March 16, 2009

Dear Interested Persons:

RE: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement – Harvest Wind Wind Project

The Applicants Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Lakeview Green Energy, Inc., and Peninsula Light Company propose to construct and operate the Harvest Wind Wind Project (Project) in unincorporated Klickitat County, approximately 21 miles due east of Goldendale and approximately 4 miles northwest of Roosevelt, Washington. The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ). The Project would have a total generating capacity of 100 megawatts.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued on January 22, 2009 for a 30-day comment period. The public comment period on the draft EIS began on January 22, 2009 and ended on February 24, 2009. Klickitat County Planning Department has now issued the Final EIS, which reflects departmental consideration of comments received on the draft EIS. This document, along with the DEIS issued on January 22, 2009, constitute the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Harvest Wind Project. The purpose of the final EIS is to identify key, adverse, environmental issues that may result from the proposed Project. The focus of the final EIS is to analyze the issues as they pertain to the proposal and to respond to comments received.

The Department appreciates the contributions made by the reviewers of this EIS. If you would like a copy of the final EIS, please contact the Planning Department at (509) 773-5703 or electronically at planning@co.klickitat.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Curt Dreyer
Planning Director
SEPA Responsible Official
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) AND
ADOPTION NOTICE FOR
HARVEST WIND WIND ENERGY PROJECT

DATE OF ISSUANCE:
March 16, 2009

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:
The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Harvest Wind Wind Project (Project) is being released for public review.

PROPOINENT:
The Project has been proposed by four Applicants: 1) Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, 2) Eugene Water and Electric Board, 3) Lakeview Green Energy, Inc., and 4) Peninsula Light Company.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Project is a proposed 100-MW wind energy project. The Project would be located in an eastern section (HW-E) and a western section (HW-W) and would be adjacent to the existing 205-MW White Creek Wind Project. Additional Project features include construction of approximately 15 miles of new access roads, renovation/improvement of approximately 4 miles of existing roads, possible construction of an operation and maintenance facility, construction of four temporary laydown areas, installation of an underground 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collection system, and possible construction of one substation in HW-W and one in HW-E.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:
The Project is located in Klickitat County, Washington, 21 miles due east of Goldendale and approximately 4 miles northwest of Roosevelt, Washington. The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ).

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
The final EIS includes a number of updates and revisions made to the DEIS, including corrections and modifications to the draft EIS text in response to comments received regarding the Project and the draft EIS.

ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
The Klickitat County Energy Overlay FEIS (Sept. 2004) is adopted as part of this FEIS, as explained in the notice of adoption issued with this notice.

AVAILABILITY OF FEIS COPIES:
Copies can be reviewed at the Klickitat County Planning Department or Goldendale Community Library. Electronic copies are available on CD (compact disk) from the Planning Department for $5.00.
APPEAL:
Any appeals of this decision must be filed under the County SEPA ordinance’s provision for appeals of an EIS. Any appeal is therefore due no later than twenty-one days from the date of final EIS issuance. Appeals shall be in writing and filed with the County Auditor. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of a fee of $175 payable to the Klickitat County Planning Department.

APPEAL PERIOD ENDS:
Appeal of an FEIS may be filed until April 9, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Adoption for (check appropriate box) [ ] DNS [ ] EIS [√]

Description of current proposal: The Harvest Wind Wind Farm (the “Project”) is a proposed 100-MW wind energy project. The Project would be located in an eastern section (HW-E) and a western section (HW-W) and would be adjacent to the existing 205-MW White Creek Wind Project.

Proponent: The Project has been proposed by four Applicants: 1) Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, 2) Eugene Water and Electric Board, 3) Lakeview Green Energy, Inc., and 4) Peninsula Light Company.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Location of current proposal: The Project is located in Klickitat County, Washington, 21 miles due east of Goldendale and approximately 4 miles northwest of Roosevelt, Washington. The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ).

Title of documents being adopted:

1) Klickitat County Energy Overlay Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Aug. 2003); and
2) Klickitat County Energy Overlay Final Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Sept. 2004) (the draft and final Overlay EIISs are referred to jointly as the “EOZ FEIS”).

Agency that prepared documents being adopted: Klickitat County Planning Department.

Date adopted documents were prepared: Issue dates are provided above.

Description of documents (or portion) being adopted:

EOZ FEIS. The EOZ FEIS is a programmatic environmental impact statement that was prepared to examine environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures for development of energy projects generally, including wind energy projects, at various locations within Klickitat County and under various permitting procedures. Based on the EOZ FEIS, Klickitat County adopted its Energy Overlay Zone ordinance, which designated areas of the County where wind energy projects could be permitted outright through an administrative process subject to specified development, use and construction standards. The Harvest Wind Wind Project is located within the designated EOZ area and proposes to incorporate the EOZ standards.

The adopted documents are supplemented by an environmental impact statement for the Project.

If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:
The adequacy of the EOZ FEIS was challenged in 2005 in an appeal to the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners. The County and the appellants reached a settlement before a decision on the merits, and the appellants withdrew their appeal.

The documents are available to be read during normal business hours at Klickitat County Planning Department, 228 West Main Street, Goldendale, WA or Goldendale Community Library, 131 West Burgen Street, Goldendale, WA 98620

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decisionmaker.

Name of agency adopting documents: Klickitat County Planning Department

Contact person, if other than responsible official: N/A

Responsible official: Curt Dreyer

Position/title: Klickitat County Planning Director Phone: (509) 773-5703

Address: 228 West Main, MS: CH-17, Goldendale, WA 98620

Date: March 16, 2009 Signature: [Signature]

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