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Jim Luce, Chair
Dick Fryhling, Department of Commerce
Jeff Tayer, Department of Fish and Wildlife (via phone)
Andrew Hayes, Department of Natural Resources
Dennis Moss, Utilities and Transportation Commission

Staff in Attendance:

Al Wright, EFSEC Manager
Stephen Posner, Compliance Manager
Jim LaSpina, EFS Specialist
Tammy Talburt, Commerce Specialist
Kayce Michelle, Administrative Assistant 3
Amber George, Office Assistant 3
Kyle Crews, Assistant Attorney General

 Guests in Attendance:

Pete Valinske, Grays Harbor Energy Project
Patrick Sanchez, PacifiCorp Energy
Gordon Karg, Attorney General's Office
Loren Combs, VSI Law Group
Travis Nelson, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie
Eric Melbards, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest
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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR LUCE: The monthly meeting for the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council will come to order.

Today is Tuesday, May 22, 2012, the time is 1:30 p.m., and we are meeting in the Utilities and Transportation Conference Room in Olympia, Washington.

Clerk will please call roll.

THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is present.

THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

Fish and Wildlife?

Natural Resources?

MR. HAYES: Andy Hayes is here.

THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

THE CLERK: Chair?

CHAIR LUCE: Chair is here.

THE CLERK: And Hedia and Jeff are supposed to both be calling in.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.
Can I ask the other parties on the phone please identify themselves?

MS. McGAFFEY: This is Karen McGaffey.

MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis at Kittitas Valley for EDPR.

CHAIR LUCE: I'm sorry. Who was that again?

MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis at Kittitas Valley.

CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

MS. KHOUNNALA: And Shannon Khounnala for Energy Northwest.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Others? Hearing no others, we'll move ahead to the proposed agenda.

Councilmembers had a chance to review the agenda? I'll take that as a "yes."

And I'm assuming, but not knowing, are there any changes or additions that Councilmembers wish to make to the agenda?

Hearing no changes or additions, the proposed agenda is approved as proposed.

Someone just came on the phone. Who would that be?

MR. TAYER: Jeff Tayer is on the line.

CHAIR LUCE: Thanks, Jeff.

Jeff, we've had the call to order and the roll call
and the proposed agenda, which has been agreed to.

Minutes of March 21, 2012. We did not have an April meeting, but have Councilmembers had a chance to review the proposed meeting minutes for March 21st, which were described verbatim by the court reporter?

Do I have a motion to adopt the verbatim minutes?

MR. FRYHLING: I will make a motion to adopt.

CHAIR LUCE: Do I have a second?

MR. HAYES: I'll second it.

CHAIR LUCE: We have a motion to second. The question is called for.

All in favor of adopting the minutes as proposed as transcripted say "yes."

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Yes.

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Let the record reflect the vote is unanimous.

The first item on the agenda is Kittitas Valley Wind Project.

Eric, I think I heard you on the phone. Do you have a project update?

MR. MELBARDIS: Yes, that's correct. Good afternoon, Chair Luce --

CHAIR LUCE: Maybe you could speak up just a little bit, Eric. Is that possible?
MR. MELBARDIS: Is that better?

CHAIR LUCE: It's better, but, you know, give us a shout out.

MR. MELBARDIS: Okay. All right. Yes, good afternoon, Chair Luce and EFSEC Council.

Project update for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. For the month of April, we had 12,006 megawatt-hours of production; wind speeds of 6.8 meters a second or 14.6 miles per hour; and a capacity factor of 16.5 percent. No safety incidents to report. The project is in compliance as of May 14, 2012.

Sound: We have no new complaints. Wind: Kittitas Valley is in compliance with the SCA and WAC with nightly hourly levels below 50 decibels.

And we are still working with the Robertsons on good neighbor mitigation steps.

There were no shadow flicker complaints. And under our environmental report, we are in the process of completing our spring cleanout of all BMPs and stormwater ditches and mitigation steps.

Our weed and revegetation habitat restoration surveys are beginning this month. Avian and bat fatality monitoring continues. No stormwater discharge to report for the month, and we are continuing to monitor and improve any BMPs for stormwater discharge mitigation as necessary.
CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Anything to add beyond that?

