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From: BILLINGSLEY, BRENT (DNR)
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2008 10:03 AM
To: CTED EFSEC
Subject: Wild Horse Comments

Thank you for taking our comments at the public hearing last night in Ellensburg. Here is a copy of my comments.

My name is Brent Billingsley, and I am the Dept of Natural Resources' representative on the TAC. I urge the Council to approve the proposed amendment to the Site Certificate agreement.

As DNR's member on the TAC, I would like to make several comments on how the TAC is performing and how we are working with the Certificate Holder, Puget Sound Energy.

- I believe that the TAC is functioning well, we are kept well informed by PSE staff, and it has been a productive process.
- The TAC has reviewed, and unanimously recommended for approval, the following plans:
 1. Post-Construction Rangeland Management and Grazing Plan
 2. Hunting Plan
 3. Post-Construction Avian Monitoring Plan
 4. In the process of reviewing implementation of the Post-Construction Restoration Plan.
- The TAC has, and continues to successfully address wildlife habitat issues. For example, we encourage PSE to aggressively control cheat grass in their native restoration seeding and they stepped up to do that. Another example is the time and resources they have contributed to the CRM process on an area much larger than the wind power project area. Through this process we have worked on wildlife needs on a 60,000 acre area.
- The TAC has been able to reach consensus on each of the recommendations that the TAC has made to EFSEC.

Based on PSE's performance in complying with all the conditions of the permit, their commitment to improving habitat conditions, and their active participation in the CRM, we hope to see EFSEC approve their request.

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