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Re: C.E.A.S.E. DOCUMENT and TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD SOLAR/BESS ORDINANCE

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Sun, Sep 14, 2025 at 6:50 AM

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Good summary, but even worse than Greg states. When going through EFSEC, they can preempt any other local regulations, ordinances, and county comprehensive plans.

In the Horse Heaven case the EFSEC ruling was based upon the the county changed the ordinance after the Application was made so they did not need to preempt.

In the case of Wautoma, when the Application was made after the Benton County ordinance was in place, EFSEC simply preempted the Benton ordinance over Benton County's protests.

They have ultimate power. County and local voices have none.

On Sun, Sep 14, 2025, 5:13 AM CEASE2020 <cease2020@aol.com> wrote:

This EFSEC document is related to Horse Heaven Hills solar/wind/BESS project, and it proves that when a project can be permitted conditional by a CUP it is consistent with the county's Land Use plan. The proposed Klickitat County solar/BESS ordinance which states all solar/BESS projects must be permitted by the use of a CUP gives EFSEC the authority to permit a solar or BESS project and preempt the ordinance and any other county code or regulation. If this ordinance is adopted as written and the applicant seeks permitting via EFSEC the county relinquishes all control, and the projects will be permitted by EFSEC.

Go to page 7, #21. It states,

EFSEC considers whether the pertinent local land use provisions “prohibit” the site “expressly or by operation clearly, convincingly and unequivocally.”

EFSEC made the same statement for Carriger solar.

The only way to prevent any further destruction of OUR county by the ruthless greedy solar and BESS corporations is to clearly, convincingly and unequivocally prohibit them in the county's Comprehensive Plan.

This ordinance will not protect the county or the safety health and welfare of the people. It will benefit EFSEC and the solar and BESS corporations. It is another county failure.

Distribute my testimony to all Planning Commission members.

Greg Wagner C.E.A.S.E. CITIZENS EDUCATED ABOUT SOLAR ENERGY

https://efsec.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-05/883_HH_LandUseConsistencyOrder.pdf