

June 11, 2024

Lance Caputo Siting Specialist Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council 621 Woodlawn Sq Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Innergex Renewable Development USA, LLC – Wautoma Solar Project EFSEC Docket No. EF-220355

Dear Mr. Caputo,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)'s agreement that the processing time of the Wautoma Solar Application be extended to December 31, 2024.

Innergex Renewable Development USA, LLC ("Applicant") submitted its Application for Site Certification for the Wautoma Solar Project on June 9, 2022. 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."

On June 1, 2023, the Applicant requested an extension of processing time until November 9, 2023, and on October 10, 2023, a second extension request was made, running until June 28, 2024. It is now apparent that additional time is needed to complete the final steps in the certification process. We are anticipating that a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance will be published imminently, followed by the adjudicative hearing in late summer 2024. Council recommendation and Governor's decision would follow before the end of 2024.

The Applicant requests that EFSEC allocate the appropriate resources to complete and deliver a recommendation to the Governor within the extended timeline in an effort to advance the aspirational goal of timely processing of the site certification application and which, in this case, will also advance the development of renewable energy consistent with the goals of Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act. We believe the requested extension will allow adequate time for all parties and agencies to have a robust engagement in the process.

Sincerely,

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