



RESOLUTION NO. 358

COMMENDING SERVICES OF LENNY YOUNG

WHEREAS, Lenny Young was appointed to the EFSEC Council by the Department of Natural Resources effective March 5, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young served his term with great distinction until October 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young brought his considerable knowledge and experience to the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young actively participated in Council deliberations in gathering information and balancing impacts and mitigation measures and arriving at clear decisions and recommendations for the Governor on a number of projects; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young attended approximately 80 regular and special council meetings as an active listener, and thoughtfully and carefully reviewed thousands of pages of technical application documents, State Environmental Policy Act reviews, adjudication exhibits and testimony, and thousands of public comments; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young ably and objectively represented the interests of the people of the State of Washington on the Council, providing clear and thoughtful advice to the Council and the EFSEC staff; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young contributed his expertise during the review eleven applications for site certification, including Badger Mountain, Carriger Solar, Goldeneye BESS, Goose Prairie Solar, High Top Solar, Hop Hill Solar, Horse Heaven Wind, Ostrea Solar, Wallula Gap Solar, and Wautoma Solar; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young participated in the Horse Heaven project and Wautoma Solar project adjudication meetings, including public comment hearings for each, with insightful questions and focus; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young contributed great attention to detail for the preparation of six recommendations to the governor, including draft Site Certificate Agreements for the Goose Prairie Solar, High Top Solar, Ostrea Solar, Horse Heaven Wind, Wautoma Solar, and Carriger Solar projects; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young provided thoughtful input and careful consideration during the Council reconsideration of the Horse Heaven project; and,

WHEREAS, Lenny Young's participation was always characterized by challenging assumptions and examining multiple angles of an issue during Council deliberations; and,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes Lenny Young'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 he has shown over the past four and a half years.

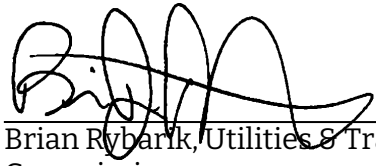
Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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