

State of
Washington
House of
Representatives



Mr. Allen Fiksdal
Manager
EFSEC
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July 8, 2009

Dear Mr. Fiksdal:

We are writing to express our strong support for approval of the Desert Claim Wind Power Project in Kittitas County.

As Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the House Education Committee, we are excited about the significant funding the project will bring to education. Two separate economic studies have shown that Desert Claim will benefit two local school districts near the project site and state schools.

Local property taxes paid by Desert Claim will provide \$340,000 per year to the Ellensburg School District, nearly \$9,894 per year to the Cle Elum/Roslyn School District, and \$340,000 per year to state schools. Lease payments on Department of Natural Resources land will provide an additional \$435,000 in annual payments to the State School Fund.

As we face major funding cuts to our state's education system, these dollars from the Desert Claim Wind Power Project will be extremely helpful.

We urge you to approve Desert Claim.

Sincerely,

DAVE QUALL
State Representative
40th District

SKIP PRIEST
State Representative
30th District

cc: Governor Gregoire