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Allen Fiksdal  
EFSEC Manager  
P.O. Box 43172  
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Dear Mr. Fiksdal,

Zilkha Renewable Energy, LLC, through Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC, its wholly owned subsidiary, is hereby filing with the Washington State Energy Site Evaluation Council on January 13, 2003, an application for site certification for its Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project ("Project"). This application is accompanied by a cashier's check in the amount of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) pursuant to RCW 80.50.071. Zilkha Renewable Energy proposes to develop, construct and operate the Project in Kittitas County, Washington. This Project is an alternative energy facility as defined in RCW 80.50.020(17). Zilkha Renewable Energy chooses to receive site certification from EFSEC for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project pursuant to RCW 89.50.060(2).

The Project will consist of up to 121 wind turbine generators with a total nameplate capacity of approximately 181.5 MW. These turbines are to be located on the wind swept ridges located on either side of Highway 97, roughly halfway between Ellensburg and Cle Elum. The proposed site has an energetic and well documented wind resource and is traversed by six sets of high voltage transmission lines. The Project will interconnect directly with either Puget Sound Energy's 230kV Rocky Reach-White River transmission line or Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Grand Coulee-Olympia or Columbia-Covington 287 kV lines, all of which pass directly over the Project site. Since use of BPA lines is not required to enable the Project, NEPA review is not required. The Project's output will be sold through a long term power purchase contract. The Project will utilize modern, state-of-the-art wind turbines and will be a model 21<sup>st</sup> century wind power project.

Formed in 1991, Zilkha Renewable Energy has acquired and developed a portfolio of eleven wind power projects in Iowa, Pennsylvania, California, the United Kingdom and Costa Rica totaling almost 260 MWs of nameplate capacity. In addition to its existing asset base, the company has several hundred MWs of new projects in advanced stages of development throughout the United States. Zilkha Renewable Energy has considerable project development, construction, operations and finance expertise. More information on our firm is available from our website at [www.zilkha.com](http://www.zilkha.com).

Together with a team of third party technical experts, Zilkha Renewable Energy has focused considerable attention to a detailed study and analysis of the Project to address and respond to all EFSEC application requirements. We understand that EFSEC has not reviewed a wind power project in the past and that several of its regulations are not applicable to wind power. Accordingly, we have requested a waiver of information required by several of the non-applicable sections of WAC 463.42. We believe that this application is adequate to meet the requirements established in Chapter 80.50 RCW and Title 463 WAC. We look forward to working with EFSEC in the siting and development of the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

Sincerely,

Andrew Young  
**Director of Project Development, NW Region**

Chris Taylor  
**Project Development Manager**