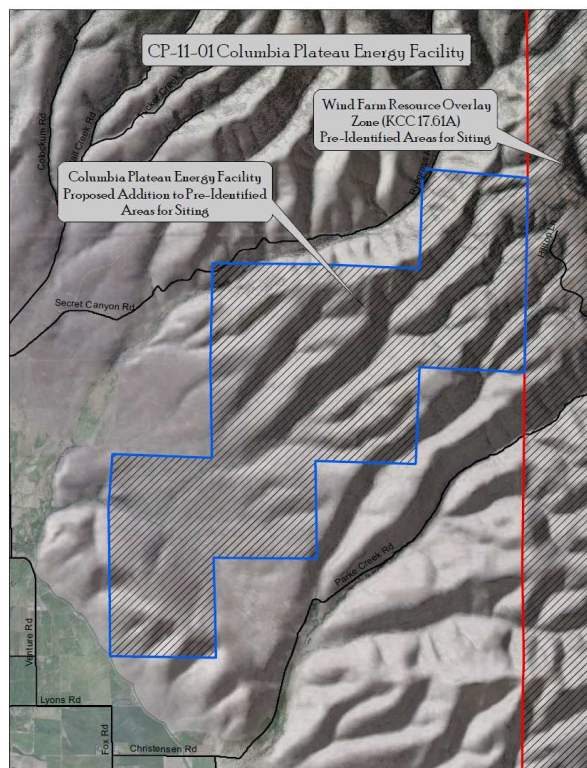


Docket No.	Project Name	Brief Description of Suggested Amendment	Who Suggested Amendment	Staff Lead	Staff Recommendation
11-01	Columbia Plateau Energy Facility LLC	Amend KCC 17.61A.035 for pre-identified areas for siting of wind farms to add area located in several Sections in Township 18N, Range 20E and Township 19N, Range 20E.	Columbia Plateau Energy Facility LLC	Dan	Docket

On June 29, 2011, Kittitas County Community Development Services received an application from Columbia Plateau Energy Facility LLC for proposed amendments to KCC 17.61A.035 and related mapping for pre-identified areas for siting of wind farms to add area located in several Sections in Township 18N, Range 20E and Township 19N, Range 20E. See the attached application and map directly below for expanded pre-identified areas. The specific amendments to KCC 17.61A.035 and the related mapping are provided further below. These proposed amendments were docketed with CDS prior to the June 30th docketing deadline.



DRAFT—August 5, 2011

Kittitas County Code, Chapter 17.61A, WIND FARM RESOURCE OVERLAY ZONE, is amended as follows:

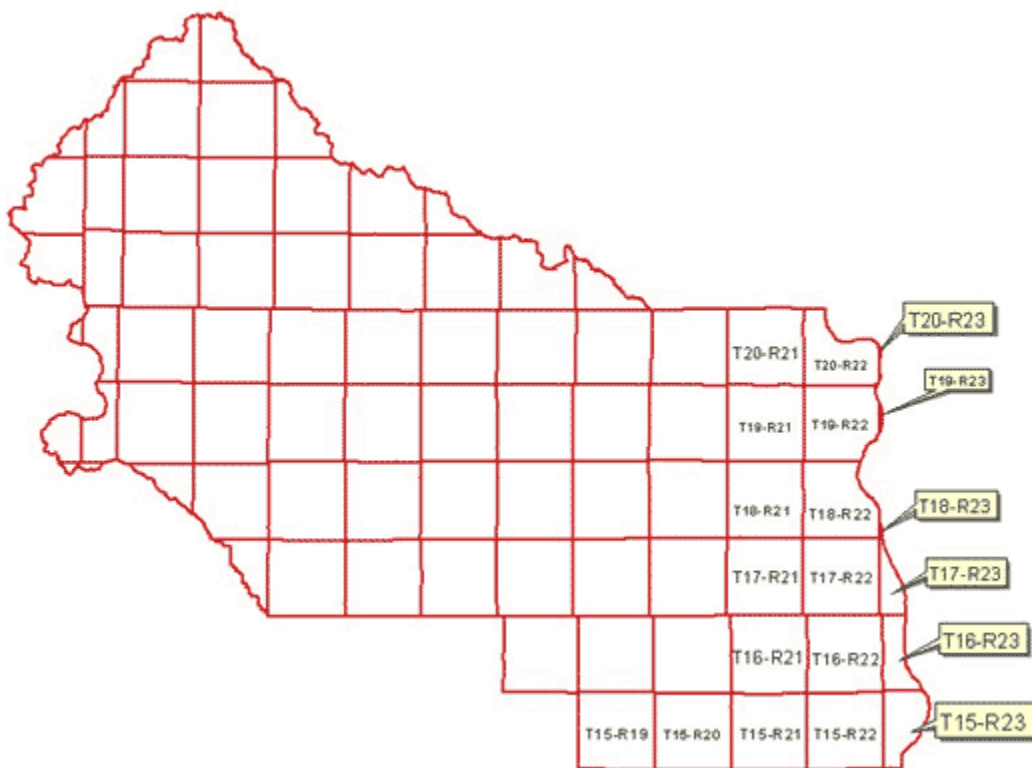
17.61A.035 Pre-identified areas for siting.

For proposed wind farms located in identified areas in Kittitas County meeting specific siting standards as identified in this code, a process separate from the requirement for wind farm resource overlay zone as identified in Kittitas County Code 17.61A.40 can be undertaken.

The purpose of this code is to identify areas where environmental review and public process has already occurred, expediting the siting of proposed wind farm facilities. The intent of this code is to streamline the development process for such applications, separate from the process already allowed in 17.61A.40. It is recognized that lands contained within this area may be under federal, state and local ownership and may be subject to additional requirements per jurisdiction.

The zoning map identifies ~~A map of~~ the pre-identified areas ~~identifies the following Townships and Ranges~~ open to this process. This includes T.15N., Ranges 19E., 20E., 21E., 22E., 23E., T.16N., Ranges 21E., 22E., 23E., T.17N., Ranges 21E., 22E., 23E., T.18N., Ranges 20E. (Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 21), 21E., 22E., 23E., T.19N., Ranges 20E. (Section 36), 21E., 22E., 23E., T.20N., Ranges 21E., 22E., 23E. W.M. in Kittitas County.

Delete map below from KCC 17.61A.035 and identify these existing areas, together with the proposed expanded areas, on the official county zoning map (KCC 17.12.020).



The following siting standards are established for these areas: a minimum 1/2 mile setback from existing structures at the time of application shall apply. If not attainable, additional analysis shall be included to support the application. Further, analysis shall also include, but is not limited to, the following as part of the application: wildlife impact analysis, noise impact analysis, visual impact analysis, and traffic impact analysis.

A wind farm may be authorized by the county in these pre-identified areas only through approval of a site plan and development agreement by the board of county commissioners. The development agreement shall be consistent as authorized in Kittitas County Code 15A.11, Development Agreements.

The Kittitas County Official Zoning Map is amended as follows:

