## KITTITAS COUNTY

## KITTITAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO:

Federal Aviation Administration

Bonneville Power Administration Federal Communication Commission

Kittitas Reclamation District

Wa St Dept. Ecology – SEPA Registrar

City of Ellensburg

WA St Dept. Ecology - Yakima

City of Cle Elum

WA State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

City of Roslyn

WA St Dept. Natural Resources

City of Kittitas

Kittitas Co. Enforcement & Investigation

Kittitas Co. Environmental Health

**KITTCOM** 

Kittitas Co. Prosecuting Attorney

Yakama Nation

FROM: Joanna Valencia, Staff Planner

DATE: November 2, 2007

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICATION: Vantage Wind Power Project

Wind Farm Siting Application: Pre-Identified Areas pursuant to Kittitas County Code

17.61A.035. (File No. WSA-07-01)

Pursuant to RCW 36.70B and KCC 15A.03, notice is hereby given that Kittitas County did receive an application on October 17, 2007 and on November 2, 2007 deemed complete said application from Invenergy Wind North America LLC (IWNA) for a wind farm consisting of a maximum of 69 wind turbines located on approximately 4,750 acres with a maximum height of 389 feet (Ground to Blade Tip). Location: north of I-90 and south of Vantage Highway between Kittitas and Vantage and is approximately 7 miles west of the Columbia River and approximately 3 miles southeast of the Wild Horse Wind Power Project.

The application is for a Development Agreement/Development Permit pursuant to Kittitas County Code 17.61A.035: Pre-Identified Areas for Siting of wind farms. Wind farms proposed to be sited in the pre-identified areas are subject to a process separate from the requirement for a wind farm resource overlay zone as identified in Kittitas County Code 17.61A.40.

Enclosed please find a Notice of Application, a CD containing electronic copies of the submitted Application and other related documents. Paper copies of the application are available to interested parties by contacting Kittitas County Community Development Services. Please retain these items for future reference. Information is also available online at <a href="http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/current/">http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/cds/current/</a>.

Kittitas Co. Public Works
Kittitas County Sheriff's Dept.
Puget Sound Energy
Kittitas County Commissioners Office
Kittitas County Fire Dist. No. 2
Kittitas County Fire Dist. No. 4
Kittitas County PUD
Yakima Firing Center
Adjacent Property Owners
CTED
Interested Parties
Town of South Cle Elum

Applicant

Written comments from the public on environmental impacts may be submitted to the Kittitas County Community Development Services Department (CDS) no later than <u>November 21, 2007 @ 5:00 p.m.</u>, after which a SEPA threshold determination will be issued pursuant to 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) and WAC 197-11-355 (Optional DNS Process). This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal pursuant to SEPA, as a Determination of Non-Significance, (DNS), is expected to be issued. A copy of this subsequent threshold determination will be available to the public upon request.

Comments on the Development Agreement and the application will continue to be received until **December 5**, **2007** @ **5:00 p.m.** for inclusion in the record prior to the public hearing. A minimum of nine copies are requested if submitted during the hearing. Persons wishing to view the documents may do so at the CDS Office, 411 N. Ruby Street, Ellensburg, WA or by contacting (509) 962-7506.

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An open record hearing will be scheduled after a SEPA threshold determination has been made. A Public Hearing Notice with the exact date, time and location will be issued.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the staff planner at (509) 962-7506 via email at <a href="mailto:cds@co.kittitas.wa.us">cds@co.kittitas.wa.us</a>. Staff contact: Joanna Valencia.

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