kittitas Valley, the
3 community, and the environment.

4 The outcry from the community has been
5 consistent. No. That should be the end of the
6 debate. I own 70 acres in this proposed site,
7 and a couple weeks ago I was contacted by a local
8 realty company. And they said that how desirable
9 land was off of 97 and that they would be more
10 than happy to list my property. Well, once I
11 told them that my area would be surrounded by
12 wind farms, they decided that they would take
13 back their offer and they wouldn't list my
14 property.

15 The last thing I can say, I mean, we have
16 gone over and over the same information, and it
17 comes down to one thing, and that is location.
18 And the majority of people in this county have
19 said no, and that is what the commissioners
20 should go with and that is what the State has to
21 adhere to.

22 And in closing, may I say that I hope if the
23 commissioners vote in favor of this proposal that
24 they certainly have investment with the Goldman
25 Sachs investment company, who are now the owners

1 of Zilkha, because they will not have an
2 investment in this community. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

4 Next is Skip Littlefield.

5 MR. SKIP LITTLEFIELD: Well, number one, I
6 would like to say that I'm opposed to this
7 project and it's all about location. We had no
8 opposition to the project out in Kittitas, and --
9 but we are opposed to this because of the
10 location and the residents in the area.

11 And I would like you to respect the Planning
12 Commission's opinion that they opposed it
13 unanimously. And I think you should respect
14 that. We have a Planning Commission for one
15 reason: to present you with a guide.

16 And as far as Desi Knudson's presentation,
17 he neglected to turn around and let the viewing
18 audience look at his photos. He let you look at
19 them but we had no idea what he was -- what you
20 were looking at. And I don't think that's right.

21 As far as why don't the residents up there
22 or even property owners up there want to
23 subdivide, maybe they don't want 5-acre plots.
24 Maybe they don't want 10-acre plots. They want
25 50-acres plots for a reason. They bought for a

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1 reason; they want to keep that it way.

2 And in conclusion, I just want to say that I
3 think you should recognize the Planning
4 Commission, and most of the testimony that you've
5 heard is against this project, and thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you.

7 The next person on the list is Charles --
8 Charlie Schantz, but he said he didn't want to
9 testify.

10 And then Butch Hauens didn't want to
11 testify.

12 Next is Edna Fry.

13 MS. EDNA FRY: Hello. My name is Edna Fry.
14 My address is Post Office Box 1736, Ellensburg.

15 I have huge files that I have spent the last
16 four years collecting on wind turbines until I
17 could scream. And I decided to condense them
18 down into two papers. I have files full of
19 information on wind turbines. I find it hard to
20 believe; common sense tells us that if someone
21 says no, we don't want them in a certain place,
22 that should speak volumes.

23 I found an article on my computer that was
24 put together by Christopher Booker: Wind power
25 is one of the great self-deceiving fantasies of

1 our age. Landscapes are important. Industrial
2 wind turbines are monsters that have no place in
3 treasured views. This comes from a botanist.

4 David Bellamy: Besides blighting the
5 landscape, they work only about a quarter of the
6 time, as the wind is blowing too hard or not
7 enough.

8 The suggested solar power is more
9 environmentally friendly and needs to be
10 subsidized. Why is it the people for these
11 monsters believe the power will stay here? Wild
12 Horse has already sold for use on the west side.

13 Wake up. Once this land's destroyed, it's
14 forever gone. How many of the people for these
15 white elephants are actually wanting them built
16 in their back yard where they obtrude 24/7?

17 The peace and quiet we enjoy have no room
18 for these monsters. I prefer bird songs over
19 whomping noises. Please vote no. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

21 Next is Mr. Peterson; I believe it's Robert
22 Peterson.

23 MR. ROBERT PETERSON: I'm Bob Peterson, and
24 I live at 1736 in Ellensburg.

25 I just recently called down to the Planning

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1 Commission down there and found out there's
2 226,000 square miles in Kittitas County. And you
3 should be able to find someplace to put these
4 wind turbines.

5 I really don't like to have the wind
6 turbines around, period. It's really nice to
7 look at Mt. Stuart and so forth. I grew up in
8 Duluth, Minnesota. We don't have mountains, we
9 got hills. When you look at the mountain range,
10 it's really beautiful over here.

11 I hope you guys can find another way to --
12 if you have to have them, put them in a place
13 that doesn't affect the people's way of living.
14 We were here first before the wind turbines.

15 I would like to see you look at some
16 solar -- the solar panel. I think I talked to
17 Dave about that before, and that every house in
18 Ellensburg or Kittitas County should have a solar
19 panel on it, and that would help. I don't know
20 if you did a study on it; I think you did, but I
21 don't know what the results are.

22 But anyway, that's all I'd like to say.
23 Thanks.

24 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

25 And for the record, Bob came by and told me

1 about that about mid last summer. It was about
2 the same time that Governor Schwarzenegger
3 mentioned it down in California, actually a week
4 before, so he was a visionary at that particular
5 time.

6 That is the end of the list in front of me.
7 And I don't know if anybody else signed up since
8 I got this list.

9 Come on up and introduce yourself, please.
10 Mr. Whitaker.

11 MR. HARRY WHITAKER: My name's Harry
12 Whitaker. I live at 3411 Look Road.

13 And I just wanted to say I'm opposed to this
14 project in this location. I'm in favor of wind
15 power, but I think for Ellensburg, for Kittitas
16 Valley, for the future here of the people who've
17 already built and plan to build, there's a better
18 place for it. Thanks.

19 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

20 Mr. Piercy, is there anybody else on the
21 list over there?

22 MR. DARRYL PIERCY: No.

23 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I see Mr. Garrett
24 scribbling madly over there, though, so I'm
25 assuming he wants to speak here.

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1 Mr. Garrett, you didn't testify last night,
2 did you?

3 MR. ED GARRETT: No. I was too busy taking
4 notes.

5 My name's Ed Garrett. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to comment before you on this
7 project. I represent myself and my wife,
8 Rosemary Monaghan.

9 Much has been said about this project along
10 Highway 97 over the past few years. There's an
11 extensive and voluminous public record.

12 I'm loathe to repeat it, but we own property
13 on the eastern border of this proposed project on
14 Cricklewood Lane. Our plans of building have
15 been on hold now for four years. I have seen the
16 ever-changing maps that show Horizon -- where
17 they plan to -- intend to place turbines within
18 hundreds of feet from our property, but exactly
19 how many and exactly where they're going to be,
20 it's a moving target. And we've heard
21 controversies about the number of turbines.

22 Would you continue with your future plans
23 based on this type of uncertainty? Horizon
24 continues to ignore me, as well as my six
25 neighbors who collectively own 320 acres on the

1 border of this proposed project.

2 The issues over tax benefit to the county
3 have been brought up, but that's not the real
4 issue. The issue is really over siting. Bottom
5 line is there are other areas in the county as
6 well as in this state that can support wind
7 power. The tax base would be the same locally
8 wherever they are placed.

9 The BOCC's goals should be to responsibly
10 site an industrial wind size -- industrial-sized
11 wind farm where it will have the least effect on
12 neighboring landowners. The criteria used in
13 Wild Horse project is an example of an ideal
14 placement of a project of this suggested
15 magnitude:

16 No. 1. Large land mass owned by one or two
17 persons.

18 2. No residences or landowners for at least
19 a mile from the project area.

20 3. They preferably buy up the land for the
21 project area.

22 4. There is a secure buyer for the power
23 produced that could be used locally.

24 And that the project met little opposition.

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1 none of this criteria. There are landowners
2 trapped within the project area, and what are
3 they supposed to do? There are literally
4 thousands of parcels within a mile bordering this
5 project area under private ownership that will be
6 affected.

7 Horizon has no buyer to come forward, so
8 they can't say that the power produced is going
9 to be used locally. To make matters worse, they
10 have taken the approval process out of your hands
11 and ran to the State hoping to preempt the
12 County. They would prefer to force this project
13 under the pretense, as Chris Taylor said before
14 in the past, this is the only place in the county
15 for a wind farm; let the governor decide.

