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Chair Kathleen Drew State of Washington Energy Site Evaluation Council 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey WA 98503-3172

Subject: Participation in EFSEC for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project

Dear Chair Drew:

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as a member of the Energy Site Evaluation Council for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project. Unfortunately, as has been the case over the last several months, scheduling conflicts continue to prevent me from participating real-time in the hearings and deliberations regarding the project. Since I will be out-of-state for most of the currently scheduled deliberation sessions, I feel it is in the best interest of all parties for me to step down from my seat on EFSEC. However, I will remain available to EFSEC and EFSEC staff for consultative purposes. I want to thank you for the patience and understanding that you have demonstrated.

Sincerely,

Derek I. Sandison, Director

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