

State of Washington
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
Wautoma Solar Energy Project
EFSEC Docket No: 220355
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATIVE HEARING
September 25, 2024
9:00 AM

Description of Proposal: On June 9, 2022, the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received an Application for Site Certification (ASC) from Innergex Renewable Development, LLC (Applicant), to construct and operate a 470-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility coupled with a 4-hour, 470-MW battery energy storage system as well as related interconnection and ancillary support infrastructure located in unincorporated Benton County, Washington. The ASC and other materials are posted on the EFSEC website: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/wautoma-solar-project>.

Adjudicative Hearings: Council review of the application for site certification (ASC) is governed by Chapter 80.50 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Title 463 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). The Council will conduct a virtual public hearing on the proposed Wautoma Solar Energy Project under the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, and the Council's rules for adjudicative proceedings as set out in WAC Chapter 463-30. The hearing is open to the public, but public comment will not be taken at this time.

The purpose of the adjudicative proceeding is to determine if the Council should recommend to the Governor preemption of the local jurisdiction's land use provisions (WAC 463-38-060(3)) and if so, what conditions should be included in the draft site certification agreement which consider state or local governmental or community interests affected by the project (WAC 463-28-070). The Adjudicative Hearings will begin September 25, 2024 at 9:00AM.

Hearing Location: The adjudicative proceedings will be held virtually. We appreciate your participation.

- Teams: <https://bit.ly/WautomaAdjHearing>
- Phone: +1 564-999-2000 Conference ID:212 737 931#

Additional Information: For information regarding the project please visit the EFSEC website at <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/wautoma-solar-project> or contact Lance Caputo, EFSEC Site Specialist, at (360)-664-1345 or lance.caputo@efsec.wa.gov. If you have special accommodation needs or need language translation services to provide your comment, please contact EFSEC staff at (360)-664-1345 or send an email to efsec@efsec.wa.gov.

Actions Taken to Date on this Project:

- An Application for Site Certification was submitted on June 9, 2022.
- Public Informational Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing held August 8, 2022.
- Order on Land Use Consistency issued November 15, 2022.
- SEPA Determination of a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) was made May 20, 2024.