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Dear Allen:

Re: Request of Amendment to the WHWPP SCA

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) the Certificate Holder of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project requests the following amendments to the Site Certification Agreement, pursuant to WAC463-66-030:

I. Request for Amendment

1. Summary

The amendment is requested to allow installation of a 500 kw solar demonstration facility in a previously disturbed area within the boundary of the Wild Horse site. It will be installed at two locations. The total footprint of the facility will be approximately five acres. The bulk (approximately 4.5 acres) will be located within the existing temporarily disturbed area of Quarry #1. The remainder will be installed within the allowed permanently disturbed area for the Operations/Visitors Center. (see Exhibit 1) These areas are within the original WHWPP site. They have been thoroughly studied pursuant to the original certification process, do not contain any senstitive features and will have minimal impact on habitat.

The proposal would consist of photovoltaic panels fitted to a metal framework, which would be anchored to the ground with concrete foundations. The total height of the panels would not exceed 10 feet. The panels will be non-reflective. The facility would be interconnected to the electrical collection system for the wind farm and would offset parasitic electrical loads for the wind farm (e.g., electrical needs of the Operations/Visitors Center). For the portion of the facility at Quarry #1, interconnection would consist of one to two spans of overhead line connecting the panels with the existing 34.5 kV pole at the top of the hill south of the Wild Horse Substation. At the Operation/Visitors Center, interconnection would consist of a trench within the previously disturbed area from the panels to the existing junction box serving the Operations/Visitors Center.

Minor excavation would occur for construction of foundations for the solar panels and would be limited to portions of the site previously disturbed by construction of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project. Construction would conform to the measures contained in the Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan approved for the WHWPP. A separate stormwater pollution prevention plan will be prepared specifically for the proposed work. An independent environmental monitor would be present throughout construction. Further, all other applicable mitigation measures in the EIS for the WHWPP would be followed. The pond constructed voluntarily at Quarry #1 in coordination with WDFW will be retained. The facility will be separated from the pond sufficiently to allow beneficial use of the pond by wildlife. An environmental checklist has been prepared pursuant to WAC 197-11-960 and is attached as Exhibit 2.

The proposed facility meets the definition of a "Minor alternative energy facility" contained in Section 17.61.010(11) of the Kittitas County Zoning Code because it meets all the following criteria: (1) it uses as its fuel either solar, wind, or hydropower, (2) it is located on the power beneficiary's premises, (3) it is intended primarily to offset part or all of the beneficiary's requirements for electricity, and (4) it is secondary to the beneficiary's use of the premises for other lawful purposes. Per Section 17.61.020(2) of the Kittitas County Zoning Code,

Minor Alternative Energy Facilities are permitted uses in all zones. Therefore, the proposal is compatible with existing local land use and zoning regulations.

The change does not substantially alter the substance of the SCA or result in significant detrimental effects on the environment. It merely allows the use of a small area (approximately 5 acres) of temporarily disturbed area to be permanently used for renewable demonstration energy facility to provide energy to the WHWWP, instead of being restored as required by the SCA. The benefits of the development of a demonstration solar facility on previously disturbed areas offsets any potential minor and insignificant environmental impacts. As stated above this area does not contain any sensitive features and will have minimal impact on habitat. It should be noted that 600 acres of the site was set aside as a mitigation parcel for the environmental impacts of the project. The size of the mitigation parcel was far in excess of the impacts of the project's increase of permanent footprint of 5 acres caused by this amendment has been fully mitigated by the size of the mitigation parcel.

The facility is expected to operate for approximately 20 years. Once operation is complete, the facility will be dismantled and removed from the site for recycling, and the area in Quarry site #1 will be restored per the approved restoration plans for the WHWPP.

