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Subject: Proposed Carriger Solar Project Docket: #EF-230001

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Dear Ms. Snarski:

My husband and I just received the EFSEC letter outlining the Carriger project in Goldendale Washington. We live on a twenty- acre parcel directly north of the proposed project. We purchased our property three years ago partly because of the wonderful view down the valley. You can see all the way to Goldendale and the mountains beyond. We were not aware of the solar projects when we purchased our property. After learning about the projects and the scope of the proposed projects, we moved the building site of our home. We placed the house in the trees, facing North, not looking down the valley below.

After reading the project information on the EFSEC website I have several concerns. The proposed site for the almost 6,000- acre solar sites sit on land that is in the Klickitat County Extensive Agricultural District. We have thousands of acres in Eastern Washington that are not designated agricultural lands and would seem to be a much better fit for massive industrial solar sites. We need to protect our agricultural lands. As our population grows the need for land which produces food for humans and livestock (to feed humans) will increase. After reading the application, it appears the main reason that Knight Road was chosen is the existing transmission lines and substation. Saving a multi-billion dollar corporation start up expenses does not seem to be a valid reason to sacrifice agricultural lands.

The proposed site on Knight Road and Pine Forest, which is over 1,200-acres, is outside the Energy Overlay Zone. My understanding is that if a project is outside the EOZ it must go through the conditional use permit process. I do not believe that this has happened.

In the project information submitted by Carriger they stated that the area has scattered rural residents owned by project participants landowners and a few non participants This is simply not true. I know of only one participant that lives in the areas that will be impacted by these projects. And, he did not lease the land surrounding his house thereby creating a buffer for his home.

One point that has come up several times in discussions about the land leased for the projects is that you have the right to do what you want with your land. I agree with that statement but when that decision impacts the land value of many of your neighbors I question whether that is fair. Why should I be facing a 30% drop in my property value so someone else (who does not live here) can make a profit? Their profit is being made on the value of my home.

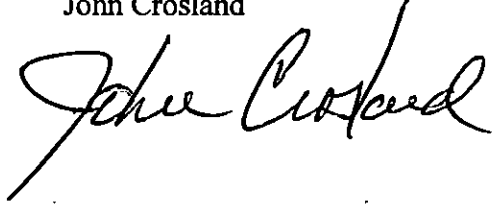
I recently attended the public hearing on whether to continue the solar moratorium in Klickitat County in order to create ordinances for solar projects. In over two hours of public comment I heard only 4 positive comments about solar. Two were landowners who had leased land (one bragged about how much money he was being paid), one was a union worker and the last was an employee of a solar company. This community overwhelmingly opposes the massive projects that will simply destroy the beauty of our area.

I am asking that the EFSEC permit be rejected and the application process be returned to our county. The citizens that will be impacted by the projects deserve to have input. Our county

needs time to create ordinances for these solar projects to protect our land, wildlife, and residents of Klickitat County.

Thank you,

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