16 We know this is a lie; why else would Wild
17 Horse and Desert Claim projects have been
18 proposed?

19 Siting of wind power is the real issue.
20 It's not about taxing agencies and who will get
21 what. That's just the red herring. You are
22 tasked to look at Kittitas County and decide what
23 is best for all, not just for the few.

24 Residential development is growing, as it
25 was stated by Darryl Piercy about the number of

1 building permits being applied for in 2005. He
2 also added in a Daily Record article recently
3 that many new applicants will not draw on public
4 resources such as school, sewer, fire protection,
5 as most are retirees.

6 An area that hasn't been discussed yet that
7 I wanted to bring up is we've heard Elk Springs
8 Road, Cricklewood Lane. Not much has been said
9 about Ellensburg Ranches Road. I took a little
10 tour up there today and gathered some
11 information. That area is within a mile of the
12 project, and it's actually this area right in
13 here (indicating), is Ellensburg Ranches up in
14 there.

15 There are currently 43 landowners with
16 64 parcels. Most of all are sold. A lot of
17 these were bought in 1999 and 2000. So I gave
18 you a list of the current owners of those
19 properties out there.

20 I counted on the map here and when I went up
21 there today 27 residences already established up
22 on that road all the way up to Highway 10.

23 Also we'll give to you a copy of a parcel
24 map which shows everything's parceled out. What
25 you've been led to believe in some of these areas

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1 is that this is large land masses used for
2 raising cattle, used for agricultural uses,
3 whatever.

4 This area up there is not used for that at
5 all. It's been already established as a rural
6 residential area with parcels down -- about 12.5
7 acres each on all these. And again, this was
8 done before the wind farm proposal in 2000.

9 So I'll have you look over that, so that
10 just adds to the insult of residences being
11 established in that area already being changed.
12 No one's losing any grants to farms up there.

13 My wife and I urge you to concur with the
14 Planning Commissioners' Findings of Fact and
15 Conclusions of Law. This project is proposed in
16 an inappropriate location and should be denied.
17 You have to make the decision.

18 Will it be responsible growth by taxpaying
19 landowners or will it be an industrial wasteland
20 by a company who still can't say how many
21 turbines they want placed and where, thereby
22 shutting down Kittitas County's future growth.
23 This is your choice. Please think thoroughly and
24 vote wisely. The future of the county and its
25 residents is riding on your decision. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. With that, I'm
2 going to give my reporter a break. And we'll
3 take -- go ahead and make it ten minutes so you
4 can get relieved there.

5 (A break was taken.)

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: As I was sitting here
7 looking at who was in the room, I saw
8 Mr. Johnston and realized I probably left out a
9 declaration that was in the newspaper today. He
10 contacted me about 6:40 this morning, asking how
11 the wind farm hearing went last night; and I told
12 him we wrapped up around 10:40 and that the
13 testimony continued about the same pattern as it
14 had earlier in the evening when he was here.

15 So I thought I should probably make that
16 declaration. And as always, you see me visiting
17 with staff occasionally; it's all about process.

18 So with that said, is there anybody here who
19 objects to my continued sitting on this hearing?

20 Seeing no one, we'll go ahead and continue.

21 Had three people sign up during the break.
22 Roger Clerf would be first.

23 MR. ROGER CLERF: Good evening. My name is
24 Roger Clerf. I live in the Upper Peoh Point Road
25 in the Cle Elum area. I'm speaking in favor of

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1 the wind farm.

2 We have attended many hearings concerning
3 wind farms. It's been going on now about five
4 years. And I'm sure Perry Huston at least has
5 the calluses to prove it.

6 We've heard a lot of information in the last
7 two nights, but I don't think anything really new
8 has been presented. We all recognize that this
9 country has a need for new energy sources.
10 President Bush encouraged us -- encourages us to
11 use and develop renewable energy sources and all
12 types and all manners and as soon as possible to
13 reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

14 But I would like to stress a couple points
15 here tonight that have not been emphasized quite
16 enough, I don't think. And one thing is that
17 this is a private property issue. If a man has
18 good farmland, he can farm it, grow crops,
19 harvest crops, sell the crops, and gain economic
20 benefit from farming.

21 If he has rocky, hilly land, he can buy some
22 cattle and graze it, sell the cattle, and gain
23 economic income from the land. If he has timber
24 on his property, he can harvest, sell the timber
25 and replant the timber and gain economic benefit

1 from the land. If he has mineral deposits, the
2 deposits can be mined or quarried and he can gain
3 economic benefit from his land and from the
4 resources. If he has oil and gas deposits on his
5 land, they too can be developed and sold.

6 A man has a right to use his property for
7 economic benefit and to make use of the resources
8 that the good Lord has given him on his land.

9 There are 51 turbines of this project going
10 to be on private property. And the landowners
11 stand to benefit from this natural resource. 13
12 of them are on public lands. And the public will
13 benefit from this income.

14 You cannot and should not deny a man the use
15 of his property for economic benefit. In this
16 case he is producing clean energy and energy that
17 we all need, energy that is renewable; and as you
18 know, wind is delivered to your property free
19 most every day of the year.

20 The second item I would like to cover is
21 that we all believe that there is a lot of
22 beautiful scenery up there and a lot of wildlife
23 habitat. Approving the wind farm will ensure
24 that this open space will stay open and the
25 scenery will be there and the wildlife habitat

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1 will be there.

2 If you deny the project, there is a very,
3 very good chance, a 90- to a 100-percent chance,
4 that in 30 years the whole area will be covered
5 with homesites. And that will certainly
6 depreciate the scenery and depreciate the
7 wildlife habitat, and that is not the thing that
8 we would like to see.

9 Approval of the project will preserve the
10 very things that we enjoy right now. I thank
11 you.

12 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

13 MS. DEBBIE STRAND: Thank you. Good
14 evening. Debbie Strand. I represent the
15 Economic Development Group of Kittitas County,
16 221 East 4th Avenue.

17 As you know, the Economic Development Group
18 has long supported wind projects and particularly
19 the Kittitas Valley project. Or I shouldn't say
20 particularly, but this one also.

21 I've been coming before you for probably
22 close to five years talking about this project,
23 as have many of the other people in this room.
24 You know, volumes of information have been
25 submitted about this project, and a lot of it has

1 been the same information. There are a few
2 different things now that you need to remember.

3 One of the things that people have talked
4 about is that Zilkha has now become Horizon.
5 Well, the Economic Development Group has a new
6 name also. We used to be the Phoenix Economic
7 Development Group, so it is not unusual for an
8 organization to change its name.

9 Horizon has listened to the testimony and
10 they've listened to the people, and they have
11 downsized this project somewhat to try to -- to
12 try to accommodate what the people have said.

13 Another thing that's changed tremendously in
14 this community is the residential growth.
15 Housing developments are springing up everywhere.
16 This isn't necessarily a bad thing, but we also
17 need to remember that housing developments demand
18 commercial development and industrial development
19 in order to stay the residents of the community.

20 There are lots of studies that have been
21 done talking about the cost of government
22 services. People here have touted what is
23 happening with government services and how
24 residential can drain the tax dollars out of a
25 community and how you need a mix and balance of

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1 commercial and industrial and open space and
2 farmland in order to sustain a community. I've
3 provided you with those studies in the past and
4 I'll do it again tonight.

5 One of the big changes that's happened
6 recently is the passage of Senate Bill 6141. I
7 have a copy of the entire text here and I will
8 present you with that also.

9 I've spoken with a local assessor here and
10 I've done some research on the bill and found
11 that this will tremendously affect the way the
12 revenues come to this county. I've provided you
13 with a tax sheet here based on \$190 million value
14 of the project. Using the taxing district
15 numbers that have been published by the
16 assessor's office here, a simple calculation of
17 what kinds of revenue will come to this
18 community.

19 What happens here is, according to the bill,
20 wind turbines are now considered the same as new
21 construction. So those revenues will be -- or
22 these turbines will be taxed at a hundred percent
23 of their value rather than the 60/40 or 80/20
24 split that we used to look at regarding real and
25 personal property difference.

1 I've talked to the assessor here and shown
2 her my spreadsheet and asked her about how this
3 is going to affect the valuation of these
4 turbines. And she has told me that it will
5 affect the valuation of the turbines.

