## Addendum to Klickitat County's Energy Overlay Zone Final Environmental Impact Statement

## December 4, 2008

**Purpose:** This Addendum adds the Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. (WEST) Avian and Bat Cumulative Impacts Associated With Wind Energy Development In The Columbia Plateau Ecoregion Of Eastern Washington And Oregon (October 30, 2008) report (Report), to the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone Environmental Impact Statement, issued September, 2004 (EOZ EIS). It is the County Planning Department's intent that the EOZ EIS and Addendum be considered in reviewing wind development applications.

Environmental Analysis: The Report assesses avian and bat cumulative impacts associated with wind energy development in the Columbia Plateau Ecoregion of Eastern Washington and Oregon (CPE). WEST based its impact analysis on planned and constructed projects. As of mid–2008, 17 wind-energy facilities totaling 2464 MW were in operation in the CPE. An additional 30 wind-energy facilities are planned or being constructed. For purposes of the Report, WEST assumed that 6700 MW of wind power would be present in the CPE. This figure was selected for environmental review purposes, and likely over-estimates actual construction. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council projects a lower level of development, with approximately 4,000 MW being installed in Washington and Oregon by year end 2012. Because not all projects permitted are built, this lower figure is consistent with the County's past experience.

The SEPA Responsible official has determined that the Report should be appended to the EOZ EIS, as it builds on and is consistent with the EOZ EIS analysis.

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