

# Survey Responses

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Project: Carriger Solar Expedited Processing Draft Order comments



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Q1. <b>Name</b>	Amy
Q2. <b>Email</b>	Cartwright2004@msn.com
Q3. <b>Are you part of an Agency or Organization?</b>	No
Q4. <b>Share any comment</b>	<p>Solar it up! My household has been on solar power for over a year now with no problems. I see storage is included in this project, kudos! Please bury the transmission lines, what an eyesore or try a better delivery solution due to the inefficiency of our outdated means of using power lines to get power to people.</p>
Q5. <b>Upload your document (optional)</b>	not answered
Q6. <b>Upload a picture (optional)</b>	not answered
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**Respondent No:** 2**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Apr 29, 2025 21:09:45 pm**Last Seen:** Apr 29, 2025 21:09:45 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Ryan Compton

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

The Carriger solar and battery facility is a great opportunity for these local landowners and farmers (one of who I know personally) to help keep their farms and land by supplementing their income with lease payments. By adding more power supply to the local power grid it will also help reduce the cost of electricity which is really important to everyone in this state.

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Q1. <b>Name</b>	Rocel Dimmick and Ryan Moe
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#### Q4. Share any comment

Dear EFSEC and Governor I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Carriger Solar Project in Klickitat County. This project is fundamentally incompatible with the county's current and long-established land use of farming and ranching. The Carriger site consists of agricultural land that supports food production for our state and nation. It is entirely unsuitable for the development of an industrial-scale solar and battery storage facility. By contrast, the nearest industrial development Lund Hill Solar- is located approximately 35 miles away on land better suited for projects of this nature. The Carriger project, however, would result in the permanent loss of productive farmland, violating the intent and provisions of the Farmland Preservation Act (Chapter 89.10 RCW.) The preservation of our agricultural heritage and land is essential for both our economy and our food security. In addition to land-use concerns, this project will diminish local property values, harm our quality of life, and pose serious safety risks to surrounding residents. No meaningful studies have been conducted on the human impacts of placing a large-scale energy facility in a rural residential community. Those of us living near the site face the daily consequences-not EFSEC officials or representatives of Cypress Creek Renewables. Yet it is our homes, our families and our way of life that are being put at risk! This project offers no significant benefit to the residents of Klickitat County. It will not provide high paying local jobs and its Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) confirms that none of the electricity generated will serve our county. It will be exported elsewhere. Even more troubling, is the inclusion of a 63 megawatt Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) using lithium ion technology. These systems are known to be dangerous and unstable with documented instances of thermal runaway, explosions and toxic fume release. The Moss Landing fire earlier this year in Monterey County, California spread contamination nearly 30 miles away. Despite advanced fire detection and suppression systems, first responders there could not extinguish the blaze, and the residents are still reporting "tasting metal." Our local volunteer firefighters are not trained or equipped to manage such emergencies. The proposed site lacks essential infrastructure like fire hydrants, placing them and our community in grave danger. These concerns along with many others have been voiced during several public comments and hearings by our county residents. We overwhelmingly DO NOT want these projects here. Our Comprehensive Plan is over 40 years old and doesn't address large scale industrial solar projects adequately. This project, if approved, will be in our Urban Growth Area threatening the future of Goldendale and its economy. These projects disregard Native People's cultures by encroaching on lands they use for ceremonial purposes. All for the financial benefit of a private company. I believe that if this were sited near your own homes, the level of scrutiny and concern would be much higher. Klickitat County residents are being asked to accept all the risk, with none of the reward. This is unfair, unjust and deeply irresponsible. Clean energy should not come at the expense of rural communities, nor should it sacrifice farmland, or serve only corporate profit. Projects such as Carriger are not clean, not reliable, not affordable and not welcome here. The solar panels are sourced using slave labor practices in a communist country. When you account it's cradle to grave practices, it is not the energy source that any American should want in their communities. The project will be linking to the Knight Road Substation which is a Bonneville Power entity therefore, should be subjected to a NEPA review. Environmental studies should not be conducted and accepted by bias companies such as Tetra Tech who were found guilty in environmental law cases and paid by the corporations who want to be permitted. Finally, limiting public input to only two days is unacceptable and reinforces the perception that local voices do not matter in this process. The county residents are fed up with this process. This has been an ongoing for 5 years and has created a deep hardship on our lives. We came to build a home in Klickitat County only to learn that we may be surrounded by these projects. Anything that we do to our property to improve it including building a home could leave us as financial casualties if this project were to be approved. So we have waited 5 years to build and would like very much to stay in Klickitat County but if this project is permitted it would make no sense in investing anymore resources into land that will inevitably lose value. This is a beautiful county and its character will be lost if this project is permitted. We oppose this and we hope you will see past the greenwash and do the same. Sincerely, Ryan Moe and Rocel Dimmick 55 Tucker Hill Road Goldendale WA, 98620