6 I also went into the senate bill and looked
7 at -- pulled out the fiscal note for this bill.
8 And I'd like to read you a few figures off the
9 fiscal note.

10 At the very end of the fiscal note it talks
11 about Klickitat County and the \$220 million
12 project that is going into Klickitat County, and
13 it talks about what the impact is going to be
14 regarding taxes for Klickitat County, and I'd
15 like to read that you section.

16 It says that the revenue impact represents
17 an estimate of combined regular property tax rate
18 at -- their rate of the local taxing districts,
19 which -- where the construction will take place.
20 The \$220 million Klickitat project would increase
21 local tax revenue by, in Fiscal Year 2007, they
22 say 825,000. In Fiscal Year 2008, 1.6 million.
23 1.63 million. In Fiscal Year 2009, 1.679
24 million. In Fiscal Year 2010, 1,729 million.
25 And in Fiscal Year 2011, 1,781 million. These

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1 figures were created by the Department of
2 Revenue, and this is the fiscal note on the bill.
3 And I'm also providing with you this.

4 So I wanted you to know that there are some
5 changes here. I'll provide with you all of this
6 testimony, plus some additional things.

7 The Economic Development Group urges the
8 commissioners to declare this project consistent
9 with the local land use so that it can move
10 forward with the EFSEC process. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

12 Joseph Lowatchie?

13 MR. JOSEPH LOWATCHIE: Yes, sir. Good
14 evening, commissioners, Planning Commission,
15 members of the audience. My name is Joseph
16 Lowatchie. I reside at 3030 Thrall Road. I'm a
17 60-year resident of the Kittitas Valley.

18 I believe in the need and value of wind
19 farms wherever for our nation and the benefits it
20 will provide to Kittitas County. I sympathize
21 with the people that are against this project,
22 but I believe the majority of the citizens of
23 Kittitas County feel the building of the Kittitas
24 County wind farm project is more important than
25 bowing to the negative minority opposing it.

1 I believe the majority of this minority
2 group purchased their lands after the farm's
3 siting was made public. Why? Everyone
4 understands the need for siting to be near
5 existing transmission lines. We don't have to go
6 into that detail.

7 I believe our dependency on foreign oil,
8 foreign nations for our oil which translates to
9 power must be broken or one day they will shut us
10 off and virtually bring our nation to a
11 standstill.

12 Oil, coal, water, they are the power that
13 now run our nation. Oil, coal, and water today
14 needs wind power to help support our needs. I
15 believe the wind farms wherever will help break
16 this cycle of dependency.

17 Wind farms in Kittitas County will help our
18 nation and locally improve our tax base for our
19 future needs, will lower our power rates while
20 helping to protect the world's environment.

21 Personally I think they are beautiful and
22 their promise is great for our future. When the
23 many benefits provided by wind farms are placed
24 alongside the few minus complaints against them,
25 the answer is very clear: We need, we want, and

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1 must have this clean, economical source of power.
2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

4 That does end the list in front of me, so is
5 there anyone out here who has not spoken who
6 wishes to speak?

7 Please come forward. Names and address for
8 the record, please.

9 MS. MARIN SANDALL: My name is Marin
10 Sandall. I reside at 8560 Elk Springs Road in
11 Ellensburg. And I represent myself and my
12 husband.

13 And I haven't prepared a statement, and I'm
14 really stretching my comfort zone speaking before
15 you, but I think it's important that I be put on
16 record that I oppose the location of this wind
17 farm.

18 I don't oppose wind farms in general,
19 because we -- my husband and I live in the hills
20 where we have no electrical conventional power;
21 we live off the grid. We have solar power. And
22 we -- so therefore I am living the green life.

23 But the area that you want to put this wind
24 farm -- or where the proponents want to put this
25 wind farm, despite what Mr. Knudson's pictures

1 show, there are a lot of homes in the area.
2 There will be a lot of people affected.

3 And I don't know what part of the road, Elk
4 Springs Road that Mr. Knudson took a picture of,
5 but I can tell you it's a well-traveled road and
6 there's nothing wrong with it that a little
7 four-wheeling won't solve.

8 But to make it short, I oppose the area --
9 whatever you've applied to EnXco applies to this
10 area. We're only a few -- a couple of miles or a
11 mile west of the EnXco site, and everything that
12 you applied to that to deny that site you should
13 take in consideration into our area. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

15 Anyone else wishing to speak who has not
16 signed up and who has not spoken before?

17 Sir. We need your name and address for the
18 record, please.

19 MR. BRIAN RICH: Hello. My name is Brian
20 Rich. I live at 9711 Manastash Road.

21 And I've read the paper and, you know, kind
22 of followed the whole procedure, and I've never
23 come to any one of these meetings yet. And I
24 felt that I really needed to do something to
25 express my opinion.

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1 And so for what it's worth, I feel as though
2 the wind farms and other renewable alternative
3 energy sources are extremely important for the
4 safety and continued prosperity of not only
5 Kittitas County but the entire United States.

6 And I also feel as though the only way that
7 we're going to end the, the necessity for war is
8 by making ourselves independent -- and I'm not an
9 isolationist, but I do believe that we need to be
10 independent so that we -- that our choices are
11 not affected by our energy -- where we have to
12 get our energy sources from.

13 And so I would encourage going forward with
14 a reasonable alternative -- alternative energy
15 sources; and I consider wind energy, although
16 not, you know, perfectly efficient, and nothing
17 is, I think that it's an important first step.

18 And you know, I'm sure I'm like a lot of
19 people, when I went and filled my gas tank at
20 \$2.60 a gallon today, I would pay \$4 a gallon to
21 fill it up with wind energy from Kittitas County,
22 you know. I mean, it's -- I would be willing to
23 pay more to have that independence. Even though
24 it doesn't make -- you know, I mean, it really
25 shouldn't make a difference to me; I need to get

1 from Point A to Point B and I want to do it in
2 the cheapest way possible, but I would pay extra
3 so that it would help to separate the United
4 States from being dependent on foreign sources of
5 energy.

6 And I think that that really has a lot to do
7 with why we're in Iraq and why we have troops
8 deployed all over the world right now. And so
9 just, you know, if everybody -- you know, it's
10 going to take sacrifice.

11 And just as an aside, I happened to find
12 myself in France earlier this year, and driving
13 through the countryside, I drove probably 1500
14 kilometers while I was there. And in driving
15 through the countryside and seeing the
16 transmission lines coming from the nuclear plants
17 was way more of an eyesore than looking at these
18 big white windmills.

19 And you know, and the Dutch people, I mean,
20 people, tourists go to -- over there just to see
21 the windmills, you know, and so that's a
22 different point than the, you know, the practical
23 part of it, but.

24 So I've taken up enough time. I appreciate
25 being able to have the opportunity to speak.

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1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. Anyone else not
3 signed up wishing to speak?

4 Sir, please introduce yourself and your
5 address.

6 MR. DANNY HULL: My name is Danny Hull. I
7 live at 1280 Grimrod Road. I work for Hurling
8 Construction. I've lived in this valley for a
9 little over 38 years.

10 I see nothing wrong with these wind
11 machines. Both my kids rodeo, and so I've
12 traveled quite a bit with them. And we've gone
13 through quite a few areas that have the wind
14 machines, and they're not an eyesore.

15 Up here where we're putting this project in
16 now, we have wildlife, deer and elk that are
17 going through there all the time and, you know,
18 with us working up there, they -- it hasn't
19 bothered them, you know, one bit.

20 So I'm actually for this project and any
21 other wind projects that they can put together,
22 because I think it would help as far as benefit
23 the Kittitas Valley and whatever areas that you
24 do happen to go to. But I just wanted to say
25 that I am for this project. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

2 Anyone else wishing to speak who has not
3 signed up and has not spoken before?

4 Sir, please.

5 MR. DANIEL WILLIAMS: Daniel Williams, 1611
6 Brick Road, Ellensburg.

7 I decided if I could find something other
8 than "Not in my back yard" or "Damn, they're
9 ugly" as arguments (inaudible) property values,
10 seems like that's everybody's argument against
11 them.

