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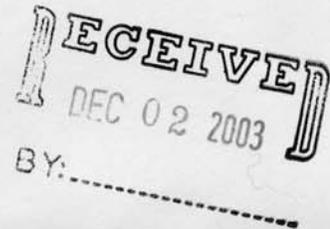
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November 24, 2003

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Ms. Irina Makarow, Siting Manager
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Olympia, WA 98504-3172



Re: Wild Horse Wind Project Environmental Process

Dear Ms. Makarow:

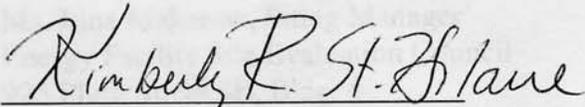
Thank you for notifying us that the Potential Site Study Report (Report) is available for the Wild Horse Wind Power Project (Project), proposed by Wind Ridge Partners L.L.C. (a subsidiary of Zilkha Renewable Energy). The Report indicates that Wind Ridge Partners proposes to interconnect the Project to either Puget Sound Energy (PSE) or Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transmission facilities and they have submitted requests for transmission interconnection services to both PSE and BPA.

After reviewing available information on the Project, BPA believes that it is not necessary for BPA to formally participate in EFSEC's SEPA process, in light of BPA's uncertain role in interconnecting the proposed Project. If in the future, Wind Ridge Partners formalizes its request for interconnection services through a request for an interconnection agreement with BPA, BPA will prepare its own appropriate NEPA documentation at that time.

We understand that Wind Ridge Partners has not submitted their formal EFSEC application yet, but that once this is done, the Council will hold an initial public meeting in the vicinity of the proposed project. Because any NEPA documentation that BPA may need to prepare could require public involvement, BPA requests that we be allowed to informally participate in your agency's public meetings. Our role would be simply to inform the public of BPA's potential interconnection of the Project, and to be available in the event that interested parties want to contact BPA for more information. To facilitate this, I would attend EFSEC public meetings for the Project, and would appreciate it if you (or those conducting the meetings) could explain, at some time during the meeting, BPA's limited role of being one of the parties that may potentially interconnect the Project, and identify me as the BPA point of contact for any questions.

Please add me to the project mailing list so that I will receive notification of meeting dates and locations. If you have any questions or concerns about our intended course of action, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503.230.5361.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Protection Specialist

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- cc: *Wind Ridge Wind Project Environmental Process*
Mr. Chris Taylor, Zilkha Renewable Energy, 210 SW Morrison St., Portland, OR 97204
Mr. Mike Raschio, TM-OPP-2
Mr. Steve Enyeart, TOC-PPO2-1
Ms. Kevin Prickett, TM-OPP-2

Partial Site Study Report (Report) is available for the Wind Ridge Wind Project (Project) prepared by Wind Ridge Partners L.P. (Proprietors) of Zilkha Renewable Energy. The Report indicates the Wind Ridge Partners Proprietors intend to connect the Project to either Pacific Northwest Energy (PNEC) or Bonneville Power Authority (BPA) transmission facilities and they have submitted requests for transmission interconnection services to both PNEC and BPA.

After reviewing available information on the Project, BPA believes that it is not necessary for BPA to formally participate in EPSC's NEPA process, in light of BPA's significant role in interconnecting the proposed Project. If in the future, Wind Ridge Partners formalizes its request for interconnection services through a request for an interconnection agreement with BPA, BPA will prepare its own appropriate NEPA documentation at that time.

We understand that Wind Ridge Partners has not submitted their formal EPSC application yet, but that once this is done, the Council will hold an initial public meeting in the vicinity of the proposed project. Because any NEPA requirements that BPA may need to prepare could require public involvement, BPA requests that we be allowed to informally participate in your agency's public meetings. Our role would be simply to inform the public of BPA's potential interconnection of the Project, and to be available in the event that interested parties want to contact BPA for more information. To facilitate this, I would attend EPSC public meetings for the Project, and would appreciate it if you (or those conducting the meetings) could explain, at some time during the meeting, BPA's limited role of being one of the parties that may potentially interconnect the Project, and identify me as the BPA point of contact for any questions.