

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
STUDY SESSION**

THURSDAY

11:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Board members in attendance: Max Golladay, Perry Huston & Bruce Coe

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; David Taylor, Community Development Services Director; Jim Hurson, Deputy Prosecutor; Jim Luce, Chair of EFSEC; Dick Fryhling, CTED; Allen Fiksdal, EFSEC Manager; Irina Makarow, Siting Manager; Ann Essko, Assistant Attorney General; Jennifer Diaz from Zilkah; and three members of the public.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. **CHAIRMAN GOLLADAY** opened a study session to hear a presentation on the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) project review process.

ALLEN FIKSDAL, EFSEC MANAGER distributed a handout on the EFSEC project review process. He said EFSEC has received an application from Zilkah for a Wind Power project in the Kittitas Valley. He explained the County has the option of appointing a voting member to the Council. There are no specific qualifications for the position. The information relating to the project review and status will be available on their website at www.efsec.wa.gov. EFSEC has an independent review done by Shapiro & Associates (out of Seattle) on the project application, and they will be asked to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. EFSEC has scheduled an open house at 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 2003 in the Home Arts building at the Fairgrounds and a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will allow the applicant to present their project and the EFSEC members will be available to review the process and it will also serve as a SEPA Scoping meeting. They projected that a draft EIS would be available in June. A land use consistency hearing would be held prior to June, where Zilkah would be asked to present a Certificate of Compliance from the County, stating they are in compliance with all local codes etc. The adjudicative proceeding is a quasi-judicial process similar to a courtroom proceeding, where the Council will hear from all the official parties to the proceedings. Agencies may petition the Council to become interveners in the proceedings.

The process will take up to a year, and the Council will determine if the project should be approved, and if it does, a draft Site Certification Agreement will be forwarded to the Governor for consideration. The Governor has 60 days to consider the Council's recommendation and can take one of the following actions: approve the

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Council's recommendation and execute the draft SCA; reject the application; or direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the project and draft SCA.

The Board of Commissioners strongly encouraged the EFSEC Council to hold their meetings/hearings in Kittitas County.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Julie A. Kjorsvik

Max A. Golladay, Chairman