12 So again, looking at -- I have a lot of free
13 time on my hands, time on my hands, and I've got
14 internet access, so I started looking and I found
15 some interesting stuff about Wind Turbine
16 Syndrome. It's actually caused by the noise. A
17 lot of people are very interested in it.

18 I've got one here, it's Dr. Nina Pierpont of
19 Malone, New York has -- and she, excuse me, she
20 lives -- she testified before the New York State
21 Legislative Energy Committee on March 7th. Her
22 testimony is available at --

23 "Three doctors that I know of are studying
24 the Wind Turbine Syndrome: Myself, one in
25 England, and one in Australia. We note the same

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1 sets of symptoms. The symptoms start when local
2 turbines go into operation and resolve when the
3 turbines are off or when the person is out of the
4 area. The symptoms include:

5 "1. Sleep problems: Noise or physical
6 sensations of pulsation or pressure make it hard
7 to go to sleep and cause frequent awakening.

8 "Headaches which are increased in frequency
9 or severity.

10 "Dizziness, unsteadiness, and nausea.

11 "Exhaustion, anxiety, anger, irritability,
12 and depression.

13 "Problems with concentration and learning.

14 "Tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

15 "Not everyone near turbines has these
16 symptoms. This does not mean people are making
17 them up. It means there are differences among
18 people in susceptibility. These differences are
19 known as risk factors. Defining risk factors and
20 the proportion of people who get symptoms is the
21 role of epidemiologic studies. These studies are
22 underway.

23 "Chronic sleep disturbance is the most
24 common symptom. Exhaustion, mood problems, and
25 problems with concentration and learning are

1 natural outcomes of poor sleep.

2 "Sensitivity to low frequency vibration is a
3 risk factor. Contrary to assertions of the wind
4 industry, some people feel distortions --
5 disturbing amounts of vibration or pulsation from
6 wind turbines, and can count in their bodies,
7 especially their chests, the beats of the blades
8 passing the towers, even when they can't hear or
9 see them. Sensitivity to low frequency vibration
10 in the body or ears is highly variable in people,
11 and hence poorly understood and the subject of
12 much debate.

13 "Another risk factor is a preexisting
14 migraine disorder. Migrane is not just a bad
15 headache" -- and then they go on to explain
16 migraine.

17 "Data from a number of studies and
18 individual cases document that in rolling
19 terrain, disturbing symptoms of the Wind Turbine
20 Syndrome occur up to 1.2 miles from the closest
21 turbine. In long Appalachian valleys, with
22 turbines on ridgetops, disturbing symptoms occur
23 up to 1.5 miles away. In New Zealand, which is
24 more mountainous, disturbing symptoms occur up to
25 1.9 miles away.

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1 "In New York state, with its mixed terrain,
2 I recommend a setback of 1.5 miles (8000 feet)
3 between all industrial wind turbines and people's
4 homes or schools, hospitals, or similar
5 institutions. This setback should be imposed
6 immediately for turbines not yet built."

7 Then I've got a letter here from -- says,
8 "Tom Shea of Searsburg, Vt., wrote a letter last
9 August to the district ranger of the U.S. Forest
10 Service August 8, 2005. 'A little less than ten
11 years ago, a "small" generating station of a
12 "handful" of windmills was proposed and rapidly
13 sent through the approval process. This was to
14 generate "clean" energy that was reported to be
15 no more intrusive than the sound of a "whisper."
16 I have endured the industrial droning for close
17 to ten years, with the added arrhythmic clunk of
18 the gears from the turning mechanisms. This is
19 described as a "barely noticeable" sound. I beg
20 to differ. Due to this industrial noise
21 pollution, I can no longer bring pets to the
22 property, because the droning disorients them in
23 the woods. The impact to the wildlife must be
24 even more severe, despite the claims of the power
25 company's "consultants." Regardless, my family's

1 enjoyment of the quite of the woods is severely
2 diminished.'"

3 And then I've got another one here, from the
4 French Academy of Medicine, just checked their
5 website and had it translate some of it into
6 English, and it's actually there. "The French
7 Academy of Medicine Warns of Wind Turbine Noise."

8 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: You need to wrap up your
9 points, too, please.

10 MR. DANIEL WILLIAMS: Basically it warns of
11 the same stuff, basically goes through the same
12 symptoms, chronic stuff.

13 Oh, and the near towers, the heights vary
14 from -- basically -- basically talking like pitch
15 frequency of this stuff. And they recommend a
16 stand-off distance of 1.5 kilometers from
17 residences for noise pollution.

18 And let's see, I had some closing stuff I
19 want to say real quick. Oh, yeah, here it is.
20 Okay, get done with this.

21 Some closing stuff I have. "There is a lot
22 we don't know for sure, but these things do seem
23 to eat a lot of bats. I don't personally own a
24 horse, but if I did I'd be worried about the
25 increase in mosquito population possibly leading

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1 to an increase in the West Nile Virus."

2 And that would be it.

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

4 Anyone else not listed who would like to
5 speak? Mr. Lee.

6 MR. DALE LEE: Hi, my name's Dale Lee. I
7 live at 1101 North Columbia.

8 And I think we should have wind power. I
9 think it's the future and location, location, you
10 know, we need them, it is for the future. Thank
11 you, guys.

12 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

13 Anyone else who has not spoken wish to
14 speak?

15 Mr. Morrison.

16 MR. CHET MORRISON: My name is Chet
17 Morrison. I live at 2607 Judge Ronald Road.

18 I don't have any contract with any wind
19 power, so I don't have a horse in any of these
20 races. But I'm kind of confused, if the Planning
21 Commission recommended to deny the Valley
22 project, it's truly amazing, as their conclusion
23 did not match the evidence.

24 For example, the Commission found no need
25 for new electricity, when every utility in the

1 northwest says otherwise.

2 The Commission thinks the project is
3 incompatible with the Comprehensive Plan, yet the
4 site is zoned for natural resource management.

5 What's even more amazing is the parcels that
6 have been created outside the project area in the
7 past years. For an example, Section 35 north of
8 the project area has been addressed for several
9 occasions. How is it possible that over
10 20 parcels were created without public process in
11 a Forest and Range zone? Had the segregation of
12 these parcels been required to go through the
13 public process like these applications, do you
14 think that all the property owners in the area
15 would have accepted their application with open
16 arms? I doubt it.

17 It doesn't seem fair for an application to
18 be filed with the Kittitas County in accordance
19 with their guidelines and in accordance with the
20 zoning and Comprehensive Plan could be
21 possible -- possibly receive such a denial of the
22 Planning Commission.

23 I urge the Board of Commissioners to look at
24 the parcels in the vicinity and determine how the
25 majority of these parcels were created; then look

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1 at the project, and you will recognize that this
2 application follows all the county rules and
3 guidelines and has been open to the public
4 process and should be approved.

5 And I'm for the wind farms ecstatically.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

8 Anyone else who has not spoken and didn't
9 manage to get signed up?

10 Sir.

11 MR. JAMES LANDRETH: My name is Jim
12 Landreth. P.O. Box 869, Kittitas.

13 I'll make it rather short, as I testified in
14 the combined hearings and submitted data from the
15 Energy Information Agency and the Department of
16 Energy, which covered, as I recall correctly, the
17 seven western states and provided for the
18 generation capacity and load requirements for the
19 past and into the future. And it indicated some
20 20 percent excess generation capacity for the
21 next few years.

22 Which leads me to wonder why we need a rush
23 to judgment. We have a project in construction
24 in Kittitas County which would give the citizens
25 of the county ample opportunity to judge the

1 environmental impacts, both pro and con, of the
2 wind farm projects. And for that reason that I
3 would hope that we would deny this project or at
4 least delay decision on it until more data is
5 available to us in real world.

6 As most of you are well aware, I have sat
7 through almost every wind farm hearing over the
8 last five years. Most of the time in total
9 boredom and ad nauseam. The lack of truth in
10 testimony is disturbing. Self-appointed experts
11 stand before you and preach the hellfire and
12 damnation of "The wind farms will save the world
13 and will reduce the need for imported oil and
14 produce biodiesel and alcohol and save the
15 world."

