1	BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
2	ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
	In the matter of:)
3	Application No. 2004-01)
) Land Use Hearing
4	WIND RIDGE POWER PARTNERS, L.L.C.,) Pages 1 - 25
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5	WILD HORSE WIND POWER PROJECT)
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	A Land Use Hearing in the above matter was held
7	in the presence of a court reporter on April 22, 2004, at
	7:15 p.m., at 512 North Poplar, Kittitas County Fairgrounds,
8	in Ellensburg, Washington before Energy Facility Site
	Evaluation Council Members.
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10	JUDGE TOREM: Good evening, everyone. I am
11	calling the land use hearing to order in the matter of
12	Project Application No. 2004-01. This is the Wild Horse
13	Wind Power Project application. This is for a land use
14	consistency hearing, and I would like to call the roll.
15	Mr. Fiksdal is walking away, so we will do
16	it here.
17	Department of Community Trade and Economic
18	Development.
19	MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is present.
20	JUDGE TOREM: Department of Ecology.
21	MS. ADELSMAN: Hedia Adelsman is present.
22	JUDGE TOREM: Department of Fish and
23	Wildlife.
24	MS. TOWNE: Chris Towne is present.
25	JUDGE TOREM: Department of Natural

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1	Resources.	$\frac{1}{2}$	going to occur tonight, but I want to invite the Applicant	
2 3	MR. IFIE: Tony Ifie is present. JUDGE TOREM: Utilities and Transportation	2 3	to come up and talk as to what their position is as to land use consistency.	
	Commission. I realize Tim Sweeney is absent.	3 4		
4	•		MR. PEEPLES: Essentially it's going to be	
5	Kittitas County. MS. JOHNSON: Patti Johnson is present.	5 6	the same result as it was JUDGE TOREM: Mr. Peeples, if you could	
6 7	JUDGE TOREM: And the Chair, Jim Luce, is	7	state your name for the record.	
8	absent tonight as well.	8	MR. PEEPLES: Darrel Peeples, Attorney for	
9	I want to note up front that typically we	9	the Applicant, and with me is Chris Taylor representing	
10	might be making a decision on land use consistency at the	10	the Applicant.	
11	close of the meeting. We do not want to do that tonight	11	We are going to just put briefly on some	
12	because the Council in its entirety is not present, so we	12	real quick testimony. The testimony will be that the	
12	will be deferring a decision to a later Council meeting.	13	project is inconsistent with the zoning ordinance, and I	
14	It will be a decision and a vote and an order will be	14	would like to point out to you that section in our	
15	issued. It probably will not be done here in Ellensburg	15	application. Section 3.10 contains the information	
16	because that process will take all of about five minutes,	16	regarding the zoning and land use consistency and then you	
17	but we probably will send out notice to all of you that	17	go to Exhibit 3, Exhibit 3(a) has the actual zoning	
18	want to know about that hearing. Let Irina Makarow or	18	ordinance in it. So we will be referencing those and	
19	Allen Fiksdal know that you want to hear what the outcome	19	asking that those be made part of your order.	
20	is. That may become rather obvious by some of the	20	So essentially what I would like to have	
21	testimony I expect you hear tonight, but nonetheless if	21	done would be to have Mr. Taylor put under oath.	
22	you would like to get a copy of the final land use	22		
23	consistency order, make sure you're on the mailing list	23	CHRIS TAYLOR,	
24	for this project.	24	being first duly sworn on	
25	All right. My name is Adam Torem. I'm an	25	oath, testified as follows:	
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3	this point.	3	County had an opportunity to hold a hearing. We hope that
4	JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you. I	4	doesn't happen in this particular situation. We contacted
5	appreciate the abbreviated rather streamlined approach.	5	the Applicant last November and said let's sit down.
6	MR. PEEPLES: Thank you.	6	Let's talk. We know this is going to come. We would like
7	JUDGE TOREM: At this time Jim Hurson and	7	to get your application presented as soon as we can. We
8	Clay White. I'm not sure what order you will speaking,	8	still don't have an application yet. We hope to get one
9	but I understand that you will be presenting the County's	9	here in the near future. We can only react to what was
10	position on this.	10	supplied to us. We have hope that we will get an
11	MR. HURSON: Jim Hurson, H-u-r-s-o-n, Deputy	11	opportunity to process this one.
12	Prosecutor, Kittitas County. I don't know if you want	12	JUDGE TOREM: All right. So you're still
13	sworn testimony, but we had contacted Mr. Peeples,	13	waiting for an application to go through the County
14	indicated that there was going to be a stipulation on lack	14	process perhaps to bring things into compliance with the
15	of consistency, so I don't know how much more detail you	15	local land use.
