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April 29, 2021

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
Casey Barney, Interim Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Barney:

The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received your letter regarding the Horse Heaven Wind Project application dated March 2, 2021. EFSEC appreciates your comments, and they will be submitted to the EFSEC Council for consideration.

The project applicant, Scout Clean Energy (acting on behalf of Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC) withdrew their request for expedited processing on March 29, 2021. The applicant and EFSEC have agreed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared. A Determination of Significance/Scoping notice through the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) will be issued to announce initiation of the EIS process.

In your March 2, 2021 letter, a request was made for EFSEC to refrain from posting the cultural resources survey reports, including the redacted versions, on the EFSEC public website. The EFSEC Council is subject to Chapter 463-06 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) which requires that all public records of the council be available for public inspection (WAC 463-06-060), however cultural resource survey reports are likely to fall under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.56.300 and would be exempt from disclosure. EFSEC will not post any unredacted versions. EFSEC staff will continue to follow these guidelines for culturally sensitive materials. A copy of your March 2, 2021 letter will be posted to the EFSEC public website.

Your letter called attention to the importance of continued engagement between EFSEC and the Tribal Council. EFSEC agrees with this statement and will continue to coordinate with the Yakama Nation. The EFSEC project manager for the Horse Heaven Wind Project is Amy Moon. She can be contacted at amy.moon@utc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1362.

Casey Barney
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April 29, 2021

Sincerely,



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EFSEC Manager

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