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May 10, 2023

Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
Ami Hafkemeyer  
PO Box 43172  
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Re: Carriger Siting Consistency Hearing

Dear Ms. Hafkemeyer:

It has come to our attention that the second required meeting, the public hearing, for Carriger siting consistency hearing has been set to be virtual only.

For the most part, the citizens of Klickitat County live in very rural areas. Many areas of which have limited to no internet access. We also have a large population of interested people that are of the age who do not have computer access or skill sets to join meetings virtually and regularly attend our meetings in person. As you saw with the public information meeting held at our Goldendale Grange, a meeting in which you did offer both options, in person and virtual, the meeting was well attended in person.

We understand the Olympia is a long way from Klickitat County and there may be a reluctance to travel, but with minimal staff to officiate the meeting and those board members who are more centrally located in our area attending in person with others participating via virtual a quality hearing that meets the requirements of RCW 80.50.090 could be held. A process that you have always offered at your other hearings.

There was no consultation with Klickitat County regarding this matter and it was not anticipated by Klickitat County that EFSEC staff would set such a very important meeting, the sitting hearing as virtual only. On behalf of our citizens, we ask for the meeting to be offered in person within proximity to the project as required under RCW 80.50.090.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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