MR. MELBARDIS: That's it.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Staff have anything they want to report on this project?

All right. Well, I encourage you to continue to work with the Robertsons, and I think the Council would share that interest in that work continuing.

The next project is the Satsop - Grays Harbor Energy Project.

Do we have an operational update?

MR. VALINSKE: Good afternoon, Chairman Luce, Board Members, and EFSEC Staff. My name is Pete Valinske, representing Grays Harbor Energy.

There were no accidents or injuries in the month of April, the unit did not operate in April, and our year-to-date capacity factor is 1.6 percent.

Grays Harbor performed its annual maintenance outage from April 14th through April 28th. No complaints were received during the month of April. Results from our recent RATA and stack testing were positive with all measured parameters well within the permitted limits, including the particulate matter. The final report has been sent to EFSEC and ORCAA for review.

That's all I have.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Thank you very much.

Councilmember questions? Staff?
MR. LaSPINA: Yes, Chair Luce. This is Jim LaSpina. I just wanted to report that concerning the RATA test that Mr. Valinske just mentioned, they are reviewing the data. And also you've been hearing about the required Satsop NPDES engineering report for several years, and I'm happy to report that that has gotten off the ground, and we are moving ahead with it.

CHAIR LUCE: Can you define "getting off the ground"?

I mean, this --

MR. LaSPINA: We've had the kickoff meeting, and a new schedule of compliance is being worked on. And also the water quality sampling plans are being approved.

CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

MR. LaSPINA: And sampling of the receiving water in the discharge will begin this summer, which is an important part of the entire engineering report.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Anybody else have any comments to make on the Grays Harbor Energy Project?

Fine. We'll move ahead to the Chehalis Generation Facility.

MR. SANCHEZ: Good afternoon, Chair Luce, Members of the Council, and EFSEC Staff. My name is Patrick Sanchez, Chehalis Power.

For the month of April, Safety: There were no medical treatments or recordable incidents. The staff has
achieved 3,480 days without a loss-time accident.

Our stormwater, wastewater, and air emissions monitoring results are in compliance with our permit limits in the month of April 2012. We're continuing to work with the Chehalis River Basin Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation on a carbon offset project.

Our plant staffing is authorized at 19. We have 17 positions filled. We are proceeding with the hiring process for a second plant electrician, and we are conducting interviews for an operations technician.

In April 2012, the plant generated 56,932 megawatt-hours at a capacity factor of 15.8 percent. Year to date the plant has generated 357,541 megawatt-hours at a capacity factor of 24.3 percent.

Our staff and contractors are continuing preparations for a 20-day outage scheduled for the month of June. The major activities will be installation of the new generator step-up transformer on Combustion Turbine Generator No. 1. This will replace the failed GSU, and the temporary GSU will be relocated to the nearby storage pad and containment. The cost of the replacement is approximately $4 million.

We'll also have inspection and maintenance on the steam turbine valves. We're going to be cleaning each of the heat recovery steam generators to reduce our backpressure and improve performance of the combustion turbines. We will also
conduct regulatory pressure vessel inspections and protective
relay maintenance and testing.

Under Regulatory and Compliance, we had no spills or
exceedances reported. We had no air emissions exceedances
reported.

Our report for the Relative Accuracy Test Audit, the
RATA, which was conducted on March 21st and 22nd, 2012, on both
Emission Unit 1 and 2 was submitted. Results verified that all
perimeters tested met the relative accuracy requirements listed
in our Title V air operating permit.

Our quarterly wastewater, industrial stormwater, and
air emission reports were submitted. Our Title V Annual
Compliance Certification Form was also submitted.

On April 11, 2012, PacifiCorp attended the Washington
Department of Commerce's meeting to provide comments, per
Commerce's request, for input on the emissions performance
standard survey methodology and their emissions calculator.

There were no critical infrastructure protection
standards violations during this reporting period, and we had no
noise monitoring complaints.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

Councilmembers, questions?

Somebody just came on the phone.

May I ask who that is?

