See attached comment letter.

Attachments:

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July 6, 2021

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attn: Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Manager

RE: EFSEC Application No. 2021-01 - SR 24 mileposts 11.9 to 12.9 Lt.

We have reviewed the proposed project and have the following comments.

- The subject property is adjacent to State Route 24 (SR 24), a partial control limited access facility with a posted speed limit of 60 miles per hour. WSDOT has acquired all access rights to the highway from the abutting properties. Private direct access to SR 24 is restricted solely to deeded approaches or existing public road intersections.

  According to our records, access to the subject property is available via a Type B-2 deeded approach located at approximate milepost 12.9 Lt. (HES 641+20 +/-). This approach serves more than one property owner and is restricted to a maximum width of 20’ for the normal use and operation of a farm. The proposed solar project is a compatible use. The property owner must obtain a WSDOT General Permit for any proposed modification of this approach. No additional access to SR 24 will be allowed.

- Any proposed lighting must be directed down towards the site and away from SR 24. The proponent is responsible for any screening necessary to block glint and glare affecting the highway.

- Any stormwater or surface runoff generated by this project must be retained and treated on-site. Any discharge of stormwater into WSDOT rights-of-way requires an approved WSDOT Utility Permit.

- The proposed fencing must be entirely located on the subject property. Permanent encroachment onto WSDOT right-of-way will not be allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacob Prilucik at (509) 225-0637.

Sincerely,

Paul Gonseth, P.E.
Region Planning Engineer

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