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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

**May 14, 2002 - Special Meeting
WSU Building, Conference Room 308
925 Plum Street, Olympia, WA 98501**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Luce called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

EFSEC Council Members

**Community, Trade and Economic Development
Department of Ecology
Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
Utilities and Transportation Commission
Chair
Grays Harbor County**

Richard Fryhling
Chuck Carelli
Jenene Fenton
Tony Ifie
Jeffrey Showman
Jim Luce
Dick Dixon

EFSEC Staff and Counsel

Allen Fiksdal
Irina Makarow
Robert Fallis, AAG, EFSEC

Mike Mills
Michelle Elling

EFSEC Guests

Tom McKinney, BPA
Tami Garrow, GHPDA
Diane Ellison, PDA
Laura Schinnell, Energy Northwest
Lauri Vigue, WDFW
William Frymire, WAGO
Jerry Dierker
Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie
Grant Bailey, Jones & Stokes

Michael Sotak, Duke Energy
Alan Harger, WSDOT
Bob Beerbower, GHPDA
Melissa Chaun, Jones & Stokes
Don Davidson, WDOE
M. S. Pierce
Katy Chaney, URS Corp.
Kevin R. Johnson, Duke Energy

ITEM 3: SATSOP COMBUSTION TURBINE (CT) PROJECT – PHASE II

<i>EFSEC Staff's SEPA discussion</i>

<i>Allen Fiksdal, Manager</i>

Chair Luce indicated that the purpose of this special meeting was for the Council to receive information on the pending State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) decision and no action would be taken. As noticed, no public comment will be taken at this meeting.

Mr. Fiksdal presented his views of how the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) regulations apply to the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project – Phase II proposal. He reviewed for the Council, staff's evaluation of the environmental documents submitted by Duke Energy Grays Harbor. As EFSEC's responsible SEPA Official, Mr. Fiksdal indicated that he intended to issue a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance, based upon that review and his determination that the mitigation provided to address the impacts associated with the Phase II project is sufficient to not cause a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

Following his presentation, discussion followed with members on the points considered by Mr. Fiksdal in reaching his determination and the process to be followed by the Council in its review of the Phase II proposal.

It was noted that while public testimony was not heard at this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to comment at a meeting to be scheduled and noticed at a later date, prior to the EFSEC's approval or denial of Duke Energy's request for expedited processing. Discussion indicated that if expedited processing were granted, the Council could, as part of its review, conduct hearings on selected issues, in addition to the required air and wastewater permit hearings and the public witness hearing.

[Subsequent to this meeting, Mr. Fiksdal issued a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance for the Satsop Combustion Turbine Project – Phase II. Written comments on that determination will be accepted through June 7, 2002.]

ITEM 4: ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.