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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Interested Person:

This notice is to advise you that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been issued for the proposed Wild Horse Wind Power Project. The proponent, Wind Ridge Power Partners, L.L.C., has requested to build and operate a generation facility consisting of up to 158 wind generation turbines, and with a nameplate capacity up to 312 megawatts. The proposed Project would be located along the ridge tops of Whiskey Dick Mountain, two miles north of Vantage Highway, and 11 miles east of the City of Kittitas, in Kittitas County, Washington.

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed this DEIS under contract with Jones and Stokes Associates. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The scoping phase of this project analysis has identified several issues that are addressed in the DEIS. A No Action and Action Alternative, including mitigation measures, are discussed in detail in the DEIS.

The DEIS is available to interested persons free of charge. Copies may be requested by contacting EFSEC at (360) 956-2121, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. The DEIS is also available in electronic format on CD-ROM, and on the internet at www.efsec.wa.gov.

The public and other reviewers can provide written or oral comments regarding the DEIS to EFSEC. **The written comment period for the Wild Horse Wind Power Project DEIS closes on September 10, 2004.** Please send your comments to: Allen J. Fiksdal, Manager, EFSEC, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172, or by e-mail to efsec@ep.cted.wa.gov.

Comments should be as specific as possible and may address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of alternatives discussed, or both. Commenters are encouraged to supply relevant additional information, respond to the methodologies and processes identified in the DEIS, and/or respond to the mitigation measures identified. **To be considered, written comments on the DEIS must be postmarked, or dated if sent by e-mail, by September 10, 2004.** Oral comments may be provided at the August 24, 2004 Public Comment Meeting as described below.

EFSEC will review and respond to all comments received and intends to publish a Final EIS after the adjudicative hearings for this Project in 2005. Please note that comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

Public Comment Meeting: August 24, 2004, Ellensburg, Washington

A public meeting has been scheduled to receive comments on the Wild Horse Wind Power Project DEIS. The public meeting will be held as indicated below. There will be an open house before the meeting, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Comments will be received starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday August 24, 2004
Open House: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Public Comments Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Samuelson Union Building – Theater
Central Washington University
400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

For further information regarding this proposal, you may contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047. You may access the Draft EIS and find more information about the project and the review process at the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov. Copies of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project Application for Site Certification, EFSEC No. 2004-01 and this Draft EIS are also available for public review at the following locations:

Washington State Library
Joel M. Pritchard Library
Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Blvd
Tumwater, WA, 98504-2460
(360) 704-5200

Energy Facility
Site Evaluation Council
925 Plum Street SE, Building 4
Olympia, WA, 98504-3172
(360) 956-2121

Kittitas Public Library
NE corner 2nd & Pierce Streets
Kittitas, WA 98934
(509) 968-0226

Hours:
Tuesday: Noon to 8 PM
Thursday & Saturday: Noon
to 5 PM

Ellensburg Public Library
209 North Ruby St
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 962-7250

Hours:
Monday to Thursday:
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact EFSEC at (360) 956-2121 or TDD at (360) 586-4224.



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