2. Background

On December 4, 2006, PSE issued a request for proposals (RFP) to develop the Pacific Northwest's largest solar-powered generating facility at the Wild Horse Wind Project. At 500 kilowatts, the pilot solar project would roughly double the state's entire solar-powered electricity generation and be four times bigger than any single solar facility now in existence in the Northwest. PSE desires to construct the proposed facility to promote solar development and help gain a better understanding of how solar power can be integrated into a broader power-supply portfolio. A contractor selection is expected to be made by April 1st, with construction commencing in June and lasting for 2-3 months.

As a result PSE is filing this request for an SCA Amendment to allow the installation of a demonstration solar facility upon a temporarily disturbed area as described above.

3. Proposed Amendment

Specifically PSE requests the Council for an amendment of Article IV, F, 9) to read as follows:

> The Post-Construction Restoration Plan shall include provisions to the reclamation of temporary rock and gravel quarries. Provided however that the restoration for that portion of Quarry #1 (approximately 4.5 acres) upon which a demonstration renewable solar facility is constructed, may be delayed until after operation of the demonstration facility is complete and the facility is removed from the site. The Certificate Holder shall provide EFSEC notice prior to removal of the solar facility together with submittal of a restoration plan subject to EFSEC approval.

II. Requested Council Action

PSE requests that the Council find that pursuant to WAC 463-66-040, the proposed amendment is consistent with: 1) the intention of the original SCA; 2) the applicable laws and rules; and 3) the public health, safety and welfare.

Further PSE requests the Council to find pursuant to WAC 463- 66-070, that the request does not substantially alter the substance of any provision of the SCA and does not have a significant detrimental effect on the environment.

Sincerely,

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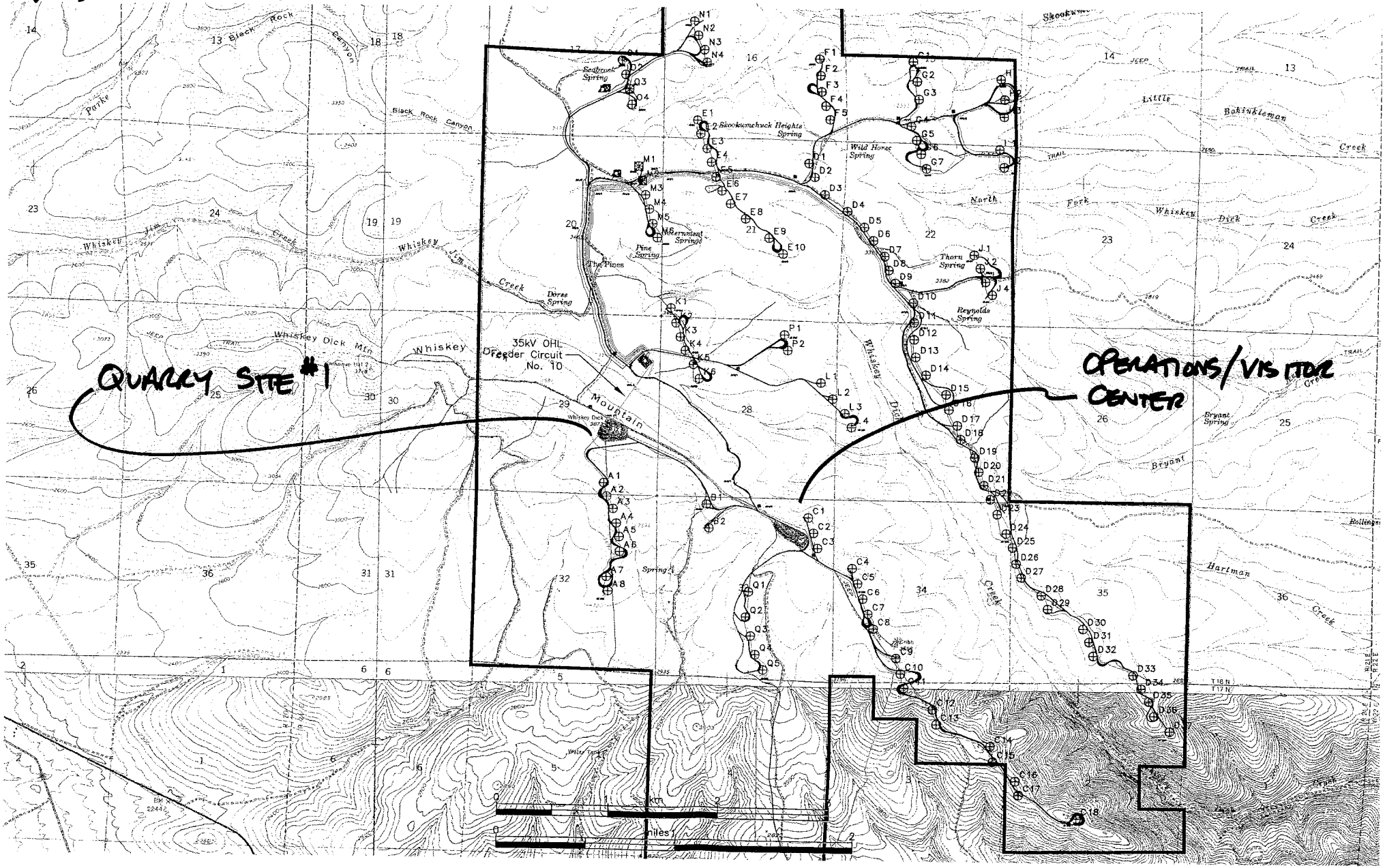
Exhibit 1

