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RE: Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project

Dear Chairperson Drew and members of the Council:

We write to you to relay our urgent and ongoing concerns regarding Avangrid's proposed Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project, which lies within the unceded traditional territories of the Moses Columbia and Wenatchi Tribes, two of twelve constituent tribes that comprise the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR), which is governed by the Colville Business Council (CBC). The CTCR maintain and exercise our inherent sovereign rights throughout our 39 million acre traditional territories. The CBC is submitting these comments in opposition to Avangrid's request for an additional extension of the permit review period for the proposed project for consideration by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council) prior to your issuance of a decision regarding their request.

We respectfully remind members of the Council that members of the Colville Tribes have an ancient and inherited responsibility to care for the places that have sustained us and our plant and animal relatives and teachers since time immemorial. As currently designed and located, the environmental and cultural impacts of the proposed project are so significant that they cannot be mitigated. Furthermore, it is impossible for the proposed Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project to avoid the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)- and Washington Heritage Register (WHR)-eligible Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) that is Badger Mountain.

We note that it has come to the attention of the Colville Business Council that property owners within the proposed project area and area of impact have declined to renew their leases with Avangrid. We urge the Council to recognize that an extension of the review period for the permit application submitted by Avangrid in relation to the Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project serves no purpose. We urge the Council to deny this request and immediately report to the governor a recommendation as to the rejection of Avangrid's application.

Respectfully,

Jarred-Michael Erickson
Chairman, Colville Business Council