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From: Robby Eckroth <reckroth@co.skagit.wa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:35 PM
To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: FW: Lithium Storage Batteries in Skagit County

External Email

Hello EFSEC Staff,

I received the email below regarding the Goldeneye BESS project. I responded and directed them to EFSEC. I am forwarding to you for your records.

Sincerely,



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From: Robby Eckroth
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 1:33 PM
To: Ingrid Hinton <ing.hinton@gmail.com>
Cc: Allen Rozema <arozema@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: RE: Lithium Storage Batteries in Skagit County

Hello Ingrid and Charles,

Thank you for reaching out and expressing your concerns. You are correct, there are two Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) proposed in Skagit County, one proposed near the airport in an area zoned heavy industrial and the other is proposed east of Sedro-Woolley in the Agricultural-NRL zone.

The BESS system proposed near the airport was reviewed by Skagit County Planning and Development Services and was recently approved by the Skagit County Hearing Examiner. The project has been appealed by a citizen group to the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners. For more information regarding the project, the appeal, and timeframes, please contact the project planner, Brandon Black, at brandonb@co.skagit.wa.us.


The BESS system proposed east of Sedro-Wolley is currently being reviewed by the Washington State Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council (EFSEC). I was nominated by

the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners to sit on the council for that project and was appointed as the County representative. There has been no decision made on that project, and it is still currently under review by the council.

As I am on the council, I am prohibited from communicating with anyone regarding that project outside of council meetings. For information on those meetings, please click the link below. If you have questions regarding that project, please contact EFSEC staff by emailing efsec@efsec.wa.gov or calling 360-664-1345. If you would like to express your concerns to someone at the county regarding either project, please contact Allen Rozema, Assistant Planning Director at arozema@co.skagit.wa.us.

EFSEC Meeting Information: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/council-information/council-meetings>

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From: Ingrid Hinton <ing.hinton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Robby Eckroth <reckroth@co.skagit.wa.us>
Subject: Lithium Storage Batteries in Skagit County

Dear Mr. Eckroth,

My husband and I have lived in Skagit County for 28 years. We have raised six children here and now have five grandchildren here. If you are on the planning committee how can you even consider two Lithium Storage Batteries here? The one on the Industrial site is still surrounded by organic Farmland and homes. The other one is on Farmland??? Tons of people live close by? Moss Landing has had 4 fires in 5 years? This is safe? The people have had to evacuate their homes 4 times and their soil now has heavy metals in it and they feel like they are being poisoned!! I'm sure they are. How could you even consider this and be ok with it? The 7 people they sent here from Nebraska where this huge company is located to our meeting on December 20th. There is no Lithium Battery Storage in all of Nebraska! Maybe they should build one in their back yard. Explain how you are so for this in our county?? We want answers.

Ingrid and Charles Hinton