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I will be out of town on the 23rd for the public comments for the Hop Hill solar project but I would like to be added to the list to comment in case I am able to log in and give comment virtually. In case I am unable to find the time to log in to give comments virtually I would like to submit the following written comments:

My Name is Rylan Grimes and I am a lifelong resident of the Tri-Cities, and I am a representative of IBEW local 112 and we represent 1300 electricians in southeastern Washington that would greatly benefit from the job that will be created by this project. My brothers and sisters of IBEW local 112 have been at the forefront of green energy production including a recent repower at the van cycle wind power project in Athena Oregon successfully extending the life of the towers down there. My brothers and sisters built the first wind and solar project in America that could put power on to the grid 24/7 through battery storage in Lexington, Oregon just last year. Low-cost power is the key to attracting new industries to the area and we need the supply in whatever form it takes. The demand for electricity is only going to increase as we move to more and more electric vehicles. My brothers and sisters depend on a steady stream of construction jobs and denying this project would not only deny them these jobs but future jobs as well as industry turns away from the area. IBEW Local 112 and I support this project thank you.

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