

# Kittitas County Community Development Services

## Agenda Staff Report

**AGENDA DATE:**

12/15/2009

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

An ordinance approving a Development Agreement related to the development of the Vantage Wind Power Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Vantage Wind Energy LLC, a Delaware limited liability company submitted an application to Kittitas County on October 17, 2007 for Development Permit/Development Agreement approval to develop a wind farm consisting of a maximum of 69 wind turbines.

The project is located in eastern Kittitas County, approximately 18 miles east of the town of Kittitas, south of the Vantage Highway and north of Interstate 90 known within Sections 9, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of T17N, R21E, and Sections 14, 19, 20, and 22 of T17N, R22E WM in Kittitas County, and such Townships and Ranges are within the Pre-identified areas for siting wind farms as provided for in Kittitas County Code 17.61A.035.

The Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners held a joint public hearing on the Project Application on March 12, 2008 to hear testimony and receive information from Applicant representatives, county staff and members of the public.

The Planning Commission on April 8, 2008 unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Development Agreement/Development Permit. The Board of County Commissioners on April 1, 2008 held a continued public hearing on the Project Application, to hear testimony and receive information from Applicant representatives, county staff and members of the public.

The Board of County Commissioners on April 1, 2008, April 15, 2008 and May 6, 2008 continued its deliberations and voted on May 6, 2008 to approve the Project application, including the Site Plan, subject to the conditions of the Development Agreement and Exhibits.

**INTERACTION:**

Kittitas County Planning Commission, Board of County Commissioner's, and Community Development Services, Prosecutor's office. Enabeling documents were never prepared in accordance with KCC15A11.060.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board sign the ordinance.

**HANDLING:**

Return signed ordinance to CDS for issuance of the Notice of Decision.

**LEAD STAFF:**

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