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CDS
Attn: Mr. Jeff Watson 411NRuby Ste2 Ellensburg WA 98926

Project File Number: CU-15-00006
Project Name: Iron Horse
Applicant: OneEnergyDevelopment LLC for Bill Hanson

Dear CDS:
The application for a conditional use permit for above project should be denied.

A solar facility surrounded by an eight foot fence is an industrial installation not consistent with AG 20 zoning.

This proposed project is in gross conflict with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Growth Plan stated requirements for the use of rural lands. It is not consistent with the character or intent of the surrounding neighborhood, which is highly productive agricultural, as is the property on which the proposed property would be sited.

The proposed property is also next to Caribou Creek and the potential for manufacturing chemicals leaching from the solar panels toxifying the stream and resulting in irreversible damage should be of concern. There is a real possibility that the eventual expense for the toxic cleanup will be the burden of the county, as OneEnergyDevelopment will be long gone and it is doubtful that the landowner will have the resources.

I am not opposed to solar energy and there are far less productive tracts of land that could be utilized for this application. I respectfully submit for consideration the industrialized areas of Ellensburg, for example, or more efficiently using the land where the wind turbines are located.

This project would NOT preserve the "rural character" as defined in the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.030(15)). A Kittitas County comprised of solar farms will lose the agribusiness on which its economy is based and will cease to bring the many tourists attracted by the natural beauty of the valley and surrounding hills.

Sincerely,

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