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Good Morning,

I have some concerns regarding the public hearing portion of the Carriger Solar application scheduled for May 16, 2023. In reviewing the open meetings act, it does not appear that this hearing meets the definition of a "regular" meeting, because it was specially announced, it was posted in papers, and the regular EFSEC meeting is on May 17 according to your May 17 agenda. As RCW 42.30.080 states, an agency may hold a meeting remotely if that agency held virtual regular meetings before March of 2020, and perhaps EFSEC did. But, this is not a regular meeting. Further, the gist of the RCW governing open meetings is to allow the public *in*, not to allow for the *convenience* of the agency members. By all appearances, this public hearing is being conducted virtually only to benefit the council members, and to inconvenience the public, especially those located near the proposed project.

I request that this hearing be postponed until a reasonable in person location may be acquired. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Dave Barta