



Garfield County Planning

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REVISED NOTICE – February 26, 2009
Supersedes Previous Notices

Notice of Application

Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project Garfield County CUP #012609

Pursuant to RCW 36.70B and Garfield County Code 1.05.040, notice is hereby given that Garfield County did, on February 9, 2009 deem complete an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for development of a portion of the Lower Snake River Wind Energy Facility in Garfield County. The Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project includes the construction of approximately 400 wind turbines over approximately 51,696 acres of leased land located in Garfield County as well as the construction of related infrastructure such as, but not limited to, overhead transmission lines, substations, roads, etc. For a more detailed description of the project proposal, see the related SEPA Notices and Project Application Materials, which are available for public review at the Garfield County Public Works office at 300 19th St., Pomeroy, WA. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Applicant: Blue Sky Wind, LLC (subsidiary of RES America Developments Inc.) and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. **The CUP application was submitted on January 26, 2009.**

Location: South of Pomeroy, north of the Pataha Creek, and between the Pataha Creek and Tucannon Rivers. Detailed maps, project descriptions and tax parcel numbers are available for review at the Garfield County Public Works office listed above.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA): The Applicants have stipulated to and request that this Project should receive a Determination of Significance and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared. Garfield County is the Lead Agency for this proposal which may include, incorporate or require mitigation measures under applicable codes in addition to those identified in the EIS to be prepared. A Determination of Significance and Scoping Notice has been prepared for this project.

Timing: Because the applicant has elected to proceed with the preparation of an EIS, the 120-day CUP review period does not apply. Following the development of the EIS for this project, the Garfield County Hearing Examiner will schedule and hold an open record public hearing on the CUP. The CUP hearing is anticipated to be held later in 2009 and will be preceded by additional legal notices and public notification as required by law.

Contacts and Information: The submitted application, environmental materials developed on this proposal, and related file documents may be examined by the public at the Garfield County Public Works Department office at the address listed above. If you have any questions, please contact the Garfield County Public Works Department at 509-843-1301.

Comment Period: Written comments on the notice of application will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 3, 2009, and should be directed to the Garfield County Public Works Department at the address above. It is the right of any person to comment on the application, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once made, and any appeal rights.

Garfield County may accept written comments on this project at any time prior to the closing of the CUP open record public hearing to be conducted at an as-yet unscheduled date by the Garfield County Hearing Examiner. At the open record hearing, the public will be afforded the opportunity offer oral testimony as well as submit written comments. Prior to the open record hearing, only written comments will be accepted.

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