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In looking at policy decisions being proposed for the July EFSEC meeting, I was appalled to see a policy revision that would allow a single person to become in essence an energy czar without checks and balances, further seizing power for the central government against local wishes.

As a reporter who has been covering the Carriger solar project in Klickitat County, I was astonished at the level of chutzpah displayed in the process against the clearly expressed opposition from local residents and local elected government officials.

Now you would further consolidate the power to steamroll over local opposition. And to add insult to injury, you're proposing a whopping 4 whole days for public comment. This is a cynical lip service to a process that in fairness is supposed to be consultative and collegial.

I challenge each and every one of you to reread. RCW 42.30.010. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.30.010>

To save you the trouble, it's here:

### Legislative declaration.

The legislature finds and declares that all public commissions, boards, councils, committees, subcommittees, departments, divisions, offices, and all other public agencies of this state and subdivisions thereof exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of this chapter that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed and informing the people's public servants of their views so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created. For these reasons, even when not required by law, public agencies are encouraged to incorporate and accept public comment during their decision-making process.

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