
**LEWIS COUNTY – STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
NOTICE OF ADDENDUM TO
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS)**

LEAD AGENCY: Lewis County – Community Development Department

PROPONENT: Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project, LLC (Sean Flannery)

FILE NUMBERS: SEP18-0002 & LDR19-0027

DESCRIPTION OF ADDENDUM: The change to the proposed project described in this addendum is concerning the port of delivery for large turbine components and associated changes to the haul route from this port to the project site. The FEIS stated that large project components would be delivered to the Port of Tacoma via marine vessel; however, due to schedule changes, the berth capacity at the Port of Tacoma became unable to support the volume and timing of large turbine component deliveries for the project.

The Port of Longview in Cowlitz County had previously been evaluated as a potential alternative delivery point, and is the new port proposed for the delivery of large turbine components for the project. The Port of Longview is located approximately 100 miles south of the Port of Tacoma and approximately 75 miles from the project site. The project will still use the same haul route from Interstate 5 to the project site, so the only change to the haul route will be the point of origin and the road connections from the Port of Longview to Interstate 5.

These revisions are based on the following changes to the port of delivery and haul route:

- The large turbine components for the project will be delivered to the Port of Longview
- The haul route from the Port of Longview will proceed on local roads in City of Longview and Cowlitz County to northbound Interstate 5
- Once on Interstate 5 the large turbine components will travel to SH-512 and onto the project site via SH-507 and local roadways. The portion of the haul route from Interstate 5 to the project remains consistent with the haul route that was presented and analyzed in the FEIS.

The project applicants and their transportation subcontractors have conducted a final transport survey and have coordinated closely with the Port of Longview, the City of Longview, and Cowlitz County to ensure the new proposed haul route is acceptable and can be successfully used for the project without impacts to the environment or public services.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The project is located in Lewis and Thurston counties in southwestern Washington and consists of many separate tax lots all on a single tract of Weyerhaeuser land managed for timber production and the gen-tie line is located on Weyerhaeuser, TransAlta and Fruit Growers property. The project is located 42.5 kilometers (km) (26.4 miles) southeast of Olympia, 24.9 km (15.5 miles) southwest of Eatonville, and 34 km (21 miles) east of Chehalis and the Interstate 5 corridor.

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: *EIS REQUIRED:* The lead agency has determined the original proposal was likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) was required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). On October 30, 2018, the Draft EIS (DEIS) was issued with public notice of availability and the comment period appearing in the newspaper of record. The Final EIS (FEIS) was subsequently prepared, and a notice of availability and notice of action was issued on February 21, 2019. A Notice of

Addendum to the FEIS is issued with a 14-day public comment period from July 23, 2019 through 5 pm on August 6, 2019. Consistent with WAC197-11-600(3)(b)(i) and (ii) concerning when a proposal has been changed following completion of SEPA review. Lewis County has determined the new information and analysis from the proposed changes does not substantially change the analysis of the significant impacts and alternatives in the existing environmental documents. Consistent with WAC 197-11-600(4)(c), an addendum is appropriate for documenting this environmental review under SEPA.

COMMENTING ON THE NOTICE OF ADDENDUM TO THE FEIS: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the Addendum to the FEIS. Comments must be made in writing. The method and deadline for giving us your comments is:

1. Written comments by US Mail to the responsible official at the address below
2. Email written comments to karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov

AVAILABILITY OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE FEIS COPIES: A hard copy of the Addendum to the FEIS is available for viewing at the Lewis County Community Development Department located at 2025 Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532. A hard copy of the Addendum to the FEIS is available for purchase at the actual cost of reproduction and actual cost of postage and shipping. An electronic copy of the Addendum to the FEIS is available on our website at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/skookumchuck-wind-energy-project>

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