MR. TAYER: Yes, Jim. This is Jeff. I had a bad
connection, so I'm back on.

CHAIR LUCE: Okay. That's great.

Any Council or Staff comments or reports on the Chehalis facility?

All right. Wild Horse.

Is Jennifer on the phone? No.

MR. LaSPINA: Chair Luce, Jennifer was not available today, so in your packets is the green sheet with the facility's report.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Councilmembers have a chance to review that? It appears to be clear enough. Thirty percent, 31 percent capacity factor. No loss-time accidents. Solar production is working. And we'll leave it at that, unless Councilmembers have questions.

All right. Columbia Generating Station?

MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes.

CHAIR LUCE: This is a big week for Columbia Generating Station.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes, it is. Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair Luce, and the rest of the Council and Staff.

Update for Columbia Generating Station. As you mentioned, Chair Luce, this is a big week for us. Right now we are in Day 3 of a 10-day planned maintenance outage. Right now the key work activities during this outage include replacing a recirculating pump seal, one of our transformers, and some
associated service water piping. This outage is planned to resolve some equipment issues that will continue our reliable operation through till our next station outage next spring. We expect to be back online by May 31st.

Moving on, last month we sent -- the Council was informed that Columbia received a citation and notice of assessment and penalty from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries related to our nuclear security program. We have chosen to appeal that citation and as of yesterday, we did hear back from L&I and have scheduled an appeal hearing for next week. And we will keep the Council updated on the progress and the discussions that come out of that appeal.

As of an hour ago, we learned that the director of the nuclear regulation at the NRC has signed the documents extending the license for Columbia Generating Station to operate an additional 20 years. This will allow us to operate through 2043. This renewal process has taken more than five years to complete, and we're really proud that we have come this far with relatively few setbacks in the process.

In anticipation of the signing of our license renewal, Governor Chris Gregoire is planning to visit Columbia on Thursday, this Thursday, May 24th. Along with visiting Columbia, she's going to be meeting with our CEO, Mark Reddemann, and Executive Board Chair Sid Morrison, as well as addressing employees here at Columbia.
In addition to Chris Gregoire, we also are pleased that BPA Administrator Stephen Wright is also scheduled to speak, as well as remarks delivered both from Senator Patty Murray and Representative Doc Hastings. She will also have a chance to tour our facilities while she is here.

So, again, it's a big week for Columbia. We're really abuzz and really proud of what we have achieved.

So that, for now, is the update on Columbia.

Before I move on to WNP 1/4, are there any questions?

CHAIR LUCE: Well, Shannon, I haven't had a chance to ask the Councilmembers about this or advise them of it, but we received a letter, a very nice letter, from Mr. Reddemann inviting us -- inviting an EFSEC representative to the announcement, and then to, I believe, a thank-you reception --

MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes.

CHAIR LUCE: -- that's going to be hosted afterwards.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Correct.

CHAIR LUCE: And surprise the Council a little bit, but I am going to ask with your approval, Councilmembers, Dick Fryhling to attend that announcement -- perhaps the announcement, but certainly the reception that evening and represent EFSEC, and we appreciate the invitation.

Councilmembers would approve of that?

A lot of heads are going vertically.

So, Shannon, I have called Angela Smith --
MS. KHOUNNALA: Okay.

CHAIR LUCE: -- and left her Mr. Fryhling's phone number. The letter does not provide us directions as to the location of either the announcement or the reception. So if you could help coordinate that, that would be very much appreciated.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Absolutely. I can make sure that everything is put in place, and we're very pleased that you would be able to send a representative and be in attendance.

CHAIR LUCE: Well, we very much appreciate our close working relationship with Energy Northwest.

Mr. Fryhling's phone number for your information --

MS. KHOUNNALA: Okay.

CHAIR LUCE: -- is 509.529.4508, and he will be attending with his wife, I believe.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Wonderful.

CHAIR LUCE: So thank you so much for the -- and please thank Mr. Reddemann for the kind invitation.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Understood. Thank you so much.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Anything else on CGS?

