

June 12, 2023

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Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Updated Third Extension Request (Agency Docket #EF-210011)

Dear Ms. Bumpus,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's agreement that the processing time of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application be extended with an expectation of completing the adjudication followed by the remaining process to complete EFSEC's recommendation to the Governor by January 31, 2024.

The Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application for Site Certification was filed with EFSEC on February 8, 2021. RCW 80.50.100 requires that: *"The council shall report to the governor its recommendations as to the approval or rejection of an application for certification within twelve months of receipt by the council of such an application, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant."*

We value the level of effort and analysis involved in the progress to date, including preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), released on December 16, 2022, subsequent comment period held December 19, 2022 through February 1, 2023, followed by a public comment meeting held February 1, 2023.

The Order Commencing Agency Adjudication was published by EFSEC on December 15, 2022. Adjudication pre-hearing conference orders were published on March 20th and May 2nd, 2023 which established the venue and schedule for the conduct of the adjudication hearings.

We encourage EFSEC to make a recommendation to the Governor in a timely manner as continued delays make it challenging for the Applicant to keep pace with regional utility clean energy supply procurement in the Pacific Northwest being driven by Washington and neighboring states' aggressive goals for significant reduction in greenhouse gas production.



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