

March 12, 2024

Joanne Snarski, Energy Facility Site Specialist Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council P.O. Box 43172 Olympia, Washington 98504

Subject: Extension Request for Carriger Solar, LLC Application for Site Certification

Dear Ms. Snarski,

Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (CCR), on behalf of Carriger Solar, LLC hereby requests that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or the Council) further extend the processing time of the Carriger Solar, LLC Application for Site Certification (ASC) from April 1 to May 1, 2025.

The Carriger Solar Project Application for Site Certification (ASC) was filed with EFSEC on February 10, 2023. The ASC included a request that EFSEC conduct its review using the expedited process authorized by RCW 80.50.075 and WAC Chapter 463-43. WAC 463-43-050 provides for expedited processing to occur within 120 days of receipt of an application "or such later time as is mutually agreed by the applicant and the council." RCW 80.50.100 requires EFSEC to report its recommendations for approval or rejection of an application for certification "within twelve months of receipt by the council of an application deemed complete by the director, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant."

The due date for completing processing of the ASC most recently was extended by EFSEC to April 1, 2025 to allow time for EFSEC to receive and review a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) study prepared by The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and complete the review of outstanding SEPA threshold determination items. The TCP study has now been received and reviewed by EFSEC. EFSEC has requested our agreement to a further extension of the ASC processing completion date to allow time for EFSEC to complete SEPA review and issue its threshold determination for the project, and to act on our pending request for expedited processing.

Accordingly, CCR requests a further extension of the statutory ASC processing timeframe in order to allow adequate time for completion of these steps in the application process. CCR appreciates the importance of a thorough review and the continued work of EFSEC throughout this process. We believe the requested extension will facilitate the timely completion of the processing of the Carriger application.

Sincerely,

John Hanks

Director, Development

Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC

cc: Peter Moritzburke, VP of Development