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Mr. Kelly Flint
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Dear Mr. Flint:

Subject: Vancouver Energy Project – Application No. 2013-01, Docket: EF-131590

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council is continuing to make progress in developing the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Vancouver Energy Project (Project). The current schedule anticipates issuance later this summer.

An important and required element of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) related to publication of the DEIS is the opportunity for the public to provide comments. The SEPA rules establish a minimum 30 day timeframe for public comment upon issuance of the DEIS. That time period may be extended 15 days upon request. To date we have received numerous requests from the public and various parties to the adjudication to have a longer comment period.

I expect the DEIS to be a large document with detailed information regarding the Project and its potential environmental impacts. Many of the issues to be addressed in the DEIS are unprecedented in the analysis of proposed energy projects in the state of Washington. Offering the public a reasonable time period to review and provide meaningful comments is essential to the SEPA process. As we have already received requests for an extended comment period I expect to have a minimum comment period of 45 days.

In light of the controversial nature of the project and the extremely high level of public interest I believe a longer comment period of 60 days is warranted and request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Posner".

Stephen Posner
EFSEC Manager

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