

Planning & Development Services

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT Determination of Non-Significance

Description of Proposal: This legislative proposal would SCC 14.16.400(4)(h) to exclude major utility developments involving electrical generation and storage on Ag-NRL zoned land. The proposal, and a staff report summarizing the proposal, are available at www.skagitcounty.net/PlanningAndPermit/2024AgNRLZone.htm

Proponent: Skagit County Planning and Development Services

Location of Proposal: Skagit County, Washington

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services.

Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that this non-project proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and at www.skagitcounty.net/PlanningAndPermit/2024AgNRLZone.htm.

This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 15 days from the date of this notice. [Written comments on this threshold determination must be submitted by 4:30 pm, October 4, 2024.]

Appeals process: Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this DNS on this legislative action. Appeals may be filed with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, following final Board of County Commissioner action on the proposal, based on written comments submitted on the DNS by the deadline noted above.

Comments: Comments are accepted digitally or on paper, please include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) "Major electrical utility developments on Ag-NRL lands" in the subject line. Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagitwa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

Tara Satushek, AICP, Senior Planner Skagit County Planning & Development Services 1800 Continental Place Mount Vernon, Washington 98273 (360) 416-1320 **SEPA Responsible Official**: Jack Moore, Director/Administrative Official, Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature:___

Jack Moore, Director/Administrative Official Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Date of Decision: September 12, 2024