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Kurt Beckett, Chair  
Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
PO Box 43172  
Olympia, WA, 98504-3172

**Re: Badger Mountain Solar Extension Request**

Dear Mr. Beckett and Council members,

North Central Washington Audubon Society is a local chapter of the National Audubon Society with approximately 500 members that live in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, and Okanogan counties. The proposed Badger Mountain Solar Project lies within our chapter's boundaries, and we've followed the issue since its inception.

Our organization supports a rapid transition from fossil fuels to clean energy alternatives, and we also support most of the proposed solar projects in Washington. We are, however, strongly opposed to the proposed solar project on Badger Mountain.

The primary reason for our opposition is that the proposed project site is located in an area that supports one of the few viable populations of Sage Grouse remaining in Washington. The proposed project footprint is large, and the project's construction and ongoing maintenance activities would inevitably result in substantial adverse impacts on habitat within and surrounding the project footprint and on the wildlife that habitat supports. If the project is implemented, those impacts are likely to be especially harmful to Sage Grouse, which is classified as a threatened species in Washington State.

Because a Sage Grouse lek is in proximity to the proposed project and project activities would unavoidably disrupt nearby habitats, together with the likelihood that the grouse would be further impacted as they may seasonally occupy a portion of the site's footprint, we believe the proposed project should ultimately not be approved. We also believe that the proposal has already been given sufficient consideration by EFSEC and, therefore, we would oppose approval of the requested extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Campbell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Arthur Campbell  
President, North Central Washington Audubon Society