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To: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Re: Public Comment – Carriger Solar Project Dear EFSEC Members, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Carriger Solar Project in Klickitat County, just northwest of Goldendale. While I support the need for renewable energy, this project is not the right fit for our community—neither in location nor in process. I am deeply concerned about the scale, environmental consequences, and cultural impacts of this proposal, as well as the way it bypasses local governance and public input through the EFSEC fast-track process. Here are my primary concerns: 1. Visual and Environmental Impacts: The sheer size of the project—over 2,000 acres—will drastically alter the visual landscape of our region. Goldendale is prized for its open skies, natural beauty, and rural character, all of which would be irreversibly damaged. The proposed mitigation, such as shifting panels away from the road, does not go far enough to preserve the integrity of the area. 2. Cultural and Tribal Concerns: The Yakama Nation has clearly voiced its objections, requesting a more thorough environmental and cultural review, including the protection of ancestral and ceremonial lands. Proceeding without a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and without honoring the Nation's request for a private hearing is unacceptable. Respect for Indigenous rights and cultural heritage must come before developer timelines. 3. Local Control and Process Integrity: Many residents—including elected officials—have made it clear that they feel unheard. Allowing a project of this scale to skip local permitting and zoning processes is a dangerous precedent. EFSEC's expedited review undermines community trust and takes essential decision-making away from the people who actually live here. 4. Battery Storage Risk and Fire Safety: The inclusion of a 63 MW battery storage facility raises serious safety concerns, especially given the wildfire risk in this area. A single 10,000-gallon cistern does not adequately address those concerns. Full transparency about battery chemistry and fire containment plans is essential before any approval. In conclusion, renewable energy must be pursued responsibly—collaboratively, transparently, and in harmony with local communities and the environment. The Carriger Solar project fails to meet that standard. I respectfully urge EFSEC to reject the application or, at the very least, require a full Environmental Impact Statement and return permitting power to local authorities. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Olga Lukomsky Hodges Goldendale, WA Let me know if you'd like to personalize this more—e.g. from a parent's perspective, referencing heritage, or calling out specific EFSEC actions. I can also help you submit it if you need instructions.

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