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**Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Extension Request (Agency Docket #EF-210011)**

Dear Sonia,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's agreement that the processing time of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application be extended an additional ten (10) months, to December 8, 2022.

The Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application for Site Certification was filed with EFSEC on February 8, 2021. RCW 80.50.100 requires that: *"The council shall report to the governor its recommendations as to the approval or rejection of an application for certification within twelve months of receipt by the council of such an application, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant."*

Through discussions with EFSEC staff, we understand the preparation of the draft SEPA EIS has been delayed, primarily due to COVID 19 pandemic related staffing challenges. At this time, we are anticipating the draft EIS will be published for public comment in the second quarter of 2022, and then the adjudicatory hearing, preparation of the final EIS, Council recommendation and Governor's decision would follow.

The pace of regional utility clean energy supply procurement in the Pacific Northwest is currently driven by Washington and neighboring State's aggressive goals for significant reduction in greenhouse gas production. The intent to streamline application review for energy facilities to meet the state's energy goals is clear, and a necessary element of enabling regional utilities to be successful in achieving their regulatory mandates.

While we certainly hope that a recommendation from EFSEC and a decision by the Governor will occur by the end of this year, we also want to allow adequate time for all parties and agencies to have a robust engagement in the process.

Sincerely,

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