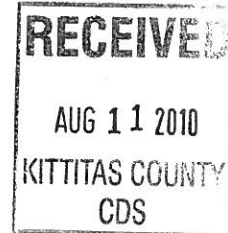


PO Box 31
Roslyn, WA 98941
August 10, 2010

Board of Adjustment
Kittitas County
205 W. 5th
Ellensburg, WA 98926



Re: Conditional Use Permit for Teanaway Solar Reserve

Dear Board Members:

I urge you to deny a Conditional Use Permit to the Teanaway Solar Reserve, LLC based on criteria outlined in sections **17.60A.010 Review Criteria** and **17.60A.020 Conditions** of the Kittitas County Code. Testimony from County landowners, community leaders, and expert consultants has indicated that the proposed complex would be detrimental to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. A two-mile wide swath of solar panels with 10-acre substation connected to 150-foot high power lines will destroy the peace and rural character of this section of the Teanaway Valley, one of the most scenic rural valleys in Washington. Additionally the reflective nature of the solar panels presents a major safety hazard for drivers on SR970, a highway already plagued with a high accident rate.

Furthermore the economic benefits touted by TSR are deceptive, with installation workers brought in from outside the county, and only 2 – 4 technicians needed to run the completed installation. The promised solar panel manufacturing facility is unlikely to materialize since a manufacturer exists in Moses Lake. Experts have proven that generating solar energy in the Teanaway is problematic due to latitude and weather; TSR's promises of "green" benefits of solar generation are green washing to promote a misleading perception that TSR is environmentally friendly. The only people who would reap economic benefits from this project are TSR principals cashing in on state renewable energy incentives and federal tax benefits; those out of state individuals are not going to pump their money back into the local economy.

Zoned Forest and Range 20, a zone in which natural resource management is of the highest priority, the proposed TSR site should be protected as rural without question. TSR's promises of local economic benefit made even more suspect by their exploitation of alternative energy to green wash this project do not justify irreparably destroying our County's forest lands. We are not the gullible country bumpkins that their application implies we are. **We do not believe their promises and do not want Teanaway Solar Reserve in the Teanaway. I urge the Board of Adjustment to not be bamboozled by their promises, and to deny TSR's application for a Conditional Use Permit.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lea Beardsley".

Lea Beardsley

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1001 East First Street

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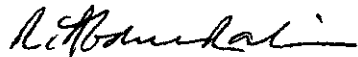
Kittitas County

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a small business operator in Cle Elum. I am writing to express my support for the Teanaway Solar Reserve Project. This will be not only a source of safe renewable energy, but also will create jobs and improve the economy of the County. I sincerely hope that the promoters of the project will get the necessary permits to go ahead with the project.

Thanks

Sincerely,



Rahim A. Rahimon

Mandy Weed

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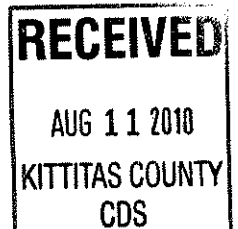
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Subject: CORRECTIONS TO EARLIER EMAIL REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TSR DEVELOPMENT
Attachments: Teanaway Solor Reserve, my letter against it 8-10-10.docx

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An email I sent to you at 11:36 am today, August 11th, had errors in it. Looking it over I have made the edits I feel were needed, and am sending a final statement regarding my views about the proposed TSR development.

***** Please DISREGARD THE EARLIER (11:36 am) EMAIL, and RECORD THIS EMAIL INSTEAD. *****



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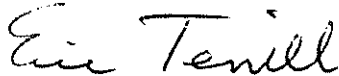
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To whom it may concern:

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Eric Terrill

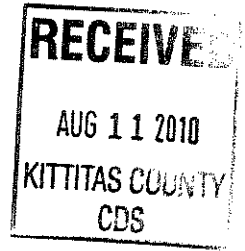
Upper Kittitas County Resident



Mandy Weed

From: Meagan Walker [meaganw@strategies360.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 1:04 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: Letter in support of TSR from Terrill
Attachments: terrill letter.jpg

