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**BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

In the Matter of
Application No. 2004-1

WIND RIDGE POWER PARTNERS, LLC.

WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT

Petition for Intervention
of F. Steven Lathrop

1.

F. Steven Lathrop, individually, respectfully files this Petition for Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding as an interested party pursuant to RCW 34.05.443, RCW 80.50.090, and WAC 463-30-400, and the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Notice of Intent to Hold Adjudicative Proceeding.

2.

F. Steven Lathrop is a 46-plus-year-resident of Kittitas County, residing at 1572 Robinson Canyon Road, Ellensburg, Washington, and has been licensed attorney for 31 years and in practice in Kittitas County for 27 years. He is experienced in land use and property development and is very familiar with the project area, most of which will be visible from his property. He and his family own agricultural property within the county and will be directly affected by the Council's decision whether to approve, deny, condition the proposed wind power project. The impacts of the proposed site on land values and precedent it will set for the future regarding the propriety of location and mitigation will be direct and immediate on Mr. Lathrop and his property.

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F. Steven Lathrop is familiar with Chapter 80.50 RCW and Chapter 463-30 WAC and with the adjudicative process and responsibilities that intervener status will require. He is an experienced land use litigator and can fully assume the role of an active participant in these proceedings. He is also a concerned citizen who has actively participated in the formulation of county land use policies, including the recently adopted county codes concerning wind power projects within Kittitas County. He has recently participated in public hearings concerning changes to the county comprehensive plan proposed by the applicant in an attempt to avoid the requirements of the Growth Management Act. He is well known within the community and well informed about the process and impacts and attitudes of this project on Kittitas County generally, and such experience will assist the Council in evaluating the project.

4.

F. Steven Lathrop, and his family, has a direct substantial interest which is not adequately represented or protected by existing parties, including Counsel for the Environment. The proposed wind power project is located within the view of his residence and could form a precedent for future projects, thereby directly impacting its value and the value of his surrounding property. The Counsel for the Environment's interests are, by design, general in nature and the position is filled by an Assistant Attorney General located in Olympia with no apparent contacts or knowledge of Kittitas County or its land use regulations or GMA, Central Washington agricultural interests, local property values, local concerns and attitudes, or the potential impacts of this type of project upon this area. Mr. Lathrop's ability to protect his interests relating to the subject matter of this hearing would be impaired or impeded absent intervention in this case. He believes that he is in a position to present a unique and important perspective to the direct benefit of the Council in its proceedings and that his input would be valuable to the Council in a thorough assessment and review of the proposed project, including, but not limited to, its compliance with the Growth Management Act, the Council's consideration of preemption should the applicant elect that option, and the formulation of appropriate findings of fact and conclusions supporting the Council's ultimate decision.

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F. Steven Lathrop 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, call witnesses, and cross-examine witnesses, to be heard through counsel if so desired, 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 interests of F. Steven Lathrop would be seriously impaired and impeded.

Neither delay nor disruption of these proceedings nor prejudice to the petitioner would result from F. Steven Lathrop becoming a party to this proceeding.

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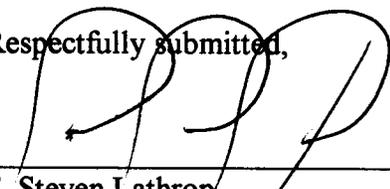
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Wherefore, F. Steven Lathrop respectfully requests that he be permitted to intervene in the above-entitled proceedings and be made a party thereto.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



F. Steven Lathrop

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