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“Building Partnerships – Building Communities”

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RE: Wind Ridge BESS Conditional Use Permit (CU-25-00003) & SEPA Checklist (SE-25-00015) – Deemed Complete

Parcel #'s: 653936

Dear Laura & Carolyn,

Kittitas County Community Development Services received a Conditional Use Permit application & State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist on October 1, 2025, to construct and operate a battery energy storage system on a portion of parcel # 653936. The property is zoned Agriculture 20 with Rural Working land use and located on Stevens Road, .2 miles from the intersection of Boylston Road & Stevens Road in Ellensburg, WA in SEC 14 TWP 17 RGE 20 in Kittitas County. An updated project narrative was received on October 20, 2025.

Your application for a Wind Ridge BESS Conditional Use Permit (CU-25-00003) & Wind Ridge BESS SEPA Checklist (SE-25-00015) has been determined complete as of **October 20, 2025**.

Continued processing of your application will include, but is not limited to, the following actions:

1. Posting of the property by the applicant is required. CDS will provide instructions on adequate posting. Signage may be obtained at the Community Development Services offices during regular business hours. The signage is available for pickup as early as **October 20, 2025**.
2. A Notice of Application will be published in the newspaper and sent to all adjoining property owners, governmental agencies, and interested persons.
3. Consideration of written comments from all adjoining property owners, governmental agencies, and interested persons.
4. Notification of a Public Hearing date.

You may pick up the “Land Use Action” sign at the CDS office during regular business to be posted on-site so they are visible to the traveling public and return the signed affidavit of posting to my attention. The signage is available as of October 20, 2025. Please provide photos of site posting with the signed affidavit of posting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached by phone at 509-962-7539 or by e-mail at bradley.gasawski@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Bradley Gasawski
Planner I
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