



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. The proponent, Sagebrush Power Products, LLC, has requested to build an approximately 182-megawatt, wind turbine electrical generation facility on the ridges on either side of US 97, roughly 12 miles northwest of the city of Ellensburg.

Under Washington State law, EFSEC is responsible for siting and licensing the construction and operation of major energy facilities in Washington State. This Project is an alternative energy facility as defined in 80.50.020(17) Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Zilkha Renewable Energy chose to receive site certification from EFSEC for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project pursuant to RCW 89.50.060(2).

EFSEC has begun its review as outlined in Chapter 80.50 RCW and Title 463 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), EFSEC is the state lead agency for major energy facilities including projects of this nature. EFSEC has completed this DEIS under contract with Shapiro and Associates.

The scoping phase of this project analysis has identified several issues that are addressed in the DEIS. A No Action and Action Alternative, including mitigation measures, are discussed in detail in the DEIS.

To ensure a complete analysis, we are asking you to help by reviewing this DEIS and providing comments. The comment period for this document closes on January 19, 2004. We have scheduled a public meeting to discuss the findings in the DEIS. The public meeting will be held as indicated below. There will be an open house before the meeting, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Comments will be received from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**DEIS Public Comment Meeting**

**Tuesday January 13, 2004**  
**Open House: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Public Comments: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Fine Arts Building, Kittitas County Fairgrounds**  
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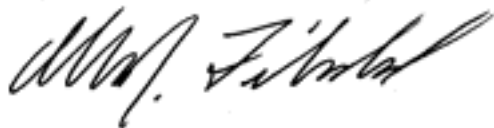
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Comments on this document must be **postmarked by January 19, 2004**. EFSEC will review and respond to all comments and intends to publish a Final EIS in the second quarter of 2004. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

Please remember, for a comment to be considered to have substance, it needs to:

1. Provide new information pertaining to the proposed action or an alternative;
2. Identify a new issue or expand upon an existing issue;
3. Identify a different way to meet the underlying need;
4. Provide an opinion regarding an alternative, **including the basis or rationale for the opinion**;
5. Point out a specific flaw in the analysis; or
6. Identify a different source of credible research which, if used in the analysis, could result in different effects.

For further information regarding this proposal or to request additional copies of this DEIS, you may contact Irina Makarow at (360) 956-2047. The DEIS, is also accessible on the Internet at [www.efsec.wa.gov](http://www.efsec.wa.gov).



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