

# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

All right. Good evening. My name is David Myers, and I'm an international rep for the IBW. The international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers represents over 20,000 electricians statewide, and over 700,000 nationally. I am here today to give comments in strong support of the proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Project. This nation is challenged with energy production, as well as ways to store the energy that is produced. The Goldendale Project and the technology it utilizes is an answer to solving some of the energy storage issue. This project will also create construction jobs and bring revenue to the area that will benefit the local surrounding areas, as well as Washington State as a whole. Family-wage jobs and the opportunity to start an apprenticeship as a craftsperson are some of the benefits of the construction of this project, as well as many more full-time jobs in the region to maintain the facilities. There are so many socioeconomic benefits to this project that may not be represented in the draft EIS. I feel we should be looking for solutions to our energy needs, and taking the opportunities to act on those projects help us get there. I believe the Goldendale Project is one of those projects that can help us all get there, and we should be moving forward on this project as soon as possible. Thanks for your time.