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Neil A. Caulkins
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RE: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Application for Site Certification (ASC) for TUUSSO Columbia Solar Project (Project), Docket No. EF-170823.

Dear Mr. Caulkins:

Thank you for your email dated April 17, 2018 in response to EFSEC's list of questions and request to meet with you and Kittitas County (County) staff. We appreciate the additional explanation of the County's SEPA comments related to adequate water supply and rural character. We also want to thank the County for its SEPA comments related to noise conditions at the Camas facility, proposed decommissioning provisions, and vegetative buffers for visual screening.

While your written comments have been helpful in clarifying the County's position and site-specific issues of importance, it is our belief that continued dialogue between EFSEC and County technical staff is important and beneficial towards developing EFSEC's recommendation for this Project. On February 20, 2018 at EFSEC's monthly Council meeting, EFSEC staff discussed options for obtaining additional information, similar to the information the County would receive during a conditional use hearing, specifically related to site-specific conditions and criteria.

The EFSEC Order Granting Expedited Processing issued on April 17, 2018 further discusses the importance of receiving information akin to what the County would receive during a conditional use hearing. The granting of expedited processing is not an approval of the Project. On the contrary, EFSEC recognizes the importance of addressing site requirements on an individual basis and we are intending to develop proposed draft site certification agreements for each of the 5 sites comprising the Project.

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To assist us in this process we were hopeful that County staff would be willing to meet and discuss how we might further address concerns the County still has. Such a meeting would give us more insight into the County conditional use process and may provide more information to inform the development of the SCA's, before putting them out for public comment. During the public comment period the County and the public will have another formal opportunity to provide comment, regarding site specific conditions at each site. After the public comment period, the EFSEC Council will consider the proposed draft SCA's along with other information before making a recommendation to the Governor.

I respectfully disagree that a meeting between EFSEC staff and the County would be a "waste of time", as you said in your April 17 e-mail. As we have recently begun developing the proposed draft SCA's, now is the time for the County to share information with EFSEC, to help us better understand your concerns.

Please reconsider your decision not to meet with EFSEC staff. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Sonia Bumpus at (360) 664-1363 or me at (360) 664-1903.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Posner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Posner".

Stephen Posner
EFSEC Manager

cc. Paul Jewel, Kittitas County Commissioner
Jon Thompson, Office of Attorney General
Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC