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## ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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May 2, 2007

The Honorable Christine Gregoire Office of the Governor Post Office Box 40002 Olympia, Washington 98504-0002 MAY 0 2 2007

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Subject: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project - Recommendation of Approval

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed its extensive review of the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, Application No. 2003-1. After public and adjudicative hearings, and issuance of a Final Environmental Impact Statement, EFSEC issued Order No. 826 and recommends approval of the project.

Kittitas County and one other intervener filed motions for reconsideration of Order No. 826. After review of the motions and responses to those motions, on April 27, 2007 the Council denied the motions for reconsideration of Application 2003-1 in Order 827.

Order No. 826 details EFSEC's review process, findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommends your approval of the Application for Site Certification, No. 20043-01 for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. Enclosed with Order No. 826, please find a proposed Site Certification Agreement that lists the conditions EFSEC proposes be met for construction, operation, and site restoration of this project. The Council has determined that the conditions listed in the proposed Site Certification Agreement will ensure that the public and the environment are protected.

RCW 80.50.010 requires that within sixty days of receipt of the Council's recommendation, you: a) approve the Application and execute the Site Certification Agreement; b) reject the Application; or c) direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the proposed Site Certification Agreement. Please consider the date of this letter as the beginning of the sixty-day gubernatorial review.

If your decision is to approve the project, please execute the proposed Site Certification Agreement by signing the document where designated.

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I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding this recommendation for your approval. If you have any questions please call me at (360) 956-2150.

Sincerely,

James O. Luce, EFSEC Chair

c.c.: Matt Steuerwalt, Office of the Governor

Parties of Record, In the Matter of Application for Site Certification No. 2003-01,

Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Enclosures:

Council Order No. 826: Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law; and Order

Recommending Site Certification on Condition

Site Certification Agreement, Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Council Order No. 827