WILD HORSE SOLAR



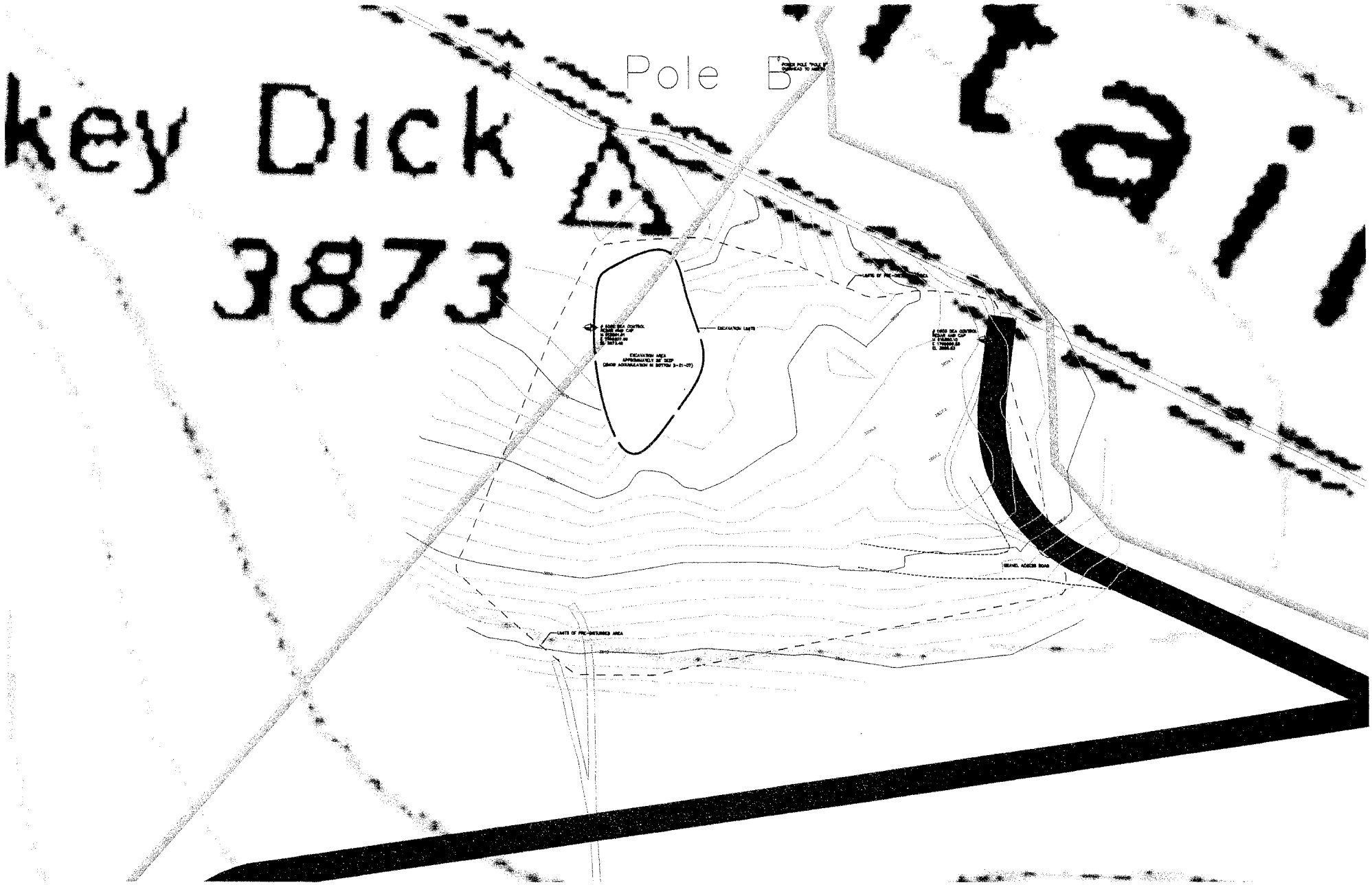

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Exhibit 2

WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Wild Horse Wind Power Project (WHWPP) Site Certification Agreement Amendment #4**

2. Name of applicant: **Puget Sound Energy**

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: **Scott Williams, PO Box 90868, MS-PSE-09N, Bellevue, WA 98009-0868**

4. Date checklist prepared: **February 16, 2006**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **Construction is proposed to occur in mid 2007. Construction is expected to last 2-3 months.**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. **No.**

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. **Draft and Final EISs for the Wild Horse Wind Power Project and supporting documents. Amendment #2 and #3 to the WHWPP SCA and supporting documents.**

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. **No.**

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. **None.**

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)
The Final EIS for the Wild Horse Wind Power Project (WHWPP) was published by EFSEC on May 16, 2005. On July 26, 2005, Governor Gregoire approved the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) for the project. Construction began in mid-October. On February 28, 2007, The Certificate Holder, Puget Sound Energy, requested this amendment to the SCA.

The amendment is requested to allow installation of a 500 kw solar facility within the boundary of the Wild Horse site. It will be installed at two locations. The total footprint of the facility will be approximately five acres. The bulk (approximately 4.5 acres) will be located within the existing disturbed area of Quarry #1 (see attached). The remainder will be installed within the approved disturbed area for the Operations/Visitors Center (see attached).

The proposed project would consist of photovoltaic panels fitted to a metal framework, which would be anchored to ground with concrete foundations. The facility would be interconnected to the electrical collection system for the wind farm and would offset parasitic electrical loads for the wind farm (e.g., electrical needs of the Operations/Visitors Center). For the portion of the facility at Quarry #1, interconnection would consist of one to two spans of overhead line connecting the panels with the existing 34.5 kV pole at the top of the hill south of the Wild Horse Substation. At the Operation/Visitors Center, interconnection would consist of trench within the previously disturbed area from the panels to the existing junction box serving the Operations/Visitors Center.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. **The site is located approximately 13 miles east of Ellensburg on Whiskey Dick Mountain, in Eastern Kittitas County.**

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other . . . . . .

