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Sage Park
Regional Director
SEPA Responsible Official
Washington Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
1250 W. Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

RE: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the
Proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Project

Dear Ms. Park,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Project June 6, 2022 Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

In addition to the comments filed, we are also asking that Ecology more fully inform this environmental impact statement with a fully developed analysis of the environmental benefits associated with this project. This should include the site cleanup that would be completed on the old aluminum smelter site. Given our experience in renewable energy development and as the local electric service provider, our opinion is that these aspects add to the societal benefit of this project in a meaningful way and should be accounted for.

Respectfully,


Jim Smith
General Manager
PUD#1 of Klickitat County