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REQUESTING A TWO-WEEK PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON FINAL PROPOSED DESIGN AND LAYOUT DECISIONS

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We are writing to respectfully request that EFSEC provide a **≥14-day public comment period** upon release of any **staff recommendation to the Council on the final design and layout** of the proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind and Solar project and future energy projects where the final design and layout is not provided at the time of Final Site Certification Agreement signature and approval.

We expressly request this item for inclusion on the agenda for the next April EFSEC Council Meeting. We understand that there may be a new staff recommendation being placed on the agenda for the Council at that meeting. We respectfully request that any vote on that request be delayed until a 14-day public comment period be conducted on that recommendation.

The final design and layout will contain site-specific details, i.e., turbine size and locations, solar array configuration, access roads, transmission corridors, and associated mitigation measures, that were not available during earlier comment opportunities and are not provided in the approved Site Certification Agreement.

Because these details can differ substantially from the alternatives analyzed in the DEIS and FEIS, a **≥14-day** comment period would demonstrate EFSEC's commitment to transparency and strengthen the defensibility of the Council's recommendation.

Regardless of differing views on the project itself, there is broad agreement among local governments, tribes, landowners, and community organizations that the public should have an opportunity to comment on the final design. Offering this public comment period will reinforce EFSEC's longstanding commitment to openness, fairness, and public engagement.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Council to adopt a motion establishing a **≥14-day public comment period** immediately following the release of the staff recommendations on the final design and layout of all energy projects where the final design and layout is not provided at the time of Final Site Certification Agreement signature and approval in the state of Washington.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the people of Washington State.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Krupin

On behalf of TCC Board Members

CC: Comments to EFSEC, EFSEC Clerk, EFSEC Rulemaking