16 The truth of the matter is in the United
17 States, 3 percent of our total electric
18 generation employs liquid petroleum as an energy
19 source. The majority of which is made up of
20 residual oils which are no use for any other
21 purpose. Anybody that thinks that building wind
22 farms or any other electric generation facility
23 is going to reduce the need for imported oil is
24 just blowing wind, literally.

25 One of the most disturbing things that I

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1 have heard is people that stand before you and
2 tout that these property owners have a right to
3 develop this project. This is simply not true.
4 Those landowners only have an inherent right for
5 the use of that property as it was described at
6 the time the property was acquired.

7 Any further use of that property over and
8 above those that were described at the time of
9 acquisition are granted by the citizens. There
10 is no inherent God-given right for the use of
11 that property.

12 One statement was made that a 1000-foot
13 setback is not only a national but an
14 international standard. That is simply not true.
15 It is simply not true. If we go to the Danish
16 wind power people, we will find that it is
17 7 rotor diameters minimum.

18 I trust that we will not rush to judgment.
19 This is solely a land use compatibility issue.
20 All other issues before you have really no
21 bearing on your decision. It is a land use
22 compatibility issue. If the wind farm is
23 compatible with existing use of the land not only
24 within the project but in the surrounding area,
25 then approve it. If it is not compatible with

1 the existing land use in that area, then it must
2 be denied. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

4 Anyone else wishing to speak who has not
5 spoken and is not on my list?

6 Seeing no one, I am going to ask Mr. Hurson,
7 I do have one gentleman who signed up again
8 tonight and he spoke last night. I don't -- I
9 made a unilateral decision to put that off until
10 now, so if you can tell me historically what we
11 do with that, I'd appreciate it.

12 MR. JAMES HURSON: Jim Hurson, Deputy
13 Prosecutor.

14 It's basically the prerogative of the Board
15 how you want to conduct your meetings. I think
16 historically, however, you gave everyone at least
17 one opportunity to speak and they can also submit
18 basically unlimited written documentation if
19 they'd like.

20 And I guess what I would caution is if you
21 allow one person to speak twice, you have opened
22 the door. And I'm seeing both pro and con people
23 nodding their head that yes, if one person gets
24 to speak twice, they get to speak twice also.

25 So I would suggest that if someone else

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1 wants to submit some more information, they could
2 do so in writing if they've already had an
3 opportunity to speak, and that fulfills our
4 obligation as far as making this a public
5 process.

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Okay, thank you. That was
7 my gut instinct.

8 Board members, any comments?

9 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: I would strongly urge
10 you to not allow us to go back through the list,
11 Mr. Chairman, because the reality is the more we
12 talk about it, the more the points you wish you'd
13 said a little differently or something new pops
14 into your mind, and at some point res judicata
15 has to come into play here. There has to be an
16 end to the discussion so we can move to a
17 decision. And then I suspect we could talk about
18 this for a long, long time.

19 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Any other comments?

20 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: I'll concur with
21 that.

22 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. I will stay
23 with that, then. If you wish to add additional
24 comments, you didn't think you phrased things
25 that you wanted to when you did speak, please put

1 them in writing for us, submit them to the clerk.

2 My intent -- and I'll ask for concurrence
3 from the Board -- is to keep the written record
4 open until tomorrow at closing at the County,
5 which will be five o'clock. And we'll set that
6 up, though, as we finish this.

7 But at this point I'm going to close the
8 oral public testimony for now. And as I said,
9 leaving the record open for written comment until
10 closing of business 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Friday,
11 March 31st, with concurrence from my seatmates.

12 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: I assume you mean,
13 Mr. Chairman, by closing the public testimony,
14 you're not referring to the closing, if you will,
15 of the proponent?

16 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I am not referring to the
17 proponent at this time.

18 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Very good. I would
19 certainly support leaving the written record
20 open, and I don't have a specific time in mind.
21 I don't know what the druthers of the Board in
22 terms of the process will be from this point
23 forward. I myself am not prepared to deliberate
24 this evening.

25 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: No, I didn't intend to

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1 deliberate this evening.

2 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: I would have no issue,
3 then, with leaving the record open to written
4 comment for some period of time to allow everyone
5 that last shot at fine-tuning their testimony.

6 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Maybe we'll set that once
7 the proponent is done with their portion and
8 staff's finished.

9 With that, do we want to take a break for
10 the court reporter?

11 She's okay.

12 So applicant, are you ready for any closing
13 statements, rebuttal?

14 MR. DANA PECK: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you.

16 MR. DANA PECK: I had to turn down the
17 assist on the microphone here; I think I've got
18 it myself this time.

19 It goes without saying that we'd like --

20 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Mr. Peck, I need you to
21 introduce yourself --

22 MR. DANA PECK: Oh, sorry, sorry. I am Dana
23 Peck, project manager for Horizon Wind Energy.
24 Located here in Ellensburg, as I've previously
25 indicated in the record.

1 Again, it goes without saying that as the
2 applicant, we very much thank the Commission and
3 your staff for really superior staff work and
4 creating a civil environment even in the face of
5 counsel to the contrary for us to participate in
6 both the -- both in the last couple of nights and
7 previously. That's as I've said before and
8 continue to feel very much thanks.

9 I'm going to make some general remarks in
10 response to what we've heard in the last
11 24 hours. Erin Anderson is going to make our
12 concluding remarks on some somewhat more specific
13 points than mine. I don't plant to take much
14 time here; just had a few things I wanted to make
15 sure got said.

16 First and foremost, we continue to really
17 recognize that the nature of the documentation of
18 the project, really stretching back to 2003,
19 raises some questions when it comes to turbines
20 and turbine corridors and sub-area boundaries.
21 We appreciate you making that explicit last
22 night.

23 By way of further addressing that, we have
24 some summary information on a one-pager that goes
25 back to information already in the record but

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1 gets it all in one place that, if you don't mind,
2 I'd like to just give you for the record.

3 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Certainly.

4 MR. DANA PECK: We very much have heard the
5 statements that have been made about project
6 scope. We've gone from the original 82 to 150
7 turbines discussed in the earliest days of the
8 Environmental -- draft Environmental Impact
9 Statement dated 2003, to the most recent addendum
10 where we've reduced the number of turbines that
11 we're talking about from a range of 64 to
12 eighty -- 82, actually, in the document.

13 Going into some of the specifics on that
14 point, and this gets to some of the points
15 Mr. Carmody raised, as well as some of the others
16 who questioned why those numbers appear to have
17 changed, it really ignores the fact that from
18 2003 until 2005 of the addendum -- and the
19 development application, I might add -- we've
20 clearly identified both precise corridor
21 locations, as you can see on the map to my right,
22 and your left. Those corridor locations have
23 been intensely studied. They've remained
24 consistent in their definition from the earliest
25 days.

1 And the thing that has been altered is the
2 number of turbines that would exist within those
3 corridors, as we've responded to your concerns,
4 and I've tried to present a project that met both
5 the elected-official concerns on this subject and
6 our neighbors on the project site.

7 There have been slight variations that would
8 occur on turbine location, and those would
9 reflect construction considerations once the
10 project were to begin. And that's really the
11 long and the short of it.

12 Again, we've gone from a range of 82 to 150
13 turbines in the original study materials to what
14 we think is a far cry from those numbers, of 64
15 to 80. And again, all within well-studied
16 corridors.

17 And the specific number of turbines, as well
18 as the sub-area boundaries, are topics which,
19 from our perspective, are best discussed in the
20 Development Agreement negotiations.

21 And as we've got at the bottom of the
22 handout that I just gave you and as I'd like to
23 reiterate it for the record right now, we would
24 very much hope to be able to pursue those at the
25 staff level on a time line that was set by the

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1 Commission in the course of your deliberations.
2 And the discussion of numbers of turbines could
3 be fixed through that process.

4 Location of the site. You received a letter
5 from Puget Sound Energy dated March 29th, 2006.
6 If you look at Paragraph 4 of that letter, I
7 think the folks that we all acknowledge as the
8 experts in this field make it very clear that
9 transmission is really one of the very
10 determining factors when it comes to wind power.
11 And I'd encourage you to take a look at that
12 letter in your record as a really good
13 explanation of why this site.