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Tucker Hill Road

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Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855

May 1, 2025

Submitted via Email and Online Comment Portal

Kurt Beckett, Chair  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
comments@efsec.wa.gov

RE: Draft Order 899  
EFSEC Docket No. EF-230001

Dear Chair Beckett and Full Council:

I write on behalf of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation ("Yakama Nation")<sup>1</sup> regarding EFSEC's Draft Order 899 for the Carriger Solar, LLC Project ("Project"), EFSEC Docket No. EF-230001.<sup>2</sup>

As you are aware, Yakama Nation recently wrote to the EFSEC Director and this Council regarding the deficiencies in the Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance ("MDNS") for the Project, and EFSEC's failure to fully comply with the State Environmental Policy Act ("SEPA"). Our concerns have not been alleviated or addressed, and are now compounded by Draft Order 899.

Simply put, EFSEC has not met its statutory obligation to ensure that its recommendation to the Governor regarding this Project is fully informed, including but not limited to the Project's impacts on natural and cultural resources. For the reasons articulated in our April 18, 2025 comment letter, the MDNS is not based upon adequate information nor mitigation measures. Without an adjudication, Yakama Nation has no direct or confidential avenue to communicate the Project's negative impacts on our Membership – nor to propose appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures for your consideration.

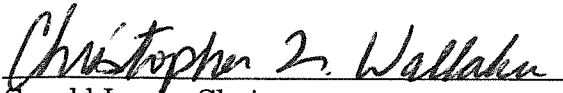
EFSEC should reject Draft Order 899, rescind the MDNS, and schedule the Project for a full adjudication in compliance with RCW 80.50.090. In addition, we also request your clarification regarding the procedures for conveying information shared in any consultation between Tribal Council and yourself pursuant to RCW 80.50.060(8).

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<sup>1</sup> In submitting this comment, Yakama Nation does not waive its sovereign immunity from suit, nor does it waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its sovereign rights, privileges, or remedies guaranteed by the Treaty with the Yakama of 1855 (12 Stat. 951). Furthermore, submission of this comment does not substitute for formal consultation with Yakama Nation.

<sup>2</sup> Yakama Nation objects to the unreasonably brief comment period for Draft Order 899.

Sincerely,



*per*

Gerald Lewis, Chairman

YAKAMA NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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**Subject:** Carriger Solar Order #899 C.E.A.S.E. comment for the record.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 7:44:43 PM

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**Subject:** C.E.A.S.E. Carriger Solar Order #899 available for public comment

EFSEC, the Carriger solar project is not consistent with the current land use. The current land use is farming and ranching NOT an industrial solar complex. The closest industrial complex in our county is Lund Hill solar and it is 35 miles away and sited on sub-standard land not suited for farming or ranching. The proposed site of the Carriger project is on prime farmland and this industrial solar complex must not be sited there. This industrial solar complex will prevent the production of needed food for Americans and will destroy this prime farmland for future production. This industrial solar complex violates the Farmland Preservation Act [Chapter 89.10 RCW: FARMLAND PRESERVATION](#). Carriger solar will be a blight on the land, destroy people's property values and enjoyable way of life. You do not do any studies on the negative impacts Carriger solar will have on the humans/people who will be forced to live by this useless dangerous industrial solar project. It will not destroy you EFSEC people's property values or your enjoyable lives. But you get paid to destroy ours. You are as heartless as Cypress Creek. You don't care about the people you harm. No high paying jobs will be created and Carriger solar will not power any homes in Klickitat County because their Power Purchase Agreement sells all the electricity outside of the county. The 63-megawatt BESS is a real danger to every citizen living near it. BESS will house dangerous lithium-ion batteries which have a history of spontaneous combustion, explosions and release deadly fumes which have the potential to harm or killed nearby citizens. There is no known method which is able to extinguish a BESS lithium-ion battery fire as proven by the Moss Landing BESS fire in Monterey California <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=MOSS+LANDING+bess+FIRE&t=brave&ia=web> Avistra claimed they had state of the art fire detection and suppression systems. They all failed to extinguish the BESS lithium-ion battery fire. Carriger solar is making the same claims, but they are all lies and you EFSEC people believe them. Why shouldn't you the BESS will not be near your homes. The Monterey County first responders just allowed the Moss Landing fire to burn out while releasing deadly fumes. This BESS lithium-ion batteries exploded releasing deadly fumes which harmed the people and heavy metal contamination was found 27 miles away. The Carriger BESS lithium-ion batteries will be located on land not readily accessible to the local first responders and who are not trained or equipped to extinguish a BESS lithium-ion fire. No fire hydrants are there to provide water to control the burning land. People's lives and property will be in danger and possibly burned to the ground. No worries those homes will not belong to EFSEC people. The

