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Landowner Support Letters

S Martinez Livestock, Inc.
13395 Highway 24
Moxee, WA 98936

December 15, 2020

Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council
c/o Sonia Bumpus
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
PO Box 43172
Olympia, WA 98504-32172

RE: Goose Prairie Solar Project

Dear Ms. Bumpus,

The Goose Prairie Solar project is a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility in Yakima County on land owned by our family on tax parcels 211207-11001, 211207-21001, 211208-11001, 211208-32001, and 211217-21002 in Township 12 North, Range 21 East. As the landowner, we support the project and provide the following information in support of OER WA Solar 1 LLC's Application for Site Certificate.

Our family has worked in the Yakima Valley for over 100 years, starting with sheep and expanding into cattle, hops and apples. As it gets very dry in the summer, this land has low value to us as winter pasture for livestock.

Because the site has limited productivity, we have chosen to lease our land to construct the Goose Prairie Solar project at the proposed site, which will be a higher and better use of this portion of our land while we continue to farm and ranch our more productive farmland. The annual lease payments from the project will provide long-term, predictable revenue while diversifying the income generated by our landholdings. Moreover, the project will not adversely impact or increase the cost of farming practices near the project. We do not anticipate any changes to our ongoing operations nor those of our neighbors resulting from the construction or operation of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Dan Martinez
S Martinez Livestock, Inc.

Ann E. Meacham
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Willamae G. Meacham
3918 77th Ave. Ct. NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

January 11, 2021

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c/o Sonia Bumpus
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Goose Prairie Solar Project
Yakima County Tax Parcel Nos. 211218-11003, 211218-44003, and
211218-43004

Dear Ms. Bumpus:

The Goose Prairie Solar project is a proposed photovoltaic solar power generation facility in Yakima County on land owned by the Estate of Willamae G. Meacham on the above tax parcel numbers in Township 12 North, Range 21 East, W.M. As the landowner, the Estate supports the project and provide the following information in support of OER WA Solar 1, LLC's Application for Site Certificate to the Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council (EFSEC).

The proposed site for the project has been owned by the Meacham family for more than 60 years. The property has no irrigation water rights and historically was dryland farmed. Because of the lack of irrigation water rights the land has always had very low production capacity. Additionally, it is very unlikely that irrigation water rights can be acquired for the property. Consequently, the land will always have a significantly lower production capacity than the surrounding neighboring farms, which have irrigation water rights. Sometime prior to 2000 the property was converted to CRP land.

The Meacham property is approximately 519 acres in size. The annual CRP payment is \$12,000. That payment produces an annual return of only \$23.12 per acre. That is a very low rate of return, especially when compared with the rate of return of the neighboring properties that have irrigation water rights. Because the site has limited productivity and is not irrigated, we have chosen to lease the land to construct the Goose Solar project at the proposed site. That use will be a higher and better use of this land. The annual lease payments from the project will provide long-term, predictable revenue, and will substantially increase the annual per-acre

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return on the property. Moreover, the project will not adversely impact or increase the cost of farming practices near the project. We do not anticipate any changes to the ongoing farming operations of our neighbors resulting from the construction or operation of the proposed project. The project will be a positive benefit to our family and to the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Ann Meacham
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Willamae G. Meacham
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