

Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
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Via email

Re: Expedited Review Extension Request for Carriger Solar, LLC hearing for June 9, 2023

As District #2 County Commissioner I am sending this letter from myself and on behalf of my county constituents. I am writing regarding the EFSEC hearing to be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. via virtual.

I am asking that the hearing be rescheduled. Proper notification under the Public Meetings Act has not been met. The hearing has been scheduled as per internal WACs developed by the EFSEC council. The EFSEC WACs need a proper review to ensure they meet the Public Meetings Act and associated State RCW requirements.

In the applicant's request for extension dated June 6, 2023, the reason stated was scheduling delays associated with the Initial Public Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing when in fact, the applicant pre-approved and agreed to those delays.

Regarding the applicant's second reason for the request for more time, I find the request two-sided. On one hand, the applicant's original application was filed with a request for an expedited process. One would assume that they had a full application, reviewed and ready to go to ask for such permission. Because of evidence in the County records, we can see Carriger was in consultations and developing plans on or before 2018, a full 5 years or more prior to submitting the request for an expedited process. But we see in their request for the extension of time they wish to submit more information or perhaps corrections. And the request and associated information passed and posted by EFSEC does not state what that information is, so again there is no way for review or response by the County or the citizens.

The EFSEC website is also not user-friendly and leaves many of my constituents asking for help in finding information. In fact, in document 0030 posted to the EFSEC site for public comment, you can see Ami Hafkemeyer asking staff for help as she could not get documents to post to the site. And please note these public documents were being posted a mere three days before the hearing set for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Although the EFSEC application process was set up to bypass County involvement there are required hearings, shared documentation, and meetings associated. None of these meetings, posting of documents, or full and transparent public involvement are being met under the RCWs of this State. The public and the County are not being afforded the same opportunities under the processes of EFSEC as consideration is given to applicants.

I respectfully ask that you reschedule this hearing. Take more time to consider the request from Carriger as well review your internal policies and ensure you meet the requirements of State RCWs regarding requirements for Public Meetings and information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lori Zoller  
District #2 Klickitat County Commissioner