16	need. The County does agree that it's not consistent with	16	MR. HURSON: Correct. Under the Growth
17	the zoning because it needs the wind farm zoning	17	Management Act we can only amend our comprehensive plan
18	designation. There's two conditional use permits we've	18	either through an annual amendment process which has a
19	identified as far as transmission lines and the concrete	19	deadline of June 30, and then that's the hole. You can
20	batch plant, and there's one other I don't know the	20	only do that once a year. So then that's generally done
21	application clearly delineated. So I was going to mention	21	by the end of the year if you can get it accomplished.
22	it's our Comprehensive Plan GPO 6.34 which is in Tab 3 of	22	The other way is you can do it through a subarea plan
23	Volume 2, Part 1.	23	which you can do at any point in time during the year, and
24	Our comprehensive plan says wind farms may	24	our code was specifically written so that if applicants
25	only be located in areas designated as wind farm research	25	wanted to they could present it as a subarea plan. So we
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1	overlay districts in the comprehensive plan. That was one	1	can accept an application at any point in time to begin
2	other lack of consistency issue. I don't believe there's	2	the process, and we don't have to wait for the annual
3	a dispute that that's not met either, and Mr. Peeples is	3	review process. And that was intended to make it so we
4	agreeing with that.	4	can streamline them. So as soon as we get an application
5	JUDGE TOREM: Excellent.	5	we can start moving on it.
6	MR. HURSON: So do you have any questions?	6	JUDGE TOREM: Very well. I trust that
7	JUDGE TOREM: Mr. White, do you have	7	between the County and the Applicant we'll have some
8	anything else you would like to add at this time?	8	correspondence informing the Council as to whether or not
9	MR. WHITE: Clay White for the record,	9	an application is going to the filed or if the same
10	C-l-a-y W-h-i-t-e. I have no further comments. I think	10	approach eventually taken in the other case, a petition
11	as Mr. Hurson said it, both with our zoning code and our	11	for preemption, and that request will be filed in this
12	comprehensive plan there is inconsistency now, and I think	12	case as well. There's a lot of things that have to happen
13	the Applicant stipulated to the same thing.	13	between now and then, including the scoping meeting
14	JUDGE TOREM: The only question I have	14	tonight to get our consultant working on the Draft
15	having seen what the Council went through in the other	15	Environmental Impact Statement. Some of that
16	project, the Kittitas Valley Project, it took a lengthy	16	environmental analysis may help to see if there are any
17	amount of time to determine that there weren't going to be	17	differences that would streamline the proceedings if an
18	any ability to resolve the land use inconsistency that are	18	application might be appropriate and resolve the land use
19	now being stimulated to again in this project. Do either	19	inconsistency as it stands now.
20	of you have any belief that there will be a dissimilar	20	Thank you. I don't have anything else for
21	approach here; that there will eventually be in this case	21	the County. Any other Councilmembers wish to pose any
22	the Wild Horse any chance of resolving the land use	22	questions?
23	inconsistency?	23	Thank you, gentlemen.
24	MR. HURSON: Well, Jim Hurson for the	24	MR. HURSON: I believe Clay White in the
25	record. I believe that there was an ability to solve the	25	next phase is going to submit a letter, and that also

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1	details the land use consistency issues. The same	1	forest and range zone. That is a conditional use that	0
2	correspondence that has the scoping comments.	2	would need a conditional use permit. Further, it looks	
3	MR. WHITE: It's been submitted to the	3	like the transmission lines that are proposed in the	
4	Board.	4	project would also need a conditional use permit per	
5	JUDGE TOREM: Mr. White, then don't go far.	5	Kittitas County code. That's outlined in the letter.	
6	Now that we've had the original meeting, the Applicant's	6	Pretty basic things.	
7	and the County's initial responses, and an indication that	7	Also with our comprehensive plan at this	
8	there isn't land use consistency at this time, I wanted to	8	time it is inconsistent. I've outlined that for the	
9	indicate that we had set out a deadline for five o'clock	9	Board. I think it's pretty simple. We've been down this	
10	today at the EFSEC office for receipt of any written	10	road before. So if you have any questions for me, but	
11	comments regarding land use consistency, and as of right	11	really there's just the four areas we've identified at	
12	now I'm aware of two comments. We're not sure if anything	12	this point that are inconsistent. As Mr. Hurson said, you	
13	came in in the late afternoon today. Any written	13	know, at this point we're waiting for an application. I	
13	documents that were faxed or otherwise submitted	13	think that we've been pretty clear that in the most	
15	appropriately in today's afternoon mail those will be	15	proactive stance we would like to get the application as	
15	added and listed as comments that we've received and will	15	soon as possible, and we've been working with the	
10	become part of the record. Right now we do have the	17	Applicant to try to get it since November.	
