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Hello, this my testimony opposing the permitting of High Top and Ostrea solar projects. Solar energy is not the clean energy source that Cypress Creek Renewable claims it to be. From cradle to grave solar is 300 times dirtier than any other energy generating source. Solar pollutes the environment more than it will ever cleanup. The extraction and processing of the raw materials to manufacture the panels damages the environment. The panels are full of carcinogens which will contaminate the ground and water causing irreversible damage to all forms of life. These panels have a short life span and without an approved method of recycling and disposal it will be a future environmental cleanup disaster that Cypress Creek will not take responsibility for. They will be out of business and long gone or have their legal team find reasons why they aren't responsible. Leaving the cleanup for the landowners. Inslee's solar panel buyback plan is insufficient for recycling the panels. When the communist China solar manufacturer goes out of business or refuses to buy back the panels how will Inslee hold that Chinese company responsible? This means Washington citizens will pay for the cleanup. Cypress Creek has not provided any secure funding for the security bond for either of these projects. A letter of credit as a security bond for decommissioning is not adequate when Cypress Creek goes out of business. When solar sites become unprofitable many solar companies use the excuse that the site is down for service and never properly decommission the site. Lithium-ion batteries (BESS) are a hazard and danger to the environment, wildlife and humans. During the extraction and processing of lithium and cobalt to manufacture the batteries the environment is destroyed primarily in China and South America. These batteries are manufactured in China as cheaply

as possible to ensure high profits for their companies. This cheap construction leads the thermal runaway of the batteries which spontaneously combust then explode releasing deadly toxic fumes. As happened June 29, 2021, in Morris, Illinois. This is just one of many events which have happen all around the world. There is no approved method to fight these fires and explosions. Many first responders have been injured or killed by these events. Will Cypress Creek be financially responsible for the injured or killed citizens? Very doubtful. Their attorneys are prepared to make sure they aren't responsible. Cypress Creek promises high paying full-time jobs, cheap electricity which will power many homes and pay huge taxes to the county. Remember promises are made to be broken and they will break them. Don't believe their solar con game. They are here to make as much profits as they can by any means and once accomplished, they will be gone. Solar contributes about 3% to the grid and it is expensive, unreliable and intermittent. It causes major fluctuations to the grid and has caused brown outs and blackouts. A EFSEC representative told me that we (EFSEC) are still learning about solar because it's new to us. EFSEC should not be permitting any solar projects with this lack of knowledge or being pushed by Governor Inslee to permit projects. He is also uniformed. Solar will not save the planet. It emits more co2 into the atmosphere that it removes, does more environmental damage than it saves. The trillion of dollars of wasted taxpayers' money spent on solar should have been spent on cleaning up existing cheap reliable energy sources. Other countries involved with solar long before us have concluded that solar is a big mistake. Why don't you learn from them and end the solar scam before it's too late? If you EFSEC continue permitting solar future generations your children will regret your decisions when they are cleaning up the expensive toxic solar mess. Do not permit these solar projects or any others. Greg Wagner, C.E.A.S.E. Citizens Educated About Solar Energy