first responders should not be put in harm's way so Cypress Creek can make money. These energy projects are not clean, reliable or affordable and are not welcomed Klickitat County or in eastern Washington. EFSEC NO Carriger solar in Klickitat County and NO more solar in eastern Washington. Why don't you site an industrial solar complex next to your homes or Ferguson's. Why don't you site wind turbines in Puget Sound and listen the westside people protest. NIMBAs everyone just like EFSEC. Wake up to your useless clean energy and stop permitting these solar projects especially Carriger. We DO NOT want it here. Permit it in Santa Monica, California. EFSEC you are despicable for only giving the people two days to comment and this illustrates you don't care about the people only Cypress Creek's Carriger solar. Greg Wagner C.E.A.S.E.  
CITIZENS EDUCATED ABOUT SOLAR ENERGY

Chapter 89.10 RCW: FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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**To:** [EESEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Carringer  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 12:18:47 AM

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Draft order #899: Please do not approve the Carringer Solar Project along Knight Road. This is good, valuable farm and ranch land that needs to be preserved for agricultural use. Placing a large industrial solar site will make this land unusable for food production forever. These solar sites will soon be replaced by a reliable, efficient form of energy, and the destruction of good agricultural land will all be for nothing; the only ones that will benefit are Carringer, making a fortune in government subsidies. The common-sense decision is not to allow this project to be approved. Please do the right thing and deny the Applicant on Draft Order #899 from moving forward.

Delmer Eldred- Goldendale Washington

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**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** CEASE Carriger Solar comments for the record  
**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:06:30 PM

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EFSEC, the 63 megawatt BESS is endangers the safety, health and welfare of the people of Klickitat County. The BESS dangers are real as proven by the massive uncontrollable Moss Landing BESS fire explosion release of deadly gases and heavy metal contaminants fallout. Moss Landing BESS had the latest state of the art fire detection and suppression systems available which did not prevent or extinguish the BESS fire which burned for 5 -days. That fire reignited several days later and burned for a day. The Moss Landing BESS fire was the fifth fire in four years. People were forced out their homes for days and many have health problems from breathing in toxic gases. They will suffer health issues for years to come. BESS fires occur with great frequency around the USA and world. Carriger Solar reps will claim their BESS will not have the problems Moss Landing BESS but that is not true. It is not a matter of if Carriger BESS will have a fire it is when will it have fire. Cypress Creek has done little to protect the people of Klickitat County from the dangers of their BESS. The area where their BESS is sited does not have a water source to use to fight the BESS fire. EFSEC required Wautoma Solar to install a huge water storage tank filled with water to use for fire suppression. Why isn't EFSEC requiring the same water storage tank for Carriger Solar. Rural 7 fire is under staffed and untrained and not equipped to fight a BESS fire. The NFPA has no approved method recommended to fire fighters to use to fight a BESS fire. NFPA recommendation is to step back and let the BESS burn. During the burn period deadly gases are being released endangering the people. The BESS internal fire suppression system in the Carriger Solar BESS will fail to extinguish the BESS fire just like the Moss Landing internal suppression system failed. Carriger Solar does not have a fire notification system in place, a evacuation plan, a emergency shelter for the people who will be displaced by their BESS fire. Carriger Solar has failed to address they issues and until they do EFSEC should not grant them expedited processing. Carriger Solar must be required to follow the adjudication process so that all the dangerous BESS issues are resolved. The safety health and welfare of the good people of Klickitat County must be EFSEC's top priority. Please EFSEC do not grant expedited processing. Thank You, Deb Wagner C.E.A.S.E.

**From:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
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From: Virginia Fitzpatrick <virginiaf51@yahoo.com>  
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Subject: Comment #899

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Dear EFSEC,

Re: Carriger Solar Order #899

I assume all the members of EFSEC are professional, well educated people, so can someone please explain after granting 3 extensions (most recent 4/9/25) on the Carriger Project, you now have no questions or objections with it being expedited?

People aren't stupid!!! What kind of crap panels do you think Cypress Creek is trying to put in? Some left over forever chemical panels and BESS from another job?

Very suspicious to me. WHO is responsible for our community's safety? Obviously not not EFSEC or the state of Washington!

People are watching. Not everyone thinks there is a "climate emergency" that should override people's rights and local control.

To repeat a few objections:

- the land will never be the same!!!(per Ag email)
- using Ag and farmland not zoned for solar
- BESS are dangerous!!
- using forever chemicals
- unrecyclability
- taking advantage of sparsely, poor, populated areas
- ruins the view scape, and will interfere with wildlife.
- wetlands have to be mitigated, really? Anyone aware of how DRY our county is?
- all the dangers in our county and the power is not even for our county

You are smart people, if you lived here I bet every one of you would be opposed but it's not your backyard!

Virginia Fitzpatrick