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Wind Ordinance for Wasco County

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To: wcplanning@co.wasco.or.us

TO: Wasco County Planning Department
FROM: Claire A. Puchy
SUBJECT: Wind Ordinance for Wasco County

I understand there is to be a public hearing before the Wasco County Board of Commissioners on January 18, 2012 regarding a land use ordinance to regulate commercial and non-commercial energy facilities in the County. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the hearing, so I am emailing my comments to you instead. I would appreciate these being incorporated into the public record on this matter.

I own a little over 12 acres of undeveloped property in Wasco County. At some point in the future, I may consider constructing a dwelling on that property. Although I generally support development of alternative energy sources (e.g., solar and wind), I am of the strong opinion that these must be very carefully located and constructed so as to minimize impacts on wildlife, humans, scenic resources and communities.

As you consider a new land use ordinance, I strongly urge you to adopt the following to apply to commercial and non-commercial energy facilities:

- * Minimum of 1.5 mile setbacks from all non-resource zoned lands (with no waivers or exceptions)
- * Minimum of 1.5 mile setbacks from dwellings in resource zones (with no waivers or exceptions, or with the possibility of a waiver but only if there are clear and objective standards for determining when this would be appropriate)
- * Strong protection for the Columbia River Gorge and the National Scenic Area—including its natural, scenic, and recreation resources

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Energy Comments

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