



October 16, 2017

Stephen Posner
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Via Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. Posner:

On behalf of TUUSSO Energy, LLC (“TUUSSO”), I am pleased to submit to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (“EFSEC”) the enclosed Application for Site Certification (“ASC”) to develop, construct and operate the Columbia Solar photovoltaic projects (“Projects”). A cashier’s check in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is enclosed herewith in accordance with RCW 80.50.071.

TUUSSO proposes to site facilities that would generate and transmit 25 MWac of electrical power through five solar arrays and two generation tie lines to be constructed on 200 of approximately 232 leased acres in Kittitas County, Washington. The Kittitas Valley is one of the sunniest areas of the state, and the array sites are in close proximity to existing Puget Sound Energy (“PSE”) electrical infrastructure. The locations were selected based on several criteria, including consistency with the Kittitas County zoning code and comprehensive plan, land use efficiencies, placement on previously disturbed farmland to avoid environmentally sensitive areas, and the minimization of new electrical infrastructure by locating close to existing distribution lines.

TUUSSO seeks to obtain site certifications for the Columbia Solar Projects pursuant to RCW 80.50.060(2). The proposal is an alternative energy facility as defined in RCW 80.50.020(17). The Projects would generate qualifying renewable solar energy for use in meeting the Renewable Portfolio Standards targets mandated by Initiative 937 and codified in RCW 19.285, the Washington Energy Independence Act. The current need and appetite for cleaner, renewable energy in the Pacific Northwest is reflected by the current 2017 Requests for Proposals for renewable energy issued by PSE, PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric. The electricity generated would be sold under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement to Puget Sound Energy to satisfy PURPA obligations.



In accordance with both RCW 80.50.075 and Ch. 463-43 WAC, TUUSSO respectfully asks EFSEC to use its expedited process for review and approval of the Columbia Solar Projects ASC. An application is eligible for expedited review when the Council finds (1) the environmental impact of the proposed energy facility would be mitigated to a non-significant level under the State Environmental Policy Act (“SEPA”) and (2) the project is consistent and in compliance with city, county, or regional land use plans. *See* WAC 463-43-030.

In furtherance of this request for findings that support an expedited 180-day review, we submit herewith the materials set forth in WAC 463-60-117, including (1) a completed SEPA checklist; (2) a statement demonstrating that the environmental impacts, the areas potentially affected, the cost and magnitude of the proposed energy facilities, and the degree to which the proposed energy facilities represent a change in the use of the proposed sites are not significant enough to warrant a full review; and (3) a discussion of WAC 463-60 and 463-62.

TUUSSO believes that based on the comprehensive package of materials presented, the Council can and should make the findings necessary to enable expedited review and recommend approval of the Columbia Solar Projects. While consolidation of the Projects’ site information into a single submittal facilitates the review process and paperwork, it is respectfully requested that each location be issued a separate Site Certification Agreement to assist both EFSEC and TUUSSO during construction and operations on a location-by-location basis.

I look forward to working with the Council and EFSEC staff during the review of our submittal. Please contact me at 206-303-0198 or jason.evans@tuusso.com with questions regarding this ASC for the Columbia Solar Projects.

Sincerely,

Jason Evans
Vice President