14 And on another subject, the need for wind
15 power, which was just addressed by one of the
16 folks opposing the project, that again is well
17 addressed by Puget Sound Energy in the letter
18 that they submitted to you.

19 As a corporation, they're making a very
20 significant commitment to renewable energy and
21 wind power resource development. They view it as
22 a least-cost alternative. They spend several
23 paragraphs of that letter addressing it; and
24 again, I'd encourage you to take a look at that
25 as a specific response to why renewables and why

1 now.

2 There's a couple other points which, as
3 someone who's been in the energy world for
4 30 years on the policy side as a strategic
5 planner for an investor-owned utility called
6 Pacific Power -- formerly called Pacific Power,
7 now called Mid America, oil was referenced as
8 only 3 percent of electric generation and why is
9 everybody talking about displacing oil.

10 Well, everybody isn't talking about
11 displacing oil; we're talking about displacing
12 fossil fuels. It's true that since the earliest
13 energy crisis, the use of oil for the generation
14 of electricity in the United States has dropped
15 dramatically. You see very few facilities that
16 are either using oil or dual-use fuels.

17 But that belies a certain other fact in the
18 energy world, and that's that those facilities,
19 many of them were converted to natural gas; some
20 of them just were too old to make that conversion
21 and were replaced by natural gas. That happened
22 in the 1980s and the 1990s for a variety of
23 reasons that, you know, are fun to read about if
24 you're an energy person and I'm not going to bore
25 with you tonight.

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1 But the construction of energy facilities in
2 this country has been largely natural gas for
3 quite a few years. The two impacts of that are
4 really simple to see. If you've got a natural
5 gas water heater and you're a homeowner, you're
6 competing with the utilities companies and your
7 price is killing you right now.

8 We help that. We're another alternative way
9 of getting electricity to your house. And as
10 Puget points out in their letter, we're viewed as
11 the least-cost alternative at this stage.

12 The other aspect of energy generation in
13 this country where renewable energy is the answer
14 right now is climate change. Climate change is
15 what you were hearing most of the people testify
16 about in the course of both last night, today,
17 and the previous hearings.

18 Climate change is a controversial issue.
19 Climate change is the subject of a policy
20 statement by the company that I work for,
21 Goldman Sachs, that says we take it seriously and
22 we're going to do something about it. And
23 Horizon Wind Energy's going to beat the
24 (inaudible) policy in that regard.

25 Coal and wind are in head-to-head

1 competition right now. And getting more wind now
2 makes a difference in that competition. And if
3 climate change is something that you think about
4 and take seriously, we're part of the solution.

5 Again, we are not talking about displacing
6 oil-fired gas plants when we talk about renewable
7 energy and wind power and the electric utility
8 grid. And I'd just like to put that to rest real
9 fast.

10 On a more local note -- I spent a couple
11 minutes on the macro energy world there --
12 D.J. Evans is in Hawaii right now or I suspect
13 he'd be here reiterating the testimony you've
14 already got on the record on the benefits that
15 this project brings both financially now that the
16 bill has passed, 6141, and some of the
17 commitments we've made the fire district.

18 We think where you see wind power projects
19 on this kind of ground, you see happier volunteer
20 fire guys. They tend to have more money, more
21 equipment, and more roads to fight wildland fires
22 on than before we were there. And if you go back
23 to his testimony, you'll see that he's pretty
24 explicit on that subject.

25 Debbie Strand's been very clear in working

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1 through the implications that legislation have
2 passed last Friday and talking to the county
3 assessor on where the money goes now that that
4 bill's in place.

5 It's big numbers. It's numbers that when I
6 was in Klickitat County we were really looking
7 forward to getting, and that's one of the reasons
8 the example's in the state bill the way it is.
9 It's one of the first large wind power projects
10 that's going to benefit a county.

11 In the case of this county, at least at this
12 stage of the game for our project, we're talking
13 a little over a quarter of a million dollars for
14 your general fund; a comparable amount of money
15 to your road fund, which could potentially, as I
16 understand it, be shifted into your general fund.
17 We're talking major money for the hospital, major
18 money for the fire districts.

19 My own personal favorite example isn't from
20 this county; it's from a little closer to where I
21 live, the little fire district in Bickleton
22 that's going to go from fifty or sixty thousand
23 dollars a year to a hundred and fifty thousand
24 dollars a year because of a wind project there.

25 D.J.'s district is going to make a similar

1 jump. We feel that's a pretty solid benefit.

2 On property values, your call. We feel
3 we've brought in a top-flight person who thinks
4 about these things. He's adapted his data to
5 your local situation, and one of your neighbors
6 has come to real similar conclusions looking at
7 the same data from where she lives, and she lives
8 here.

9 Both sides of the story; you've just got to
10 form your own conclusion on who you're going to
11 believe on that one, I'm afraid. We've tried to
12 bring the best resource we can to bear on it. We
13 feel that we've demonstrated there's no
14 demonstrable impacts. The national studies show
15 the same thing. And again, your call.

16 And you know, and I guess -- I think we've
17 heard a couple of discussions of property rights.
18 And I don't know how you beat Mike Genson on that
19 subject; I'm not even going to try to quote him
20 or paraphrase him. I just -- to the extent that
21 property rights are something that you're
22 thinking about, I don't think you could do much
23 better than to go back and reread what he said
24 last night. And I'm not going to diminish it by
25 trying to paraphrase.

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1 And in short, I think -- I feel that
2 Horizon's shown that we meet the criteria that's
3 established by the county for our project's area.
4 We've demonstrated that we benefit the county,
5 the state, and the region both in taxes we pay
6 and in clean energy we produce.

7 And we've shown widespread support over the
8 last couple of nights and what you've seen across
9 the county from people as diverse as ranchers
10 from Thorp and environmentalists from Ellensburg.
11 I don't know how often you see those sorts of
12 folks standing up being for the same thing. We
13 don't see a whole lot of it where I live, and
14 where I live isn't that far away.

15 With that said, I'd like to just turn over
16 the rest to Erin. And again, thank you for the
17 real clean process that you run here and the help
18 you've given us along the way.

19 MS. ERIN ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, fellow
20 commissioners, Erin Anderson, 200 East Third here
21 in Ellensburg; 105 East First in Cle Elum, and
22 residential 360 Willowbrook Lane.

23 I've heard probably the most eloquent
24 speakers in all the years that I've been
25 practicing in Kittitas County on both sides of

1 the aisle tonight. And it's hard to follow them.

2 I offer up just a few personal observations,
3 and then I will summarize my conclusion and
4 encourage you to make a decision to direct your
5 staff to commence negotiations on a Development
6 Agreement, which is the appropriate place to do
7 that.

8 I've been a resident of this county since
9 the 1970s. You can probably guess how old I am,
10 which makes me pretty much a lifer here. Did not
11 grow up in Ellensburg; grew up in Cle Elum. I've
12 seen what's happened up there. Mr. Crankovich, I
13 know you grew up there too; you know what's going
14 on in this county.

15 During the last four years it's continued to
16 happen, and I heard somebody encourage you
17 tonight, Don't rush to judgment. Well, let's
18 find out what's happened in the last four years
19 while you have not rushed to judgment:

20 The price of what you're putting in your gas
21 tank has nearly doubled.

22 Climate change -- I call it global
23 warming -- climate change has moved itself onto
24 the international agenda.

25 We're at war.

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1 I wouldn't call this a rush to judgment; I
2 would call this a very necessary reaction that
3 has been delayed by four years.

4 Insofar as my comments on House Bill --
5 excuse me, Senate Bill 6141, my comments stand as
6 made to you. I do take umbrage at Mr. Carmody's
7 characterization of them. You heard what I said
8 last night and you know what the bill says, and
9 you know what the assessor and your own Economic
10 Development Group interprets. I stand by my
11 comments.

12 Insofar as one of these kinds of projects
13 ruining your lifestyle, I do have some personal
14 observations.

15 And before I make them, let me encourage you
16 to remember SEPA is a process that is designed to
17 help you identify what the impacts are. It does
18 not say all impacts must be eliminated in order
19 to approve a project.

