



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 355

COMMENDING SERVICES OF EFSEC CHAIR KATHLEEN DREW

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew was appointed by Governor Inslee to serve on the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council), presiding as Chair effective January 16, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew served her term with great distinction as the first official EFSEC Chair until January 16, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew brought her leadership and political acumen to the development of HB 1812, which established EFSEC as an independent agency; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew testified regarding EFSEC on several occasions before the House and Senate over multiple legislative sessions; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew expertly guided Council members in gathering information and balancing the various impacts and mitigation measures and arriving at clear decisions and recommendations for the Governor on a number of projects; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew led approximately 120 regular and special council meetings as an active listener, and thoughtfully and carefully reviewed thousands of pages of documents related to SEPA environmental reviews and associated public comments; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew ably and objectively represented the interests of the people of the State of Washington on the Council, providing clear and thoughtful leadership to the Council and the EFSEC staff; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew demonstrated her expert leadership skills during the review of applications and preparation of Site Certification Agreements for six clean energy projects, including Columbia Solar, Goose Prairie Solar, High Top Solar, Ostrea Solar, Horse Heaven Wind, and Wautoma Solar; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew's service as chair marked several significant Council milestones, including: (a) EFSEC's separation from the Utilities and Transportation Commission and establishment as an independent agency; (b) the first expedited processing of an application for the Columbia Solar project; and, (c) consideration of the largest clean energy project (wind, solar, and battery storage) in the Council's history and within the State of Washington with the Horse Heaven Wind project; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew's leadership was always characterized by outstanding preparation, thoughtful questions and attention to detail in adjudicative processes and Council deliberations; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew provided exemplary service on the Council and meaningfully engaged with EFSEC staff and fellow Council members on all Council decision making processes; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew provided leadership through the Transmission Corridor Workgroup resulting in the passage of SB 5165 that will help lead to expanding transmission capacity in the state helping to meet urgent clean energy goals; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew presided over the Council's first adjudication limited to Land Use consistency and preemption; and,

WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew engaged in EFSEC's first formal Government-to-Government consultation meetings with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; and,


WHEREAS, Kathleen Drew ably represented the Council as a member of the Governor's Natural Resources, Climate & Energy Subcabinet.

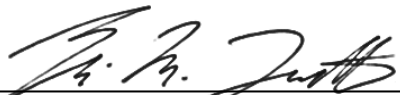
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes Kathleen Drew's outstanding, unwavering, and faithful contribution to the Council's siting and regulatory activities, and gratefully expresses its sincere gratitude for the commitment, dedication, and effort she has shown over the past seven years.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2025.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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