17	Kittitas County Community Development Services letter	18	JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you.	
18 19	dated today, and I believe this is the document you've	10	I have a sign-up sheet that has three other	
19 20	already submitted to Ms. Makarow.	20	names on it, and I'll ask you up one at a time. It	
20	MR. WHITE: Correct.	20	doesn't look like we have to have a time limit, but let's	
21	JUDGE TOREM: So, Mr. White, that will be	21	keep everything within reason. When you do come up to	
22	made a part of the record. It's four pages. The only	22	speak, please state your full name and as necessary spell	
23 24	other written comment received so far is from Renewable	23 24	your last name for the record. If you could also state	
24 25	Northwest Project. It's a letter of one page dated by	24 25	your mailing address for the court reporter, that would	
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1	Sonja Ling, and a copy of an email as well showing	1	become part of the record.	
2	transmission. So those are the two items we have so far.	2	The first person I have is Steve Verhey. If	
3	There may be more that I'm not aware of tonight, but	3	you would help me with the pronunciation.	
4	certainly if they're there at the office when we get back	4		
			MR. VERHEY: Verhey is correct, yeah, Steve.	
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1	want to know from everyone. We don't have a formal	1	MR. BOYOVICH: Question: I just want to
2	sign-up sheet for that. We want to know from any of you	2	know if the land use action you're talking about
3	here what you want us to study about the potential	3	JUDGE TOREM: Sir, could you state your name
4	environmental impacts; what should be the scope of the	4	for the record first, and then I'll have you ask the
5	document that's called the Draft Environmental Impact	5	question.
6	Statement that will be issued in a few months by the	6	COMMENTS BY DAVID BOYOVICH
7	consultants. And so she may even stand up and use the	7	My name is David Jack Boyovich. My address
8	easel board here to make a list of exhibits. It's a	8	18830 Reecer Creek Road, Ellensburg, Washington.
9	little bit looser project, almost like a brainstorming if	9	My question is this land use action does
10	you've done that sort of project where there's certain	10	that have anything to do with the other two projects, the
11	standards things you may have seen in the Kittitas Valley	11	others in process, as well as the Wild Horse?
12	Project before that are going to be looked at. But if	12	JUDGE TOREM: No, it doesn't. This is a
13	there's any other ideas for this particular location,	13	separate project.
14	that's the part of the meeting to give us those.	14	MR. BOYOVICH: That's what I wanted to know;
15	So, Mr. Verhey, if your comments are on the	15	otherwise, I'd say that never mind.
16	land use, I'd ask you try to limit to them.	16	JUDGE TOREM: Let me just comment the three
17	MR. VERHEY: I think my comments actually	17	projects are not being addressed one at a time in a
18	would be more appropriate for the second opportunity, so	18	vacuum. Later tonight on the Environmental Impact
19	in the interest of getting there as quick as possible, I'm	19	Statement Scoping Meeting there's a section of the
20	going to sit back down.	20	environmental impact document called cumulative effects.
21	JUDGE TOREM: Okay. Thanks. Let me ask if	21	If there are cumulative or additive effects from the three
22	P. Kellogg would still like to comment at this time on the	22	projects, certainly that's something that you can address
23	land use issues. I don't see that person still here.	23	a comment to the consultant for them to address at
24	Sonja Ling from Renewable Northwest Project.	24	whatever level of the scoping meeting results in tonight
25	///	25	needs to be talked about. We're not ignoring this, sir,
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1	COMMENTS FROM SONJA LING	1	for sure. And I think you saw in the earlier slides that
2	Sonja Ling with the Renewable Northwest	2	the Applicant recognizes they have another project of
3	Project, and we are based in Portland, Oregon. I think	3	their own, and there's a third project going on through
4	I'd just like to echo some of our written comments, and we	4	the County's process. I looked at the environmental
5	will be brief. I guess I really have just two comments to	5	documents that have come out for both of those prior
6	make this evening. First, we believe that the project can	6	projects, and they do recognize that the other exists. So
7	be consistent with local land use plans; however, we are	7	I hope that that's going to address part of your concern.
8	concerned that there isn't a clear process, a clear County	8	MR. BOYOVICH: Wasn't not the statement that
9	process and time frame for making that determination. So	9	that gentleman over there said and these two people from
10	we hope that the Applicant and the County can work	10	the County were they not on that 97 project?
11	together on making sure that they can be consistent with	11	JUDGE TOREM: Who was on what?
12	local land use plans, and we hope that what has happened	12	MR. BOYOVICH: The environmental impact
13	in the KV Project can be avoided. Thank you.	13	statement that you people they circumvented the County,
14	JUDGE TOREM: Are there any other folks that	14	and they went straight to you people. I'm assuming when I
15	wish to comment as to the land use issues?	15	was listening to this gentleman over here about the fact
16	Sir, if you will come forward and state your	16	that, you know, things weren't moving fast enough for
17	name for the record.	17	them, so they went straight to you people, and these guys
18	COMMENTS BY DESMOND KNUDSON	18	come up and answered to part of that. Is that not part of
19	Desmond Knudson, 1661 Vantage Highway, in	19	what they just said?
20	Ellensburg, Washington. Same concerns here; that the	20	JUDGE TOREM: If I'm understanding what
21	County doesn't really have a process to get there, and the	21	you're asking, there is a separate project
22	time line seems to keep growing bigger and bigger, so I	22	MR. BOYOVICH: I understand that.
