



## KLICKITAT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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September 20, 2010

Dear Interested Persons:

RE: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement  
School Section Wind Energy Project

The Applicant Northwest Wind Partners, LLC (NWP), of which enXco Development Corporation is the manager and sole member proposes to construct and operate the School Section Wind Energy Project (Project) in unincorporated Klickitat County, approximately about 7 miles south of Bickleton, WA, on 678 acres of public land managed by DNR. The turbine development area is located in Sections 16, Township 4 North, Range 20 East, WM, Klickitat County, Washington. The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ). The Project would have a total generating capacity of 20 megawatts.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued on March 5, 2010 for a 30-day comment period. The public comment period on the draft EIS began on March 5, 2010 and ended on April 12, 2010. Klickitat County Planning Department has now issued the Final EIS, which reflects departmental consideration of comments received on the draft EIS. This document, along with the DEIS issued on March 5, 2010, constitute the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the School Section Wind Energy Project. The purpose of the final EIS is to identify key, adverse, environmental issues that may result from the proposed Project. The focus of the final EIS is to analyze the issues as they pertain to the proposal and to respond to comments received.

The Department appreciates the contributions made by the reviewers of this EIS. If you would like a copy of the final EIS, please contact the Planning Department at (509) 773-5703 or electronically at [planning@co.klickitat.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.klickitat.wa.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Dreyer".

Curt Dreyer  
Planning Director  
SEPA Responsible Official

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF  
THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) AND  
ADOPTION NOTICE FOR  
SCHOOL SECTION WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

**DATE OF ISSUANCE:**

September 20, 2010

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the School Section Wind Energy Project (Project) is being released for public review.

**PROPONENT:**

Northwest Wind Partners, LLC (NWP), of which enXco Development Corporation is the manager and sole member.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Project would consist of ten 2-MW wind turbines for a total nameplate generating capacity of 20 megawatts (MW). The Project will be located adjacent to the approved Miller Ranch Wind Energy Project (EOZ2008-01) and will utilize the proposed laydown area, substation, transmission line, interconnection, and operations and maintenance facility associated with the Miller Ranch Wind Energy Project. Land disturbance associated with the Project will involve 3.8 miles of new roads, underground collector lines located adjacent to the new roads, and 10 turbine sites.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:**

The Project is located in unincorporated Klickitat County, approximately about 7 miles south of Bickleton, WA, on 678 acres of public land managed by DNR. The turbine development area is located in Sections 16, Township 4 North, Range 20 East, WM, Klickitat County, Washington. The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ). The entire Project area lies within the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ).

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The final EIS includes a number of updates and revisions made to the DEIS, including corrections and modifications to the draft EIS text in response to comments received regarding the Project and the draft EIS.

**ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

The Klickitat County Energy Overlay FEIS (Sept. 2004) is adopted as part of this FEIS, as explained in the notice of adoption issued with this notice.

**AVAILABILITY OF FEIS COPIES:**

Copies can be reviewed at the Klickitat County Planning Department or Goldendale Community Library. Electronic copies are available on CD (compact disk) from the Planning Department for \$5.00.

**APPEAL:**

Any appeals of this decision must be filed under the County SEPA ordinance's provision for appeals of an EIS. Any appeal is therefore due no later than twenty-one days from the date of final EIS issuance. Appeals shall be in writing and filed with the County Auditor. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of a fee of \$175 payable to the Klickitat County Planning Department.

**APPEAL PERIOD ENDS:**

Appeal of an FEIS may be filed until October 14, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.



**WAC 197-11-965 Adoption notice  
for the  
School Section Wind Energy Project**

**Adoption for (check appropriate box)**  DNS  EIS

**Description of current proposal:** The School Section Wind Energy Farm (the “Project”) is a proposed 20-MW wind energy project.

**Proponent:** Northwest Wind Partners, LLC (NWP), of which enXco Development Corporation is the manager and sole member.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

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**Title of documents being adopted:**

- 1) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Aug. 2003); and*
- 2) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Final Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Sept. 2004).*
- 3) *Second Addendum to Klickitat County Energy Overlay Final Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Feb 2010) incorporating by reference Avian, Bat and Habitat Cumulative Impacts Associated with Wind Energy Development in the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion of Eastern Washington and Oregon (WEST, Feb 2010) )*

*(the draft and final Overlay EISs and this addendum are referred to jointly as the “EOZ FEIS”)*

**Agency that prepared documents being adopted:** Klickitat County Planning Department.

**Date adopted documents were prepared:** Issue dates are provided above.

**Description of documents (or portion) being adopted:**

EOZ FEIS. The EOZ FEIS is a programmatic environmental impact statement that was prepared to examine environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures for development of energy projects generally, including wind energy projects, at various locations within Klickitat County and under various permitting procedures. Based on the EOZ FEIS, Klickitat County adopted its Energy Overlay Zone ordinance, which designated areas of the County where wind energy projects could be permitted outright through an administrative process subject to specified development, use and construction standards. The School Section Wind Energy Project is located within the designated EOZ area and proposes to incorporate the EOZ standards.

The adopted documents are supplemented by an environmental impact statement for the Project.

**If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:**

The adequacy of the EOZ FEIS was challenged in 2005 in an appeal to the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners. The County and the appellants reached a settlement before a decision on the merits, and the appellants withdrew their appeal.

The documents are available to be read during normal business hours at Klickitat County Planning Department, 228 West Main Street, Goldendale, WA or Goldendale Community Library, 131 West Burgen Street, Goldendale, WA 98620

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

**Name of agency adopting documents:** Klickitat County Planning Department

**Contact person, if other than responsible official**           N/A          

**Responsible official:** Curt Dreyer

**Position/title:** Klickitat County Planning Director      **Phone:** (509) 773-5703

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**Date:** September 20, 2010

**Signature:** 

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