20 If that were the case, your airport
21 expansion wouldn't happen. You wouldn't have an
22 airport. People wouldn't live near the airport.
23 The university wouldn't be able to expand. You
24 couldn't have new rezones and subdivisions in
25 Kittitas County, because everything impacts

1 everything. That's just the basic reality. And
2 to be encouraged or to buy into the argument
3 otherwise is frankly in derogation of the law and
4 in derogation of reality.

5 I'll tell you, I live -- I'm the last house
6 in the flight path at your airport. Those planes
7 come an awful lot closer than 700 feet. They
8 come an awful lot closer than 1000 feet. And
9 they're loud and they're big. And I chose to
10 build there.

11 I was the first person in my neighborhood.
12 My neighborhood, every lot on the street has
13 built out. Every lot on the street behind me has
14 built out. Every lot to the north of me has
15 built out. And this is with a very, very loud,
16 very, very obvious activity. Those -- the
17 Japanese hay-buyers' jets roar over my garden.

18 I chose to live there. Everybody in my
19 neighborhood who has clamored to move there
20 belies the argument that this is going to destroy
21 a way of life or that you should take the airport
22 out because people want to come to the nuisance
23 of an airport. That's simply not true. And if
24 it were true, we wouldn't get anything done
25 around here.

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1 And I challenge anybody -- I couldn't afford
2 today, in 2006, could not afford to buy the house
3 I built in 2002. Because real estate values
4 right there in the flight path to your airport
5 have gone crazy. Just like they have everywhere.

6 Every buyer in my neighborhood knows that
7 airport is there. And frankly, some of us like
8 it. I wave at the pilots that I know.

9 You have to respect the fact that some
10 people make those choices. Other people may
11 disagree. Maybe they choose to leave. But those
12 are choices. Your job is to balance the needs of
13 everybody in this county.

14 I'll move on to -- one other observation.
15 We're killing what we love, folks. You heard
16 everybody say: I bought this property to build
17 my home because it is so beautiful. And you
18 heard all the realtors say, Land, land, land;
19 that's the biggest asset we've got.

20 Well, let me tell you, you continue to
21 rezone that property and all those properties up
22 there to five-acre, you end up with 1500 new
23 homes on the hillside. You go down to three
24 acres and you end up with 2000 homes in that
25 neighborhood. And I'll bet you the people that

1 say "I bought here because I love the view"
2 aren't going to love that. We're loving it to
3 death.

4 And that's witnessed by the many, many
5 rezones that have occurred in the last couple of
6 years. We have a surplus right now of rezoned
7 rural home sites over what has been sold.

8 And so in terms of being brought to a rush
9 to judgment, don't let that judgment get clouded
10 by emotions. Look at the facts. You know what
11 you've done. You're the Board of County
12 Commissioners; you're the ones that have set the
13 table for the tools and resources that we have
14 today.

15 So let's talk about what the rules really do
16 say. You've been encouraged to abide by the
17 Planning Commission's recommendation. I
18 encourage you to go through it, because it
19 doesn't cite a single GPO out of your county
20 Comprehensive Plan. Not one.

21 That's because this project does comport
22 with your county Comprehensive Plan. And I would
23 like to cite some of those GPOs. And I'll call
24 out the very first GPO in the Kittitas County
25 Comp Plan. The very first one. Not the most

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1 significant, but the first one out of the chute.
2 And this is where we start from in this dialogue
3 in Kittitas County.

4 The maintenance and enhancement of Kittitas
5 County's natural resources. Industry base
6 including, but not limited to, productive timber,
7 agriculture, mineral, and energy resources.

8 That's your first Goal Policy Objective in
9 Kittitas County.

10 The very second one is encouraging you to
11 diversify economic development, providing broader
12 employment opportunities. This all feeds into
13 all the testimony you've heard over the last
14 several nights.

15 When we get to -- I'll just quote a few. I
16 know you're intimately familiar with them. GPO
17 2.12 talks about private property rights. And it
18 invokes -- not me, not takes -- it invokes our
19 constitution. And it says Kittitas County will
20 administer this chapter -- not "may," "will" --
21 "administer this chapter in accordance with the
22 United States and the Washington State
23 constitutional provisions for the protection of
24 private property rights and provision of due
25 process.

1 In this case, four years' worth.

2 It encourages you not to force the cost of
3 view preservation onto private property owners.
4 That's what the opponents would have you do
5 tonight, is to force their view preservation cost
6 onto private property owners. And in some cases,
7 the state of Washington; DNR in particular, whose
8 charge is to generate money for the state for all
9 of us.

10 So I would encourage you to resist the
11 temptation to simply adopt the Planning
12 Commission's recommendations and instead look
13 inward to your own Comprehensive Plan.

14 And what does it say? I'm going to take a
15 phrase out of everybody's book: location,
16 location, location. This project is proposed in
17 natural resource land. That is this location.
18 That property is designated and zoned for the
19 highest priority use to be natural resource use.
20 That includes energy resources.

21 It is not for residential homesites. We
22 have plenty of that property in Kittitas County.
23 This is not it. This is about location.

24 And this application is consistent with the
25 Comp Plan. It does take into consideration the

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1 transmission lines that you heard a gentleman
2 testify have been there 50 years. This is the
3 right location. It's not the right location for
4 rural sprawl. It is resource land.

5 If you want to engage in that dialogue about
6 changing your Comp Plan designation, that's a
7 separate process; you cannot do it through this
8 process. We're entitled, and Horizon is
9 entitled, to try and utilize its property
10 interests and the private property owed -- excuse
11 me, and the private property owners in conformity
12 with what that says.

13 I've heard a lot of comments about, you
14 know, the -- and I'm going to excerpt a few --
15 actually I wish I could attribute them; I think
16 Mrs. Boddy called it "rural prime residential"
17 and also "prime real estate." I've heard this
18 called "rural residential."

19 It is not. It is not rural residential.

20 You saw Mr. Knudson's photographs. All of
21 you I know have lived in this county --
22 Commissioner Huston, I'm not certain all of your
23 life, but I know the other two of you have been
24 here your entire life. You know what this is.
25 It is -- you know, not in a pejorative sense; it

1 is sagebrush, it is rocky, and the people there
2 are designated and charged to use it for natural
3 resources, including energy.

4 It's not a cosy little neighborhood. We
5 discourage neighborhoods where you don't have
6 urban services. We don't have good roads. We
7 don't have any sewer collection out there. We
8 don't have any potable water supply there.
9 Frankly, some of the people are living off the
10 grid, which tells me we don't have a lot of even
11 electrical utilities. That's not a suitable
12 location now and it is not a suitable location in
13 the future.

14 And I believe you've been strongly
15 encouraged by a lot of testimony: Well, some
16 people say, No, I'm here now; preserve that view,
17 I love it. The realtors are saying, This is
18 prime real estate; let's develop it.

19 Well, one day go down that path; you will
20 rue the day you can't look up on that hillside
21 and see 16 lights off of turbines as opposed to
22 1500, 2000 lights. When this county's paved tip
23 to tail, there will be nowhere to capture the
24 wind resources.

25 Your job is to balance the needs for

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1 housing, land use, infrastructure, utilities, all
2 of those things. It's not to turn this into a
3 bedroom community. It is to balance all of
4 those. That's what your Comp Plan says, and I
5 believe that's why the Planning Commission's
6 recommendation doesn't quote it, doesn't cite it
7 in the first, because that is not the evidence
8 before you. And you know it because you live
9 here.

10 It isn't just me that is saying this; it's
11 the many, many people that come before you
12 recently on rezones. As you know, I work for the
13 town of South Cle Elum and was recently copied
14 with a letter sent to Kittitas County dated
15 March 17th from CTED that says, and I'm going to
16 quote, "When cities and counties work with
17 citizens to discuss their priorities for the
18 future, they must balance important
19 considerations, using land wisely, providing the
20 foundation for economic vitality and protecting
21 environmental and natural resource."