Oh, we didn't get into -- or maybe we did. No. We're going to get into it now, the water rights issue, so why don't you go ahead, Shannon.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Sure. Thank you. Moving on to WNP 1 and 4. As the Council and Staff both know, in March, both Energy Northwest and EFSEC transmitted separate letters
asking -- to DOE asking them to act on our request to sign on our water rights application.

Throughout the month of April, Energy Northwest staff -- we fielded numerous calls and e-mails from various staff and departments at DOE essentially asking questions related to the lease status, the jurisdiction of water rights, use of the property, et cetera. Nothing new. Essentially very redundant questions that we have been answering for the better part of a year now.

Based on this activity, EN senior management had a meeting, and we decided to ask the RL operations manager, Matt McCormick, to have a meeting with both our -- one of our vice presidents and our general council. And I heard as of yesterday afternoon, we do have a meeting planned for the -- I believe it's the end of next week to meet with them.

I did speak with EFSEC Staff regarding EFSEC's interest in attending this meeting or having some representation at this meeting, so we're still in preparation mode for this meeting, but we do have something on the calendar to meet with the Richland operations manager.

CHAIR LUCE: All right. Well, this flows in part out of the four-party agreement that we signed.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Absolutely.

CHAIR LUCE: And as part of that four-party agreement, EFSEC committed to Energy Northwest to assist in
whatever way we reasonably could, the acquiring of a water
right, and we stand by that commitment.

So I think that we would like to know maybe the
specific date whether we're -- whether we're going to be asked
to attend next week or whether we will be asked to attend at a
later date.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Okay.

CHAIR LUCE: So if you could contact Mr. Posner,
Stephen Posner, or Al Wright in that regard, we would like to --
and if there are briefing papers that you have prepared for your
meeting with DOE, I think it would be helpful for us to see
those as well --

MS. KHOUNNALA: Absolutely.

CHAIR LUCE: -- and some sort of a premeeting if
we're going to be meeting with DOE.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Absolutely. And I will place that
call to Stephen Posner maybe later this afternoon or first thing
in the morning to transmit the details --

CHAIR LUCE: Okay. Great.

MS. KHOUNNALA: -- of the planned meeting and the
briefing papers that we do have.

CHAIR LUCE: Excellent. Excellent. Thank you so
much.

MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes.

CHAIR LUCE: Is there anything else on 1 and 4?
Badger Mountain Mitigation Update, Mr. Posner?

MR. POSNER: Good afternoon, Chair Luce and Councilmembers. In your packets is a copy of a letter that we received from Benton County. It concerns the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve.

This request is from the County. The County has forwarded -- and it's actually a request from the City of Richland, and what they are requesting is an approval from the Council for a -- to install a tie or a buried waterline underneath a road which runs through the preserve. And the purpose of the waterline or the tie is to connect a water reservoir to a residential area which is being developed.

And if you've had a chance to read the letter from the County, it goes into pretty good detail. It describes what it is that the -- what the request is, and the details are on the second page, if you haven't read it. Halfway down that paragraph describes in detail that this is a utility easement and request to bury the line several feet underground beneath the driveway that runs through the preserve.

And the developer will be responsible for all mitigation as a result of this action, and it is -- it's supported by all groups who have an interest, including the Friends of Badger Mountain, the City, and the County.

And the Staff has reviewed this information, and the Staff recommendation to the Council is to approve the request...
from the County.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

MR. POSNER: And I'd be happy to answer any questions if Councilmembers have any.

CHAIR LUCE: Councilmembers have any questions?

MR. TAYER: Let me ask --

CHAIR LUCE: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Jeff.

MR. TAYER: Yes, Jim. Thank you.

Stephen, my only question would be on the monitoring.

You know, the proposal seems pretty straightforward and clearcut that they're putting this underneath an existing road which sounds like a good, appropriate way to do it.

MR. POSNER: Right.

MR. TAYER: But sometimes things as they are proposed don't turn out to be the way they are on the ground, so my question is about monitoring.

MR. POSNER: Well, my understanding is that the County will be monitoring all activities. If there are any permits that are required, they will have to -- the developer will have to get the permits from the County or the City. They will be required to implement all appropriate BMPs to control things such as stormwater runoff.

