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2 BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
3 ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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5 In the Matter of) Case No.: No. 2004-01
6 Application No: 2004-01,)
7 WIND RIDGE POWER PARTNERS, LLC) Economic Development Group
8 WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT) of Kittitas County
9) Application for Intervention
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10 The Economic Development Group of Kittitas County (formerly the Phoenix
11 Group) hereby files a petition to intervene in the above proceeding, pursuant to
12 WAC 463-30-400 and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Notice of Intent
13 to Hold Adjudicative Proceeding; Notice of Opportunity and Deadline to File
14 Petitions for Intervention – September 10, 2004; and Notice of Intent to Hold a
15 Prehearing Conference.
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17 A. Identification of Petitioner

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21 B. Petitioners Representative

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C. Statement of Petitioners' Interests

The Economic Development Group of Kittitas County is a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Economic Development Group has been designated by the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners as the Associate Development Organization to coordinate economic development services for Kittitas County through a contract with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. The Group has actively participated in the proceedings to date of this project and also the other projects proposed for our county, the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project and the Desert Claim Wind Power Project. The Economic Development Group is an intervener in the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. Although all the projects are located in different sites and therefore have site-specific issues, there are some similarities.

The mission of the Economic Development Group is to provide leadership that stimulates business and promotes economic opportunities to support the needs of Kittitas County. Much of the activities of the organization are focused around business development, expansion and retention activities that diversify our economy and create family wage jobs. The Economic Development Group has a special interest in this proceeding since the outcome will significantly impact the future growth and development of our county.

Other parties do not represent the economic impacts as a whole to Kittitas County residents and the business community. Decisions made in this proceeding may set a precedent for future business development, expansion and retention within our county. The Economic Development Group is intimately familiar with the economy of our county and also the proposed projects. Additionally, the Economic Development Group staff have spent a considerable amount of time analyzing and researching economic impacts such as taxes and their impacts to the community and property values. This unique and important perspective would provide valuable input to assist the Council in its thorough assessment of the proposed project.

The Economic Development Group desires to be heard in these proceedings and to be afforded the right to participate herein to the full extent authorized under the Council rules. Including but not limited to the right to have notice of and appear at any and all hearings or proceedings, to produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses, to be heard through counsel, through written and oral argument, to be served henceforth with copies of all pleadings, applications, and notices and for such other participation and relief as may be appropriate. Absent the opportunity to proceed as a party in this matter, the economic interests of the public would be not be represented.

Wherefore, the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene in the above-entitled proceedings and be made a party thereto.

DATED this _____ day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Strand
Executive Director