



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL ONLY

The Honorable Bob Ferguson
Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Subject: Carriger Solar Project – Recommendation for Approval.

Dear Governor Ferguson,

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) has completed its review of the Carriger Solar Project (Project) application from Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC to construct and operate a 160-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic generation facility with 63 MW of battery storage located in Klickitat County. For reasons explained fully in the Recommendation Report, the Council recommends approval of the Project with conditions listed in the draft Site Certification Agreement (SCA). In its recommendation, the Council has sought a balance between the need for clean energy at a reasonable cost and the need to ensure that the location of energy facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment.

In making this recommendation, the Council has carefully considered the record along with the statutory policies in RCW 80.50.010. Included with the Recommendation Report is the draft SCA, the Final Revised Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance, the Order determining land use consistency, the Order granting expedited process, and public comments received throughout the process, both orally during public meetings and in writing.

EFSEC worked closely with Washington state agencies and the Cultural Resource Program staff of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation to gather input on potential project impacts, such as to wildlife movement, prime agricultural land, and cultural resources in particular, and reasonable methods of mitigating those impacts. The SCA lists the specific terms and conditions that EFSEC proposes for construction, operation, decommissioning, and site restoration of the proposed facility. The Council has determined that the conditions listed in the SCA will ensure that the interests of the public and the environment are protected.

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Carriger Solar Project

RCW 80.50.010 requires that within sixty days of receipt of the Council's recommendation, you do one of the following: a) approve the Application by executing the site certification agreement; b) reject the Application; or c) direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the proposed site certification agreements.

If your decision is to approve the Project, please execute the proposed Site Certification Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt Beckett", with a stylized, cursive script.

Kurt Beckett
EFSEC Chair