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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:

The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW. Requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposals. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts or your proposal are significant, requiring preparation if an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "don not know" or "does not apply" Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS:

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS.

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant" and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer" and "affected geographic are" respectively.

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APPLICATION FEES:

490.00 Kittitas County Community Development Services (KCCDS)

70.00 Kittitas County Department of Public Works

\$560.00 Total fees due for this application (One check made payable to KCCDS)

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Application Received By (CDS Staff Signature):

DATE: 6/28/13

RECEIPT # 17961

PAID

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TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

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A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Columbia Plateau Energy Facility

2. Name of applicant:

Columbia Plateau Energy Facility LLC

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

3207 159th Place SE
Mill Creek, WA, 98012 -425-248-4999

4. Date checklist prepared:

6/28/13

Doug Mitchell
509-899-0011
605 E 4th Ave
Ellensburg, WA
98926

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Kittitas County Planning Dept.

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

2 year build out

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

NO

8. List any environmental information you know about that had been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

NO

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

None

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Comp. Plan Amendment Development agreement
Rezone FAA approval
Wind Farm Siting

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

130 MW wind farm with up to 58 turbines.
The site plan and vicinity map are attached

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The legal description of the parcels are attached. Site Plan and vicinity map with topography are attached

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

40%

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

fractured basalt. Compacted Sand lies in a layer about 18" down

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity?

no

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

estimate 75,000 - 150,000 yds³ from road construction estimated 6 miles of road

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

no

g. About what percentage of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

about 200 sq FT at each turbine base about 11600 sq. FT total

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

possibly water bars in the road way

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobiles, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. *None*

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. *NO*

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: *None*

3. WATER

a. Surface
1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what streams or river it flows into.

*Seasonal Spring. located on site plan
Volume is only occasionally sufficient to fill a
10' diameter stock tank*

2) Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

no

3) Estimate the fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands, and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*Approximately
10-25 million
gallons of*

*surface water may be withdrawn from an
undetermined source for road construction. Senior*

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

NO

*water rights
owned by the
applicant will
be used.*

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

NO

b. Ground
1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to surface waters? If so, give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*The monitoring building will be supplied from
a well. The water will be discharged into a septic*

2) Describe waste materials that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic

domestic septic tank

sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

sufficient for 1 bathroom

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known).

Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

NO

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

None

4. PLANTS

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- wet soil plants: cattails, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation: _____

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Brush and grass will be removed in road construction.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

none

d. Proposed landscaping use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

none

5. ANIMALS

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

- birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- mammals: deer, bear, elk, beavers, other:
- fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

none

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

no

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

Will depend on the results of the wildlife survey

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

electricity to heat the monitoring building and run the equipment

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, describe.

no

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

The project is a renewable energy project

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

no

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

none

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

N/A

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

none

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Trucking during construction
Between 6 AM - 7 PM

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

none

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?
grazing - and a wind farm
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.
grazing
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
monitoring/maintenance building - 2000 sq. FT
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
1 story
no
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
Forest/Range
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
rural - working
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
N/A
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an environmentally sensitive area?
No
- i. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
none
- j. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
7 - work
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.
none
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

9. HOUSING

Wind farms are compatible with grazing.

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.
none
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.
none
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.
N/A

10. AESTHETICS

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
134 meters - fiberglass
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
some views will be altered by the turbines - none obstructed

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

Towers will be placed to minimize view impacts as much as practical.

11. LIGHT AND GLARE

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Aviation warning lights will be on some towers.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

They would alter the view of the project at night

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

none

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

none

12. RECREATION

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

hiking, horse-back riding

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

no

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

none

13. HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

no

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

none known as of now

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.

Measures will be assessed after the cultural and anthropological studies have been performed.

14. TRANSPORTATION

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. _____

Fox Road down to the Vantage HWY.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? _____

no

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? _____

4 - none

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). _____

*Private Roads will be built
Terms of the project agreement will determine measures*

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. _____

for the public roads

no

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. _____

*aproximately 14 - They will be
intermittant, depending on employee shift changes*

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any. _____

none

15. PUBLIC SERVICE

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. _____

no

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. _____

N/A

16. UTILITIES

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse services, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. _____

none

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility _____

providing the services, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

PSE provides power to the vault that will supply the monitoring building.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: *J. Douglas Mitchell*

Date: *6/28/13 J.D.M*

Print Name: *J. Douglas Mitchell*

THE REMAINING QUESTIONS ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR REZONE APPLICANTS AND FOR AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE. UNLESS THESE APPLY TO YOU, THIS IS THE END OF THE SEPA CHECKLIST.

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST QUESTIONS FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS ONLY. WHEN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS, BE AWARE THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSAL, OR THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES LIKELY TO RESULT FROM THE PROPOSAL, WOULD AFFECT AN ITEM AT A GREATER INTENSITY OR AT A FASTER RATE THAN IF THE PROPOSAL WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED. RESPOND BRIEFLY AND IN GENERAL TERMS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

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1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life? Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands? Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses? Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impact.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s).

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.
