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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
Attention: Ami Hafkemeyer  
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Subject: Agency Docket Number EF-210747

Dear Mx. Hafkemeyer:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Determination of Significance regarding the new Renewable Energy Generation Facility, proposed by Avangrid Renewables, LLC, (Avangrid) under the above referenced docket number.

DNR is aware of Avangrid's application to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). DNR is supportive of the project and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being conducted by EFSEC. We want reviewers to be aware that if permitted, this project would require a DNR solar lease and project related easements, if any, on the State property located in Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 21 East, W.M.

DNR's current land use authorization at this site has been predominantly for dryland agriculture. If permitted, a use conversion of these lands will occur allowing for solar development. Several authorized communication sites also encumber this parcel and they are not expected to be impacted by this development. We expect through EFSEC's environmental impact review, the project can be permitted in a manner that avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts to the environment, wildlife, and the habitat associated with the project. DNR has granted Avangrid access to the aforementioned properties to perform environmental reviews and historical and cultural studies.

We are submitting these comments to EFSEC for its consideration within the Scope of the Environmental Impact Statement and would request that these comments be circulated with your Environmental Impact Statement. DNR may make further comments once the EIS is available for comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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