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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
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Attention: Amy Moon
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Subject: Agency Docket Number EF-210011

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Determination of Significance regarding the new Renewable Energy Generation Facility, proposed by Horse Heaven Wind Farm, under the above referenced docket number.

DNR is aware of Horse Heaven Wind Farm's application to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). DNR is supportive of the project and the Environmental Impact Statement being conducted by EFSEC. We want reviewers to be aware that if this project is permitted, DNR intends to issue project related leases and easements on the following State properties:

Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 26 East, W.M.
Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 27 East, W.M.
Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 29 East, W.M.
Section 36, Township 7 North, Range 29 East, W.M.
Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 30 East, W.M.

DNR's current land use authorizations in this area are predominantly for dryland agriculture. An existing wind lease is also in place on nearby DNR-managed land. We expect that, through EFSEC's environmental impact review, the project can be permitted in a manner that avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts to the environment, wildlife, and the habitat associated with the project area. DNR granted Horse Heaven Wind Farm access to the aforementioned properties to perform historical and cultural studies.

We are submitting these comments to EFSEC for its consideration and would request that these comments be circulated with your Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). DNR may make further comments once the EIS is made available for comment.

Sincerely,
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