

# Kittitas County Commissioners

## Agenda Staff Report

**Agenda Date:** May 20, 2014

**Action requested:**

Conduct a closed record meeting to consider the Hearing Examiner's recommendation for the Helena Street Substation Conditional Use Permit (CU-13-00008).

**Background:**

Wayne Weidert, Electrical engineer for the City of Ellensburg Energy Services Department, has submitted a conditional use permit application for a new Electrical Substation to deliver electrical power to commercial and residential customers around the site. The current zoning of the site is Urban Residential. The proposed use falls under KCC 17.61.020(6) Special Utilities.

This proposal is located approximately 1.5 miles north of downtown Ellensburg at 721 Helena Avenue, in a portion of Section 25, T18N, R18E, WM in Kittitas County, bearing Assessor's map number 18-18-25030-0008

SEPA review as per WAC 197-11 for this project was conducted in April of 2013. An MDNS under the provisions of WAC 197-11-340 and 350 was issued on April 6, 2013. Comments were received but as per WAC 197-11- 340 (2)(f) the responsible official chose to retain the MDNS as issued. No Appeals were filed.

A conditional use permit application was submitted to Kittitas County Community Development Services department on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. This application was deemed complete on Thursday December 26, 2013. The Notice of Application for the conditional use permit was issued on Wednesday March 12, 2014. This notice was published in the official county paper of record and was mailed to jurisdictional government agencies, adjacent property owners and other interested parties. The last day to submit written comments was on Wednesday April 2, 2014.

The Hearing Examiner hearing was held on April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Representatives of the applicant presented materials and testified at the hearing. No members of the public testified. On April 30, 2014, the Kittitas County Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the Larson Fruit Conditional Use Permit (CU-13-00007).

**Interaction:**

Kittitas County Hearing Examiner and Community Development Services.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners conduct the closed record meeting, as scheduled, to consider accepting the Hearing Examiner's recommendation of approval of the Helena Substation Conditional Use Permit (CU-13-00007) and direct staff to prepare enabling documents based upon the decision of the Board.

**Handling:** none

**Lead Staff:** Jeff Watson