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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2009-01

of

WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY, L.L.C.

for

WHISTLING RIDGE ENERGY
PROJECT

SEATTLE AUDUBON SOCIETY'S
RESPONSE BRIEF ON LAND USE
CONSISTENCY

Seattle Audubon Society (SAS) files this brief to respond to the parties' opening briefs on land use consistency, specifically the parties' arguments regarding forest practice conversions. SAS agrees with the points regarding conversions of forest lands raised in pages 7 through 12 of the brief of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and disagrees with the points regarding conversions of forest lands raised on pages 4 and 5 of Skamania County's brief. The proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project is not in compliance with laws regulating conversions of forest land to non-forestry uses. EFSEC should find the project inconsistent with these laws.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of February, 2011.



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