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Mr. Fiksdal:

I am writing in regard to the "Request to Amend the Wild Horse Wind Power Project Site Certification Agreement to Expand Wind Power Generating Capacity". I have reviewed the application letter and am pleased to see that PSE is working to finalize the conservation easement with WDFW. As you may know, the Kittitas County Conservation District previously worked with PSE on the conservation easement.

Our very first discussions with PSE began in June 2005. Those were preliminary discussions that occurred before the project was approved by Governor Gregoire. In early 2006, we applied for a Capacity Building grant to fund our staff time for the conservation easement process. Those funds were awarded and became available July 1, 2006. From that date until May 2007, we worked with PSE regularly to draft an MOU and the conservation easement document.

While we are not the entity that will ultimately hold the easement, the process of developing the easement was a good learning experience for us. We know much more about conservation easements, how they function, and which local and regional entities may be better suited to hold the easements.

Again, I'd like to state that I'm pleased to see that PSE is finalizing the conservation easement with WDFW. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Anna Lael, District Manager  
Kittitas County Conservation District