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LISA H. FREUND – Director

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EFSEC
Ami Hafkemeyer
PO Box 43172
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Re: Yakima County Public Services - Planning Division Comments

Dear Ms. Hafkemeyer,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed High Top and Ostrea solar project here in Yakima County. As you know, the proposed location for the solar facilities is located within a remote area of the County, with limited to no services and is not within a recognized fire district. The closest fire district to the proposed site is Yakima County Fire District #5. The boundary of Fire District #5 is roughly 8 miles from the proposed site. The nearest Fire District #5 fire station to the proposed site is in the City of Sunnyside roughly 18 miles away. The next closest fire district is Yakima County Fire District #4. The exterior boundary of Fire District #4 is roughly 12 miles from the proposed site, and their closest fire station is located roughly 25 miles away in the City of Moxee. Neither district has an obligation to respond to a fire in this area.

To ensure the safety of both the proposed facility, neighboring properties and wildlife, Yakima County would request EFSEC require the proponants to secure contracts with both fire districts and the development of Fire Management Plans that specifically address wildfires.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have further questions please feel free contact me at 509-574-2300.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Carrol', is written over a white background.

Thomas Carrol
Yakima County Planning Official

Cc: Board of Yakima County Commissioners
Lisa Freund - Public Services Director

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