So we've been assured that -- you know, that any of the compliance monitoring issues will be overseen by the County and the City where appropriate.
MR. TAYER: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MOSS: I have one question. Is this easement -- or this project and easement a unique matter, or are there other utility access issues for this development?

MR. POSNER: I'm not aware of any other utility access easement issues. This is the only one that the County identified in their letter, so I'm not aware of any others.

MR. TAYER: I did notice that they -- this is Jeff again. I'm sorry.

I did notice that although they're not anticipating having to supply additional power inside this easement, they're asking for the easement to be broad enough to include power.

MR. POSNER: Where specifically in the letter is that referred to, Jeff?

MR. TAYER: That's in the letter from the City, I believe. It talks about conduits. It's on the second page here.

Oh, yeah. Here it is. "Electrical power to the reservoir site will be provided by an existing" -- top paragraph, second page.

And it says (as read): "Even though no current need for conduit exists, the City would prefer that a utility easement granted for the pipeline allow additional conduits...."

MR. MOSS: That's really the source of my concern, too, is it's typical when you have a utility easement over
property, that it is made available to basically all comers.

And so my concern would be if this is a situation where there might be repeated disruptions of the intended use of this parcel in order to accommodate the needs of the various utility providers.

MR. POSNER: Well -- and I think if there were future requests or concerns, the party would have to come back to the Council. Because the reason this is coming to the Council to begin with is because of the agreement that is in place between Benton County and the EFSEC Council, which governs sort of, first of all, the purchase of this property and the operation of the property.

And, in fact, in Section D of the agreement, which I believe is part of your packet, this is considered an inconsistent use, so any inconsistent uses would have to be approved by the Council.

So if I understand the concern from the Councilmembers, it would be the possibility of other disturbances occurring in the future?

MR. MOSS: Well, that would be one level of concern. And then a second level of concern would be if somebody proposes to put electricity across this easement, they may very well propose to do it above ground, in which case, assuming we would want it to be underground, there might be some dispute concerning who's going to bear the expense of that. And this is
a very familiar disputed issue in Washington State, and we
experience it regularly with respect to utilities along
right-of-way through municipal areas.

And I wouldn't want to see down the line that this
property be impaired in some fashion by having to incur that
sort of expense or some part of it. So -- and we can't get too
deeply, I suppose, into the City and the County's conduct of its
own business, but these are things that are worth inquiring
about at least.

MR. POSNER: Okay. I can certainly check with the
County and express your concern and the other Councilmembers'
concerns. I would assume, though, that if -- they would have
to -- they would come back to the Council if they were going to
do anything other than the work associated with this tie. This
is all that they're requesting is this connection.

MR. MOSS: Usually the sorts of requirements that I'm
thinking about, for example in terms of cost sharing or cost
bearing, would be part of an easement grant.

So I don't know if they've got that in there or not.

We don't have a copy of the proposed easement here, so...

But, anyway, those are just concerns that come to my
mind.

MR. POSNER: Okay. Well, I will contact the County
representative and share those concerns with him.

MR. MOSS: Thank you, Mr. Posner. I appreciate it.
CHAIR LUCE: I would recommend we approve the request, but be very clear that it is limited for this purpose and only for this purpose.

MR. POSNER: Okay. And with that, I would ask the Council to make a motion and take a vote.

CHAIR LUCE: All right.

MR. TAYER: This is Jeff, and I move that we accept this proposal and work toward an easement that would implement it.

CHAIR LUCE: And limit the purpose of this easement to underground as described in the letter, correct?

MR. MOSS: Yeah, for the limited purpose requested.

CHAIR LUCE: For the limited purpose requested.

Do I have a second to that motion?

MR. FRYHLING: I'll second it.

CHAIR LUCE: We have a motion to second.

Do we have Council discussion?

Hearing no discussion, the question is called for.

All in favor say "aye."

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

CHAIR LUCE: And you will make sure that in your response you copy the Friends of Badger Mountain?

MR. POSNER: I certainly will, yes.

