



Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council

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Department of Ecology
Attn: Sage Park
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

RE: Goldendale Energy Storage Project – Scoping for Environmental Review

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My name is Willy Myers and I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council (CPBCTC), representing more than 15,000 members in 25 different crafts.

The CPBCTC supports the Goldendale Energy Storage Project because the project represents Washington's clean energy future by providing clean energy to power our lives and clean energy family wage jobs to support our families here in the Gorge.

It is important that in the scope of the EIS it comprehensively analyzes the minimal environmental impact of the project but also the socioeconomic impacts including family wage job creation and new increased tax revenue that will positively impact public safety, schools and services for our most vulnerable.

The EIS must also analyze the importance of the project in reaching the new commitments made by Washington state through the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). Under CETA by 2045 utilities must supply Washington customers with electricity that is 100% renewable or non-GHG emitting, with no provision for offsets. The Goldendale Energy Project is a critical component of achieving that mandate.

We must have a thorough and efficient review process so that Washington can build the critical infrastructure we need to achieve our clean energy future while providing the family wage jobs that support our communities.

Sincerely,

Willy Myers
Executive Secretary–Treasurer