

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

For  
Goldfinch Energy Storage, LLC  
File # **PL22-0460**

Notice is hereby given that on October 3, 2022, Tommy Nelson, on behalf of Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC., filed a Level I Administrative Interpretation request (#PL22-0460) for the Goldeneye Energy Storage Project. The request is to review the proposal and determine if the project can be interpreted/defined per Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.04.020 as a Major utility development, requiring a Hearing Examiner Special Use Permit, or if it should be classified as a Major regional utility development, interpreted as an Essential public facility. The underlying project is to locate a battery energy storage system (BESS) covering approximately 8 – 10 acres of a 14.14-acre site to support Puget Sound Energy's (PSE's) grid. The intent is to meet the challenges of integrating additional renewable energy sources into the grid to avoid rolling blackouts. This BESS is stated to have a 200 MW peak discharge rate which will fulfill only 60% of the County's peak demand. The property is located within the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated areas as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016, and as thereafter amended. A letter of completeness was not issued, and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on October 24, 2022.

The proposed project is proposed to be located at 25080 Minkler Road, Sedro-Woolley, within a portion of Section 20, Township 35N, Range 5 East W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P40030). A complete Level I Administrative Interpretation request, a preliminary site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. No other governmental approvals or permits are required for this specific interpretation request from Skagit County Planning and Development Services. Future land use approvals and development permits will be required, along with additional public notification, pending the resulting decision on this specific request.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 10-24-22. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black **in writing** of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 10-27-22. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: Monday **November 14, 2022**, due to the 15-day comment period ending on a holiday (Veterans Day, Friday November 11th).

Email correspondence **will not be accepted**; however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the "recent legal notices" tab. ([www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments](http://www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments))

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