CHAIR LUCE: Okay. This has actually been one of EFSEC's and Energy Northwest's success stories in terms of WNP
1/4. I saw there were 160,000 visits to the top of Badger Mountain, or at least up the Badger Mountain trails, and that's with one of the counters out, so this is good.

All right. Allocation, cost allocation.

Stephen, do you have a report on cost allocation for the fourth quarter?

MR. POSNER: Yes, I do, Chair Luce.

In your packets is the latest cost allocation sheet. We do this every quarter. As you know, these indirect costs are based on the levels of work performed during the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2012. I will go ahead and read the percentages off for our various projects.

For the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 13 percent; Desert Claim Wind Power Project, 3 percent; Whistling Ridge Energy Project, 11 percent; Columbia Generation Station, 21 percent; WNP-1, 4 percent; Satsop Combustion Turbine, 16 percent; Chehalis Generation Project, 9 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 8 percent; BP Cogeneration Project, 2 percent; and Grays Harbor Energy, 13 percent.

That concludes my report.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. And the certificate holders have been apprised of this?

MR. POSNER: Yes, they have.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Do we have a report from Mr. Wright? Manager's report update?
MR. WRIGHT: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have two items: One, you have a letter dated May 21st to Doug Chapin, Department of Energy in Richland, in your packet. This is the Department of Energy Cascade natural gas pipeline running from approximately the Pasco Airport over to the Hanford Reservation for the nuclear waste vitrification proposal.

We have been dealing -- and we have been talking with these parties since about early April, and we have come to the conclusion that all of the information we have to date indicates that this pipeline is eligible to be sited under EFSEC's siting guidelines. There are two issues that remain, and what this letter addresses: One is the project, because of the level of the engineering done to date, has not declared the actual size of the pipeline. They've said anywhere from 12 to 20 inches. One of the criteria is the pipeline has to be 14 inches or larger in diameter to be eligible for siting criteria at EFSEC, so that's one issue that's yet to be resolved.

Secondly, under the general provisions in our siting guidelines, if the project was to be declared for national defense purposes -- and since it is part of the Hanford Reservation -- that would negate or preempt the EFSEC siting responsibilities.

So we prepared this letter, have sent it off, and we're waiting. And we've given them until July 1. And the reason for the date in there is they are proceeding with a great
1 deal of the scoping and what we would call "preapplication
2 procedures" as we speak. And it's not in their interest to get
3 too far down the road on those preapplication procedures and
4 then ask for an EFSEC -- and then determine that it's necessary
5 and ask for an EFSEC siting application, which may require some
6 duplication, which we would advise them to avoid. And that's
7 why the July 1 deadline.
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9 And the comment that's in the letter that says even
10 if they can do it faster than the July 1 deadline, that's in
11 their interest to do so.
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13 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.
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15 MR. WRIGHT: So there's no action. Just FYI.
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17 Somewhere here in the next two months we should be hearing, and
18 we'll know what the situation is.
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20 Secondly, we have -- in the same vein, we have
21 ongoing discussions with TransAlta on their combustion turbine
22 plant, proposed combustion turbine plant, which will ultimately
23 replace the Centralia Coal Plant or part of the Centralia Coal
24 Plant. They are exploring their possibilities in siting, and
25 they're doing cost-effective analysis, et cetera. They are
26 discussing with us the siting requirements and what will be
27 required on their part to site the plant. Those are a
28 considerable number of months away. We could be doing
29 preapplication procedures as early as late 2013 -- or I mean,
30 late 2012, but most likely we would not have an application
until sometime in 2013 at the earliest.

CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Councilmember questions?
All right. Hearing nothing more, I'm making an announcement -- yes, I am.

I'm making an announcement that at five minutes after two, the Council is going to adjourn to an executive session to consider ongoing agency litigation as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

And I don't expect that this executive session is going to last any longer than an hour and a half. And we will be back on the record -- we will not be back on the record. We will not conduct or continue those discussions any longer than an hour and a half. So with that, Council meeting is adjourned. (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m., and the executive session adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)

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I, SHELBY KAY K. FUKUSHIMA, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of May, 2012.

SHELBY KAY K. FUKUSHIMA, CCR

My commission expires: June 29, 2013