

**State of Washington
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

TUUSO Energy-Columbia Solar Project – EFSEC Docket No. EF-170823

**NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING AND LAND USE CONSISTENCY
HEARING DECEMBER 12, 2017**

5:00 PM

**Kittitas Valley Event Center Armory
901 E. 7th Avenue,
Ellensburg, WA 98926**

Description of Proposal: On October 16, 2017 TUUSO Energy, LLC (Applicant) submitted an Application for Site Certification (ASC) to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to develop, construct and operate the Columbia Solar Photovoltaic Project (Project). The Project to be located in unincorporated Kittitas County near the city of Ellensburg will consist of five (5) discreet sites with a combined maximum generating capacity of 25 MW. The Applicant has requested EFSEC to use the expedited process for review of the ASC. An ASC is eligible for expedited review when the EFSEC Council finds (1) the environmental impacts of the proposed project are not significant or can be mitigated to non-significant levels and (2) the Project is consistent and in compliance with city, county or regional land use plans.

The ASC is available for review at the EFSEC office. Copies have also been provided to the Washington State Library, Kittitas County, and to local libraries. The ASC and other materials are posted on the EFSEC website: www.efsec.wa.gov.

Proponent: Tuusso Energy LLC, 500 Yale Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Lead Agency: EFSEC.

SEPA Threshold Determination Required: A threshold determination is required to determine whether or not and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. The threshold determination will be made based on the probable project impacts identified in the SEPA environmental checklist and other information presented in the ASC. A threshold determination of non-significance may be issued if the SEPA responsible official (EFSEC Manager) determines there will be no probable significant adverse environmental impacts. An EIS is not required if a DNS is issued.

Open House – December 12, 2017, 5:00 – 5:30 PM: The Applicant and EFSEC staff will be available to answer questions about the Project and the EFSEC review process.

Informational Public Hearing – December 12, 2017, 5:30 – 7:30 PM or last speaker, whichever comes first: As required by RCW 80.50.090 (1) and WAC 463-26-025 EFSEC will hold a Public Informational Meeting. At this meeting the Applicant and EFSEC staff will make presentations. Also at this meeting, Counsel for the Environment, an Assistant Attorney General appointed by the Washington Attorney General will be introduced and will explain the duties of this position. Public comment will be taken during this meeting.

Land Use Consistency Hearing – December 12, 2017, 7:30 – 9:00 PM or last speaker, whichever comes first: As required by RCW 80.50.090 (2) and WAC 463-26-035, subsequent to the informational public hearing, at approximately 7:30 PM EFSEC will hold a Land Use

Hearing. During this hearing, the public will be given an opportunity to provide testimony regarding the proposed Project's consistency and compliance with land use plans and zoning ordinances.

Note: The Land Use Consistency Hearing will begin no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Informational Public Hearing, which may end before 7:30 PM.

For information regarding the Project please contact Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Siting/Compliance Manager at (360) 664-1363. If you have special accommodation needs to participate in these meeting, please contact EFSEC staff at (360) 664-1345.

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