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Greg Wagner C.E.A.S.E. comments about Carriger solar for the record.

EFSEC violated RCW 42.30 when discussing Carriger solar privately with CCR. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.30>

EFSEC violated RCW 42.36 because EFSEC employees have prejudged the Carriger solar project because they bias in favor of support project. They have never not recommended a solar project to the governor. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.36>

EFSEC is violating RCW 89.10 Farmland Preservation Act. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=89.10> **USDA Brooks Rollins has outlawed solar projects on prime farmland and the land Carriger solar is being sited on is prime farmland.**

Carriger solar cannot be recommended to the governor due to EFSEC's violation of the state laws and the USDA.

EFSEC accepted reports/studies from Tetra Tech a company with a criminal past when falsifying documents at the Hunter Point naval base <https://sfstandard.com/2025/01/17/san-francisco-hunters-point-shipyard-settlement-tetra-tech/> **and the uranium mine in New Mexico.** <https://nukewatch.org/new-and-updated-item/feds-give-navajo-uranium-contract-to-firm-with-sketchy-past/>

One of the studies Tetra Tech did for Carriger was Yakama cultural study on Fish Hatchery Road. I watched the 6 Tetra Tech employees walk through Ken Hill's property not looking at the ground thus never finding any artifacts. They could have tripped over an Indian grave and would have reported no finding. No study or report from Tetra Tech should be accepted by EFSEC considering their criminal past in falsifying documents which make the Tetra Tech studies or reports unacceptable. EFSEC must require Carriger solar to hire a reputable company to do the studies again. Carriger solar cannot be recommended to the governor until this is done.

EFSEC failed to require Carriger solar to form a PTAG Pre Technical Advisory Group made up of local citizens to review the Carriger solar project. EFSEC required Scout Clean Energy developer of Horse Heaven Hills solar project to have a PTAG. EFSEC must require Carriger solar to have PTAG. <https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025->

[07/Innergex%20Exhibit%2016%20-%20Final%20Wautoma%20Revised%20MDNS.pdf](https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/Innergex%20Exhibit%2016%20-%20Final%20Wautoma%20Revised%20MDNS.pdf)

EFSEC failed to require Carriger solar to have an artificial water source for helicopter dipping to extinguish a fire. EFSEC required the Wautoma solar site to have the artificial water source so EFSEC must require it at the Carriger solar site. Page 9 [https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-](https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-07/Innergex%20Exhibit%2016%20-%20Final%20Wautoma%20Revised%20MDNS.pdf)

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EFSEC Chair Kurt Beckett is a former renewable lobbyist. He was a paid lobbyist for Tenaska renewable lobbying firm and representing Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Hills wind/solar/BESS development and Goldeneye BESS developer. <https://www.cascadepbs.org/all/2025/04/new-washington-energy-chairs-industry-ties-raise-ethics-questions/> He has a known bias in favor of wind/solar/BESS projects and cannot render a fair and impartial decision and should not have been involved with the Carriger solar project discussion, review or decision-making process but has been. Therefore, any EFSEC decision on the Carriger solar project was done improperly, in violation of the law and was unethical and is invalid. Kurt Beckett should do the ethical act and resign as EFSEC Chair.

The endangered Ferruginous hawk resides in the area of the propose Carriger solar site. <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/buteo-regalis> Every year the endangered Ferruginous is observed on fence posts along Fish Hatchery Road and Knight Road. They nest in the area of the proposed Carriger solar site. Carriger solar will reduce the habitat available to the endangered Ferruginous hawk which will contribute to their demise. A full study of the negative impact to the endangered Ferruginous hawk by EFSEC was never performed and until the study is completed this project cannot to recommended to the governor. EFSEC wants to avoid any problems related to the endangered Ferruginous hawk in order to recommend this project to the governor. EFSEC does not want a repeat of the endangered Ferruginous hawk problem that they are having at the Horse Heaven Hills project.

EFSEC has repeatedly ignored the concerns of the Yakama Tribe. EFSEC did this in order to avoid the problems they had at the Horse Heaven Hills project due to the Yakama Tribe.

EFSEC directed the people per their website to review the Carriger solar SCA and draft resolution here <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov/carriger-solar-revised-sca-and-draft-resolution-360> A link was provided there to these documents but when the link was activated the response is PAGE NOT FOUND. The SCA and draft resolution have not been provided by EFSEC for the peoples' review therefore this comment period is null and void. The comment period must be rescheduled only after the SCA and draft resolution have been made available to the people. This is unethical conduct by the EFSEC employees. EFSEC probably does not have an ethics policy. May 5,2025, EFSEC held a meeting in Goldendale on expediting the Carriger solar project. [https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-](https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/20250505_Carriger_SpecialMeetingMinutes.pdf)

[06/20250505_Carriger_SpecialMeetingMinutes.pdf](https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/20250505_Carriger_SpecialMeetingMinutes.pdf) To prove how little EFSEC cares about the peoples' concerns they voted to expedite the project and

then allowed the people to comment. https://www.columbiagorgenews.com/news/efsec-meeting-antics-and-a-fast-tracked-solar-farm-project/article_05604709-cf72-478e-a371-217afb77300a.html The people should have been allowed to comment first. The people are just collateral damage to EFSEC. EFSEC's action proves they have prejudged the Carriger solar project and their action violates RCW 42.36 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.36> and renders their decision invalid. EFSEC has never made an unfavorable recommendation to a governor for a solar project. This also illustrates that EFSEC cannot make a fair and impartial decision and has bias in favor of solar project. The decommissioning plan is inadequate. Carriger solar is not in compliance with RCW 70A.510.010. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70A.510.010> The decommissioning plan must be approved before the recommendation goes to the governor. EFSEC has failed to require Carriger solar to have an emergency notification plan which notifies Klickitat County 911 and Rural 7 fire department when the dangerous BESS ignites and release deadly gases. EFSEC has failed to require Carriger solar to have a citizen evacuation plan and shelter for the displaced citizens to go to. Due to the remote location of the BESS, no easy access to the BESS and no fire hydrants in the area is a real danger to the safety, health and welfare of the people. No study was done as to the danger and health effects when Klickitat County citizens are exposed to the off gases from a BESS fire and explosion. EFSEC your duty is to protect the people, and you have failed. Until these safety measures are in place Carriger solar cannot be recommended to the governor. Sonia Bumpus was appointed to the director's position illegally and should not have any input in the Carriger solar decision-making process. EFSEC is going against President Donald J Trump policy of not supporting the Clean Green Scam by recommending Carriger solar to the governor.

Carriger solar is owned by Cyress Creek renewable who is owned by the foreign corporation EQT. EFSEC promoting of Carriger solar poses a threat to national security by allowing a foreign country to be in control of our electricity. When others threaten our electricity and grid, they are considered terrorists. EFSEC you must put national security first and not recommend Carriger solar to the governor. Greg Wagner and the members of C.E.A.S.E. oppose the Carriger solar project. EFSEC must not make a recommendation for the governor to approve Carriger solar. This is my comment and ask that it placed on the record. Greg Wagner C.E.A.S.E.