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Re: Site Certification Hearing Comments for Carriger Solar, LLC Project

Ms Hafkemeyer,

Below are my comments and a list of concerns for the Site Certification Hearing for the proposed Carriger Solar Project, located in Klickitat County in the Knight Road area.

These comments are in addition to my and all other comments submitted for the Public Information Hearing.

Prior comments have touched on the inadequacies of the application and the need for a full and robust EIS to ensure that all considerations and protections are in place prior to the decision to approve this application. I would like to add the below for consideration and for the record.

Application part 2

All items are understated and provide minimal studies and information for site approval. Land use is primarily agricultural. Crop yield is incorrect and understated. Site density is incorrect which would allow for large impacts on residents' view shed, property values, and quality of life.

The studies submitted do not fully consider the impacts on fisheries. There has been nothing studied or submitted to address the underground connected aquifers that all drain into the Little Klickitat River. The Little Klickitat River is a significant fish-bearing stream that holds Mid-Columbia Steelhead, a listed species. Years of work by WDFW, Yakama Nation, and Klickitat County under the Governors Salmon Recovery Plan have been done on the Little Klickitat River which has been well documented. Studies must be conducted to protect the water quality and quantity of the Little Klickitat River. Change in aquifers could result in loss of water or turbidity from runoff impacting the required CFS and TMDLS to maintain healthy fisheries and protect the Mid-Columbia Steelhead.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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