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October 28, 2021

Marc Straub, Chairman
Douglas County Board of Commissioners
203 S Rainier Street
Waterville, WA 98858

Subject: EFSEC Member Appointment for Proposed Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project.
Docket: # EF-210747

Dear Chair Straub:

On October 7, 2021, the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received an Application for Site Certification (ASC) from Avangrid Renewables, LLC for a 200 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility and optional 200 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) located in unincorporated Douglas County, Washington.

This application starts EFSEC's process for review as authorized under Title 80.50 RCW in accordance with its rules codified in Chapter 463 WAC. State law provides:

“The appropriate county legislative authority of every county wherein an application for a proposed site is filed shall appoint a member or designee as a voting member to the council. The member or designee so appointed shall sit with the council only at such times as the council considers the proposed site for the county which he or she represents, and such member or designee shall serve until there has been a final acceptance or rejection of the proposed site.” [RCW 80.50.030(4)].

The person the Board of Douglas County Commissioners appoints as a voting member of EFSEC should be familiar with county issues to provide local insight to the EFSEC process. We respectfully request that the appointment of the Douglas County EFSEC representative be made by November 16, 2021.

EFSEC may hold adjudicative proceedings for this project, so the person you appoint will need to become aware of ex parte rules and regulations that apply to each EFSEC Council member. In addition, the person must be able to participate fully in EFSEC's process. EFSEC expects the time commitment to initially be approximately one day per month starting in November 2021. The time commitment will increase if an adjudicative proceeding is held.

RCW 80.50.090 requires EFSEC to hold a public information meeting within sixty days of receipt of an application. That meeting must be held in a location as close as practical to the proposed site, however, due to the restrictions in place for COVID-19, this meeting may be held virtually. Subsequent to the informational meeting EFSEC will conduct a land use hearing. Both meetings will likely be scheduled for mid to late November 2021.

Mr. Marc Straub
Douglas County Commissioners
October 28, 2021

Please contact me at (360) 704-0196 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonia Bumpus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Bumpus".

Sonia Bumpus EFSEC Manager