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Wasco County Planning Commission  
Wasco County Planning and Development  
Public Works Building  
2705 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Planning Commission members,

After reading the proposed chapter 19 ordinance standards for energy facilities, I am very concerned about the setbacks for wind turbines being proposed. These offer less protection for residents in the resource zones than what currently exists. The health and safety of the people in these areas will be put at risk and the livability of residences compromised due to inadequate setbacks. Planning should reduce future conflict not invite it.

What was the basis for proposing this reduced distance? Setbacks of more than one mile are needed in resource zones to avoid future conflicts and the need for mitigation. The effect on sensitive wildlife areas, birds, and bats also needs to be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,



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