



RESOLUTION NO. 359

COMMENDING SERVICES OF ELI LEVITT

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt was appointed to the EFSEC Council by the Department of Ecology effective January 10, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt served his term with great distinction until September 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt brought his considerable knowledge and experience to the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt actively participated in Council deliberations, both 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, Eli Levitt attended approximately 58 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, Eli Levitt 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, Eli Levitt contributed his expertise during the review of 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, Eli Levitt participated in the Horse Heaven project and Wautoma Solar project adjudication meetings, including public comment hearings for each, with great attention and diligence; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt contributed expertise and 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, Eli Levitt provided thoughtful input and careful consideration during the Council reconsideration of the Horse Heaven project; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt's participation was characterized by attentiveness to public comment and thoughtful questions and attention to detail in permitting and compliance activity; and,

WHEREAS, Eli Levitt consistently advocated for continual improvement and expansion of public outreach and solicitation of public input from across Washington's diverse communities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes Eli Levitt'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 three and a half years.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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