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December 22, 2017

Dear EFSEC Evaluation Committee,

Kittitas County's Commercial Ag and Ag 20 land is intended to be used for Agriculture only. Industrial Solar does not qualify as Agriculture. Irrigated farm land is quickly becoming difficult if not impossible to purchase or lease. Please consider the following and attached document before making your final decision.

At a time when Wells and the Aquifer are being evaluated and regulated because of groundwater concerns the State of Washington should not allow Solar projects on irrigated Ag land. Surface irrigation under Ellensburg Water Company on which two of the Solar Projects are planned adds to the Aquifer about 716,870 gallons per acre per year. (Research by Dick Bain Hydrologist Engineer). Submitted and accepted to evidence during Aquavella and water Adjudication.

All irrigation districts add significant amounts to the Aquifer.

There are abundant acres of private land above the irrigated zone that would be more suitable locations for Solar Companies to develop. I personally know of one private land owner above the irrigated zone that has recently contracted 160 acres with one of these Solar companies. This particular land owner has 30000 acres to offer with no county land use issues and no negative impacts on the Aquifer. There are many other private land owners above the irrigated zone for Solar Companies to consider. The DNR has shown interest in having Solar on DNR trust land also above the irrigated zone which would benefit Washington State Schools and Universities.

Please keep our irrigated Agriculture land for Agriculture use only.

Sincerely,

Ron and Darcy Poulsen