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Mandy Weed

From: Kayla Cooper [cooperkc@whitman.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 1:00 PM
To: CDS User
Subject: Teanaway Solar Reserve



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Teanaway Solar Reserve (TSR) must require a complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There is a reason that an EIS is required of developments that have even slight potentials to cause harm to the environment and or change the “character” of the area. As boasted by TSR, this project will be one of the largest in the world. Of all the times to insist on a complete EIS, this is it! It is simply irresponsible and disingenuous, at best, not to require TSR to submit a full EIS.

Please protect property owners! If the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, among other things, are ignored and allowed to be trumped by the TSR development, you are essentially saying that the rights of property owners do not exist. The proposed “transmission corridor” would have large lines that would cross private land. This private land that has been chosen by TSR as an access corridor is subject to Protective Covenants which limit the lands use to “residential uses only.” They bar the land from being used for any kind of commercial purpose, and the TSR project *is* a commercial industrial project. Allowing TSR to begin construction and become operational would be to ignore the protections that private property owners have enjoyed and depended on for years. Do not allow this to happen. The devastation that will happen to the area if this project is approved would be almost irreversible; but the unique environment will benefit residents for years to come if you choose to protect the rights of property owners and preserve the environment.

Residents in Kittitas County are good, hardworking people that deserve the opportunity to provide for themselves and their families. I understand how the hundreds of temporary jobs and the few permanent jobs advertised by TSR are attractive to many residents in Cle Elum and greater Kittitas County. However, you must consider the long term health of this county. After the temporary jobs expire, then what? What if something “goes wrong” with the project, and it is not finished? Is there *any* written guarantee from TSR that they will bear the entire burden of correcting for any damages? Not to sound cliché, but short term gain is [often] long term pain. Residents would be able to look forward to a far more economically stable and dynamic community if efforts were directed towards developing and expanding environmentally friendly jobs and opportunities. Game reserves, hiking, paragliding companies, various horse-packing trips, fishing, photography, etc. could become an integral part of Kittitas County. But that will not happen if TSR is allowed to begin construction. Tourism is a growing part of Kittitas County’s economic health, but without a complete EIS, it is impossible to know about the impacts that TSR could have on this growing economic sector.

Please know that the Teanaway is an awful location for a solar farm. I do not see how having solar panels that are able to absorb some of the rays in the winter changes the fact that the Teanaway has some of the lowest

solar electricity production in the U.S. Why is the future of Cle Elum being gambled when there are far more suitable sites to consider, for example, the plateaus in Lower Kittitas County?

It saddens me to think that the reason TSR has chosen the Teanaway is because of a cheap land lease between sister companies. Please, prove that you are working to protect all the people, and that your dedication to serving the public good does not waver when enticing short term gains are presented to you. If you approve the TSR project, The American Forest Land Company (AFLC) will have a very good shot at developing 40,000+ acres. Do not damn Kittitas County and this beautiful area by setting a precedent that tells developers that their wishes are more important the rights of private property owners.

It is despicable that a full environmental impact statement has not been required. It is despicable that Howard Trott, TSR's director, has been untruthful in saying that there is no relationship between TSR and AFLC. Trott is one of several players that are seeking profits at the expense of Washington State tax payers and Kittitas County residents. Again, I am extremely against the Teanaway Solar Reserve project. Please prove that you are looking out and willing to work for the best interest of Washington State and Kittitas County residents by opposing the Teanaway Solar Reserve project.

Sincerely,

Kayla Cordelia Cooper

Kayla C. Cooper

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Bellingham, WA 98226

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(I am a registered voter in WA)

The Cottage Cafe & Fireside Lounge

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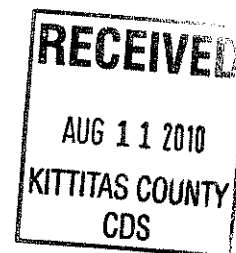
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