22 And I would like to point out
23 parenthetically this project does meet the WDFW
24 protocols for wildlife and fish.

25 CTED continues by saying, "We continue to

1 have concerns about the large number of rezone
2 requests that have been submitted and approved in
3 Kittitas County over the past few years without a
4 Comp Plan update." Mr. Piercy I know was working
5 hard on that.

6 But their comments are this, The designation
7 of natural resource lands. Such as that before
8 you tonight. And they call out agriculture,
9 forest, mineral lands, was the first step this
10 county, Kittitas County, took in developing its
11 Comp Plan.

12 They remain concerned with, quote, removing
13 natural resource land designations or rezoning to
14 allow for smaller lot sizes in these zones on a
15 parcel-by-parcel basis. Think lots of housing
16 sprawl in the natural resource area.

17 This approach is not comprehensive, does not
18 look at the cumulative effects of the decision;
19 and most significantly, has the ability of
20 affecting other resource land designations and
21 the industries these lands support.

22 You cannot, should not reject this
23 application because people want to put houses out
24 there. And that's what CTED is also expressing,
25 the same concern. Everybody's concerned about

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1 this. And it dovetails very nicely with the
2 concerns about energy siting.

3 This is not a fun project to talk about, to
4 advocate for and, worst of all, to have to make a
5 decision on. But that is your job, is to balance
6 these needs. That's what the Comprehensive Plan
7 says you need to do.

8 There is a place for homesites. This isn't
9 it. There is a place for wind energy. This is
10 it. It does comport with the Comp Plan, it does
11 comport with zoning, and it does comport with the
12 very scattered neighborhood. Most people say, I
13 own property there. They don't live there. They
14 haven't built their houses there. That's the
15 reality.

16 Your job is to serve everybody in this
17 county. We do need energy. I think that that
18 issue has been settled, that there is a very
19 broad need for that. I think you've done an able
20 job of creating homesites and housing and your
21 urban growth areas that have urban facilities to
22 support them in this county.

23 We've seen substantial investment to support
24 that, particularly the upper county, both through
25 Suncadia and your communities up there. That

1 need has been met. You have a surplus right now
2 of homesite rezoned small properties in this
3 county, and yet we have a demand for energy that
4 just doesn't quit because we drive it ourselves.

5 There are issues, certainly. Everybody
6 that's stood before you tonight on -- frankly on
7 either side, I think, recognize that you have
8 issues to struggle with. Issues such as the
9 number of turbines, does the corridor stay the
10 same, does the sub-area shrink down to match the
11 corridor or does it stay the way it is.

12 Making a decision to turn this down without
13 getting to those issues does the disservice to
14 the people who would use the energy, benefit from
15 the taxes, and the applicant itself, who's making
16 a significant investment in this community for
17 it.

18 The place to do that is in the Development
19 Agreement process, and you know how to do it.
20 I've done it with you before. You've done it
21 with Suncadia. And frankly, you know how to deal
22 with ranges. You've done that before too. So I
23 find this 64 to 80 is an issue that you address
24 in the Development Agreement process, and you
25 guys have done that many times before.

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1 That is not a question that gives you a
2 toehold to say no. Because that's not how you do
3 it in Kittitas County. The way you do it is you
4 instruct your staff to get together, listen to
5 your counsel, listen to your concerns, listen to
6 the applicant, and try and craft a Development
7 Agreement that addresses everybody's concerns and
8 needs.

9 That's what I ask you to do. Be courageous.
10 The easy way out is to say no. It's going to get
11 you -- depending on which side of the aisle
12 you're on -- get you some political favor. But
13 that's not what you serve. You serve your
14 citizens, the people that live here, who go to
15 school here, the people who want to raise their
16 children here, who contribute their taxes to
17 fires and roads and schools, hospitals. That's
18 who you serve.

19 If you're courageous enough, I would
20 encourage you: instruct your staff, use the
21 Development Agreement process. You've used it
22 before and actually I think pretty well in this
23 county. Your staff -- the staff sitting here
24 tonight has been through that process. They
25 know, you know, it's the way to do it.

1 Please, I ask you, instruct them to listen
2 to your deliberations, take your concerns into
3 consideration, make the analysis that this does
4 comport with your Comprehensive Plan Natural
5 Resource designation, it does comport with Forest
6 and Range and Ag uses in Kittitas County, and
7 that the facts that demonstrate the need, the
8 benefits to this community far outweigh what
9 adverse impacts may exist.

10 And do not chase that red herring: If
11 there's an impact we have to say no. Once again,
12 your job is to balance the benefits of everybody
13 you serve versus the desires of a few, frankly,
14 who wish to make money or live in an area that
15 they probably shouldn't be living in.

16 So I encourage you to be courageous, do the
17 analysis -- you know how to do it, you've done it
18 before -- and direct this back to your staff for
19 negotiation of a Development Agreement in
20 accordance with the county rules.

21 And I thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. Any questions
23 from the commissioners for the proponent?

24 Not tonight.

25 Anything else from the proponent to us?

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1 Staff, any observations or input we should
2 be considering for tonight's purposes?

3 MR. DARRYL PIERCY: Mr. Chairman, for the
4 record, Darryl Piercy, Director of Community
5 Development Services.

6 I don't believe that we have any additional
7 comments to offer at this time. There are a
8 number of issues that I think came forward and a
9 number of comments that perhaps we would like to
10 be able to respond to questions that the Board
11 may have in regards to those. A number of issues
12 that came up in the course of testimony that we
13 would be prepared to do the same in regards to
14 questions that might arise from the Board as you
15 go into your deliberations.

16 But I don't believe that we would have
17 anything further to add for you at this time,
18 unless you would like us to respond to questions
19 that you may have.

20 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Thank you. Any questions
21 for staff?

22 All right, well, I want to thank everybody
23 for all of their input and living through another
24 two nights of testimony, first of all.

25 I've looked at my schedule, and I'm -- the

1 next time I think would probably work where I
2 could do a thorough job and be prepared to come
3 back and talk about deliberations would be on
4 April 12th. I don't know if that works for the
5 other two of you.

6 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: I believe it does
7 for me, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: So if that works for
9 everybody, I would -- I guess I would like to
10 move to continue this public hearing to April
11 12th, 6:00 p.m., here in the Kittitas County Home
12 Arts Building at the fairgrounds. And at that
13 point I would hope to be able to begin
14 deliberations regarding our next steps.

15 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: How long are you
16 going to keep the record open?

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I had proposed earlier to
18 keep it open until Friday at 5:00. Mr. Huston
19 seemed to maybe have a different idea potentially
20 that he didn't verbalize earlier.

21 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: If we continue out to
22 the 12th, if we gave until Monday at 5:00, that
23 would give everyone the opportunity over the
24 weekend to jot something down if they chose to,
25 and it would also still be sufficient time that

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1 the proponent would have access to any new
2 information that came forward before we actually
3 came back for deliberation.

4 Not to suggest they're going to make a
5 presentation when we go into deliberations, but
6 certainly it would be the opportunity to raise
7 any objection if something incredibly new were to
8 come forward.

9 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: So we propose, then, to
10 keep the record open to written testimony until
11 April 3rd, 5:00 p.m. And I assume that would be
12 delivered to CDS or the Commissioners' office,
13 either one.

14 So I'll include that in the motion. Is
15 there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: It's been moved and
18 seconded to continue this public hearing
19 April 12, leaving the record open to written
20 testimony through April 3rd, 5:00 p.m., at the
21 Kittitas County offices.

22 Any discussion to the motion?

23 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Six o'clock at the
24 fairgrounds?

25 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: Six o'clock here at the

1 fairgrounds.

2 Any further discussion?

3 Hearing none, all those in favor indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 COMMISSIONER CRANKOVICH: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER HUSTON: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN BOWEN: I too will vote aye, and
8 the motion carries. Thank you all.

9 (The proceeding was adjourned at
10 8:20 p.m.)

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This is to certify that I, Louise Raelene Bell, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Yakima, reported the within and foregoing hearing; said hearing being taken before me as a Notary Public on the date herein set forth; that said hearing was taken by me in shorthand and thereafter under my supervision transcribed, and that same is a full, true and correct record of the hearing.

I further certify that I am not a relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I financially interested in the outcome of the cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this _____ day of _____, 2006.

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