

October 10, 2023

Lance Caputo Siting Specialist Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 621 Woodlawn Sq Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Innergex Renewable Development USA, LLC – Wautoma Solar Project EFSEC Docket No. EF-220355

Dear Mr. Caputo,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)'s agreement that the processing time of the Wautoma Solar Application be extended to June 28, 2024.

Innergex Renewable Development USA, LLC ("Applicant") submitted its Application for Site Certification for the Wautoma Solar Project on June 9, 2022. RCW 80.50.100 requires that: "The council shall report to the governor its recommendations as to the approval or rejection of an application for certification within twelve months of receipt by the council of such an application, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant."

On June 1, 2023, the Applicant requested an extension of processing time until November 9, 2023; however, through discussions with EFSEC staff, we understand that more time is required by EFSEC to complete its review process. We are anticipating that the draft SEPA threshold determination will be published for public comment in Q4 2023, followed by the adjudicative hearing in early 2024. Council recommendation and Governor's decision would follow.

The Applicant requests that EFSEC allocate the appropriate resources to complete and deliver a recommendation to the Governor within the extended timeline in an effort to advance the aspirational goal of timely processing of the site certification application and which, in this case, will also advance the development of renewable energy consistent with the goals of Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act. We believe the requested extension will allow adequate time for all parties and agencies to have a robust engagement in the process.

Sincerely,

Nuno Louzeiro, Director – Development Innergex Renewable Development USA, LLC