



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

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Sent via Electronic Mail

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
efsec@efsec.wa.gov

Re: Horse Heaven Hills Wind & Solar Project
Revised Draft Site Certification Agreement

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I write on behalf of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation ("Yakama Nation") regarding the recently-published draft Revised Site Certification Agreement ("Revised SCA") for the Horse Heaven Hills Wind & Solar Project ("Project").

The Council should decline to approve the Revised SCA because it allows the developer's business interests and Governor Inslee's unsupported demands to override this Council's entire administrative record for the Project. Yakama Nation, along with the other adjudication parties and public commenters, has dedicated significant time and resources into articulating our concerns with the Project's impacts. The record before this Council shows just how significant those impacts are and it has been painful to watch the Governor's callous dismissal of those impacts after he clearly declined to review or tie any of his demands to the administrative record. Approval of the Revised SCA would require this Council to violate its legal obligations under RCW Chapters 80.50, 43.21C, and 34.05.

Approval of the Revised SCA will cause devastating impacts to non-renewable natural and cultural resources; this sacred landscape will be forever changed. We urge this Council to join us in responding to climate change in a responsible manner that accounts for the needs of our collective future generations and does not turn a blind eye to the impacts of new industrial-scale development projects in the name of 'green energy.'

Respectfully,

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YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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