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Good Afternoon EFSEC Council,

I have been on your website trying to find a way to provide written testimony against this project but was not successful in locating that option. Therefore, I am submitting this email for the record requesting that EFSEC rejects Carriger's application for an industrial solar project here in Klickitat County. Please consider the following:

1. **OVERVIEW.** Our County has an existing solar moratorium in place on land where this project lies. This moratorium was in place before Carriger / Cypress Creek submitted their application to EFSEC. Furthermore, Carriger / Cypress Creek has not applied for permit at this time to Klickitat County. We are going through a process in our County to review these industrial solar projects based on existing land-use ordinances while potentially adopting revised energy overlay criteria.
2. **PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS.** I live in the middle of this project at 38 Knight Road, Goldendale, Washington. Besides destroying the historically ag related benefits of our region, the industrial solar use will reduce the value of my real estate by at least 50%. This reduction has been supported by private real estate appraisals.
3. The long lasting, negative environmental implications of these industrial solar projects have been articulated by many and are too numerous to list here...but it is ironic to me that a green, renewable-energy project would embrace siting on such valuable ag land considering existing zoning and pending new water, soil and air toxins.
4. The socio-economic section of the Carriger report is a joke. In a nutshell, they take the short-term construction jobs, minimal operational jobs and somehow apply crazy multipliers that skew the results. Then, the report has the audacity to graphically compare these benefits to the 'obvious dismal agricultural' benefits of our land. Maybe they have factored in some way to consume the metal and glass panels as a food group somewhere down the road? It's offensive and wrong to come into a region with over 150 years of rich agricultural history and compose such rubbish. That said, this is how they end that chapter of the report:

"The estimates provided in this report are based on the best information available and all reasonable care has been taken in assessing that information. However, because these estimates attempt to foresee circumstances that have not yet occurred, it is not possible to provide any assurance that they will be representative of actual events. These estimates are intended to provide a general indication of likely future outcomes and should not be construed to represent a precise measure of

those outcomes.”

It is tempting to go on and on about the many reasons why these industrial solar projects are not being properly sited, but at this time I will simply repeat our request. Please reject the Carriger application because our County has had a moratorium in place before this application was submitted and we need time to listen to our citizens, review our existing land use ordinances while adopting revised energy overlay criteria.

Thank you for your time,

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