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **Forty percent.**

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c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. **Rock Creek Series, Argabak Series, Vantage Series**

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **No.**

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. **Minor excavation would occur for construction of foundations for the solar panels.**

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **Ground disturbance would be minimal and would be limited to portions of the site previously disturbed by construction of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project.**

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **n/a.**

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: **The measures contained in the Surface Water Pollution Prevention Plan approved for the WHWPP will be followed. An independent environmental monitor would be present throughout construction.**

a. **Air**

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If

any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. **Minimal dust could be generated during construction activities.**

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **No.**

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: **All the mitigation measures in the EIS for the WHWPP would be followed.**

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3. **Water**

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. **No.**

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. **No.**

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. **None.**

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **No.**

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. **No.**

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. **No.**

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. **No.**

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. **n/a**

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. **n/a**

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. **No.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any: **Mitigation measures identified in the EIS for the WHWPP would be followed. A stormwater pollution prevention plan will be prepared specifically for the proposed work. An independent environmental monitor will be present on site throughout construction activities.**

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

_____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

_____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

X_____ shrubs

X_____ grass

_____ pasture

_____ crop or grain

_____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

_____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

_____ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? **None. The solar facility would be installed in an area of permanent disturbance.**

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. **None.**

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: **n/a.**

5. **Animals**

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: (deer) bear, (elk), beaver, other: **Small mammals such as bats, coyote, badger, pocket gopher, mice, etc.**
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. **None.**

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. **No.**

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: **Mitigation measures identified in the EIS for the WHWPP would be followed. The pond constructed voluntarily at Quarry #1 in coordination with WDFW will be retained. The facility will be separated from the pond sufficiently to allow beneficial use of the pond by wildlife.**

6. **Energy and natural resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. **The proposed project would offset electricity demands of the WHWPP.**

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. **No.**

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: **The proposal is for use of portion the WHWPP site to install a renewable energy facility.**

7. **Environmental health**

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. **No.**

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **None.**

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **n/a**

b. **Noise**

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **None.**

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. **Short term noise would be generated during installation of the facilities. No long term sources of noise would be associated with the proposal.**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: **Mitigation Measures identified in the WHWPP EIS would be implemented.**

8. **Land and shoreline use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? **The property is part of the WHWPP.**

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. **Yes. The site has been used for livestock grazing.**

c. Describe any structures on the site. **The Wild Horse Operations/Visitors Center is currently under construction in the immediate vicinity of a portion of the proposed facility.**

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? **No.**

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **Forest and Range.**

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **Forest and Range.**

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? **n/a**

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify. **No.**

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? **n/a**

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **None.**

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: **None.**

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: **The proposed project meets the definition of a "Minor alternative energy facility" contained in Section 17.61.010(11) of the Kittitas County Zoning Code because it meets all the following criteria: (1) it uses as its fuel either solar, wind, or hydropower, (2) it is located on the power beneficiary's premises, (3) it is intended primarily to offset part or all of the beneficiary's requirements for electricity, and (4) it is secondary to the beneficiary's use of the premises for other lawful purposes. Per Section 17.61.020(2) of the Kittitas County Zoning Code, Minor Alternative Energy Facilities are permitted uses in all zones. Therefore, the proposal is compatible with existing local land use and zoning regulations.**

9. **Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None.**

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. **None.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: **None.**

10. **Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? **The total height of the panels would not exceed 15 feet. One to two power poles approximately 35-feet tall would be installed at the Quarry #1 site.**

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **None.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: **n/a**

11. **Light and glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? **None. The panels will be non-reflective.**

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? **No.**

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? **None.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: **None.**

12. **Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? **None.**

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. **No.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: **None.**

13. **Historic and cultural preservation**

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. **No.**

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. **None.**

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: **Mitigation Measures identified in the WHWPP EIS would be followed.**

14. **Transportation**

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. **Vantage Highway.**

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? **No.**

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? **None.**

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). **No.**

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. **No.**

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. **The proposed project would result in periodic visits by site staff. These visits would largely be combined with other trips to monitor the wind farm. Periodic visits by outside vendors would occur likely not more than monthly for maintenance and repair.**

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **None.**

15. **Public services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **No.**

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **Mitigation measures identified in the EIS for the WHWPP would be followed.**

16. **Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: ~~electricity~~, natural gas, water, refuse service, ~~telephone~~, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. **The proposed project would offset the electrical needs of the WHWPP.**

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: .....

Date Submitted: 2/25/07