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Board of County Commissioners
205 West Fifth
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Re: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

On behalf of Horizon Wind Energy and our consultants and legal counsel, we again thank the County Commissioners and your staff for the professionalism shown throughout the public process for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

This letter provides Horizon Wind Energy's written response to testimony made during Kittitas County's March 29 and 30, 2006 hearings on the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. Recognizing that the matrix submitted by Horizon prior to the hearing addresses the points raised in the public hearing, it is the intent of this letter to provide the County with our response to several, specific points. Those responses appear in the attachment labeled Appendix.

Recent passage of SB 6141, signed by Governor Gregoire on March 24, 2006, assures that the property tax benefits from the project will be available for the County general fund, road fund, and the various junior taxing districts in the project's vicinity. As reflected in County Assessor Iris Rominger's March 29, 2006 email to Erin Anderson, "...it is true that the additional tax revenue and reduction in property tax rates that would benefit the County from the KV Wind Power Project are, in fact, significant...."

We would also like to acknowledge the many people, totaling approximately 325 names at the time of the hearing and approaching 500 names as of today, supporting the project by signing petitions. While some of the petition signers were able to attend the hearing and testify, many were not able to attend.

Horizon stands by its position that the project meets the County's comprehensive plan, zoning, and wind power siting criteria for approval; that the Planning Commission's recommendation should not be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners; and that the County should establish a timeline and direct the County staff to work with the applicant on the details of the draft development agreement.

Sincerely,

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Appendix

Site Layout	Major modifications have been made to the site, reducing the number of turbines approximately 50% with most of the realignment designed to address comments by the public and County Commissioners by consolidating the site.	DEIS Addendum pg. 1-2 29 March 2006 Peck opening statement
Road Restoration	The draft development agreement provides for monitoring and mitigation of County roads affected by the project.	Draft Development Agreement 5.8, pg. 11
Fire Protection	Fire District representatives testified in favor of the project as assisting them in their fire protection efforts.	Development Agreement Exhibit G 10 January 2006 Evans testimony
Tax Benefits	Passage and signature of Senate Bill 6141 establishes the project as new construction, with significant financial benefits provided to the County and junior taxing districts.	29 March 2006 email from County Assessor 30 March 2006 testimony from Debbie Strand
Site Location and Need for Project	Puget Sound Energy identifies wind power as their least cost resource and that siting in the region is restricted to a relatively small number of sites.	29 March 2006 PSE letter
Shadow-Flicker	Extensive shadow-flicker analysis of the area affected by the project was performed, identifying when a given location would be subject to shadow-flicker, showing that shadow-flicker is not significant, and stating that no health effects have been shown to be caused by shadow-flicker.	Proposed findings and Conclusions, Exhibit 15 10 January 2006 Young testimony, pg. 99-110
Avian Monitoring	Environmental analyses performed for the DEIS were in full conformance with WDFW-approved protocols for the wind power projects and WDFW has submitted a letter acknowledging the applicant's compliance.	DEIS 3.2 DEIS Supplemental 3.2 Proposed findings and Conclusions, Exhibit 16 Erickson supplemental report, 12 January 2006 12 January 2006 Peck testimony, pg 170
Swiftwater Corridor	A final plan was not adopted by the BOCC, although a draft plan was prepared. Mountains to Sound took no position on the project.	DEIS 3.9-2 12 January 2006 Peck testimony, pg 173 12 January 2006 Anderson testimony, pg 180