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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
Post Office Box 40002  
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Dear Governor Inslee:

Subject: Tuusso Energy Columbia Solar Project – Recommendation for Approval

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed its review of the Tuusso Energy LLC. Columbia Solar Project (Project). The Project consists of five solar photovoltaic generating facilities with a combined generating capacity of twenty five megawatts. The facilities would be located on five discrete sites in unincorporated Kittitas County near Ellensburg. For reasons explained fully in the Recommendation Report the Council recommends approval of the Project.

In making this recommendation, the Council has carefully considered the record before it along with the statutory directive to protect the interests of all Washingtonians in the siting of energy facilities. The information reviewed by the Council includes the application for site certification; the record from the land use consistency hearing; the SEPA documentation; draft site certification agreements; public comments received orally during public meetings and in writing; policies on need for energy at a reasonable cost with minimal environmental impacts; and other relevant state energy policies.

Included with the Recommendation Report are five draft site certification agreements (SCA), one for each of the five discrete sites and a thumb drive which includes the application for site certification, the SEPA mitigated determination of non-significance, Applicant and County briefs on land use consistency, the order granting expedited processing and transcripts from all public meetings. Each SCA lists the specific terms and conditions for each site that EFSEC proposes for construction, operation and site restoration. The Council has determined that the conditions listed in the SCA's will ensure that the interests of the public and the environment are protected.

RCW 80.50.010 requires that within sixty days of receipt of the Council's recommendation, you do one of the following: a) approve the Application by executing the site certification agreements; b) reject the Application; or c) direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the proposed site certification agreements. Please consider the date of this letter as the beginning of the sixty day gubernatorial review.

If your decision is to approve the Project, please execute the proposed site certification agreements by signing the documents.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Drew  
EFSEC Chair