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Attached is a letter in regards to the proposed Iron Horse Solar facility.

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Mr. Jeff Watson, County Planner  
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RE: Project File#CU-15-00006  
Project Name – Iron Horse  
Applicant – OneEnergy Development, LLC authorized agent for Bill Hanson, Landowner

Dear Mr. Watson:

I am writing as a lifelong resident of the Kittitas Valley. My family has 4 generations of members in this community. We have lived on the East side of the valley for many years and always in the country. I travel the Vantage Highway every day and pass this proposed location every time on my way to my sister's and parent's home. Many of my friends will have this monstrosity to look at from their homes.

Our farm land is vital to our existence and should be preserved as such. The Ag 20 lands should be land that is reserved for ag related industries. A "solar farm" is not ag related. What a travesty of our heritage if this eyesore is allowed into our valley in this location. There are many other areas, above the fog line, where there are no homes that this facility could be located.

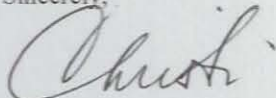
What of the creek that border's this property? What happens when the solar panels break and release their contents into the farm ground that is bordered by a natural waterway?

There are many repercussions for the families that will be impacted by the glare off this facility. We have been to Nevada numerous times and I can tell you the glare is atrocious off of these solar facilities. These facilities are located in the desert and are not located on good farm land and in the middle of many homes. You can easily see the solar facilities for miles and miles.

The homes in the direct vicinity of this project will have decreased values due to no fault of their own. Who will want to buy their homes next to this facility? How does the landowner who is leasing this land to the developer plan on protecting the values of his neighbor's land?

I urge you to NOT allow this "solar farm" which really should be called a "solar facility" in this area of our Valley. If this firm is serious about placing a facility in our Valley they have a lot of shrub steppe area that could be used not right in the middle of the Valley on viable farm ground with many neighbor's impacted.

Sincerely,



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