23	would like to look at setting a time line where the County	23	JUDGE TOREM: on Highway 97. Whether or
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24 25 permit from the County if they chose to go that route, it

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JUDGE TOREM: Thank you.

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1	will be a separate permit. I thought I heard you ask me,		1	order to do that. It's exactly the same sort of	
2	you wanted to know if one is built, what's the impact on		2	philosophy. This project is being proposed for one of the	
3	the others? Maybe I misunderstand the question to begin		3	last large view sheds in Central Washington that has no	
4	with.		4	human construction or very, very little human construction	
5	MR. BOYOVICH: I thought they had never		5	on it, and that makes it a very poor choice to my mind.	
6	mind. I'll get up later.		6	Unfortunately I fear as maybe the gentleman	
7	JUDGE TOREM: Okay. I trust you will.		7	before the previous gentleman that the Kittitas Valley	
8	There was one other gentleman in the back.		8	Project that Zilkha might withdraw from the Kittitas	
9	COMMENTS BY JEFF HOWARD		9	Valley project and build this project. I hope it actually	
10	My name is Jeff Howard. I have a home at 21		10	goes in the opposite direction, and I'm sorry to extend	
11	Fawn Road in Cle Elum. My mailing address is P.O. Box		11	the time but the previous gentleman wasn't addressing the	
12	3465, Bellevue, Washington 98009. I am representing		12	direct issue, so I thought I'd jump in too. Thank you.	
13	myself. Last year I stood in this room before this		13	JUDGE TOREM: That's all right. When we	
14	commission and urged the total rejection of the Zilkha and		14	have two public meetings and try to have folks sort out	
15	the EnXco projects in the Western Kittitas Valley.		15	their thoughts, it's a little bit like herding cats, so	
16	Now I'm still adamantly opposed to both of		16	we're okay. We are going to have enough time to cover	
10	those projects for many reasons which will not be		17	both comments tonight, and the Council is going to hear	
18	reiterated here. At that time I suggested that any such		18	and review both transcripts for those members that aren't	
19	facilities should be sited in almost vacant land far east		10	here tonight.	
20	of the town of Kittitas in the county, and this project		20	I would like to try and see if anyone else	
20	seems to be sited exactly where I suggested. Now these		20	that wants to come up could limit their comments to the	
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	wind power projects make no economic sense whatsoever		22 23	land consistency. Is there anyone else in the room that wants to comment on the land use consistency issues?	
23	without massive federal tax benefits, subsidies, and			•	
24	legislative coercion forcing power companies to purchase		24	MR. VERHEY: If I could just continue my	
25	this power and pass the added cost along to consumers.		25	comments.	
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3	and that there is some inconsistency with that?		3	CLAY WHITE	TAOL
4	MR. PEEPLES: Yes. The zoning statute		4	Direct by Mr. Peeples	5
5	requires an amendment to the comprehensive plan too. I		5		
6	think we're saying the same thing.		6	PUBLIC SPEAKERS	PAGE
7	JUDGE TOREM: All right. Thank you.		7	CLAY WHITE	11
8	Councilmembers, anything else that we need		8	SONJA LING	14
9	to hear on land use consistency tonight?		9	DESMOND KNUDSON	15
10	All right. We're not going to make a		10	DAVID BOYOVICH	16
11	decision tonight. The Council won't deliberate, but it		11	JEFF HOWARD	18
12	will when all its members are present and have had a		12	STEVE VERHEY	19
13 14	chance to review the transcript. Then all the members will have reviewed the information and the written		13 14	JOHN LANE	21
14	comments that were mentioned tonight and other ones that		14 15		
15	may have come in during the course of the meeting or		15 16		
17	arrived in a timely fashion in EFSEC office, they will		17		
18	then issue that decision on land use consistency. And		18		
19	we'll be working, if I presume the order will agree with		19		
20	what the Applicant and the County are telling us, they're		20		
21	the experts. If the Council does issue an order on land		21		
22	use inconsistency, then we will be in touch with both the		22		
23	County and the Applicant to push along the process and		23		
24	determine what will be the appropriate next step.		24		
25	At this time I wish to close the land use		25		
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1	consistency hearing and take just a brief one-minute		1	•	
2	break. Just stay in place, please.		2		
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4	(Whereupon, the land use consistency hearing		4		
5	was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.)		5	AFFIDAVIT	
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