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PUBLIC HEARING
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
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Councilmembers Present:

Bill Lynch, Chair
Cullen Stephenson, Department of Ecology

Guests in Attendance Via Telephone:

Jeff Ayres, Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program
Lynn Albin, Department of Health, Radiation Protection

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 CHAIR LYNCH: Good afternoon. This is March 6th at
8 1:30, and this is a meeting of the Energy Facility Site
9 Evaluation Council for the purposes of receiving public comment
10 on the proposed NPDES permit for the Energy Northwest Columbia
11 Generating Station.

12 I'm joined today by Councilmember Cullen Stephenson,
13 who represents the Department of Ecology. The Councilmembers
14 will be receiving the comments at a later date, and we will be
15 responding to comments.

16 Before we hear from Mr. LaSpina, I would like to
17 offer any of those people who are here by telephone to identify
18 themselves for the purpose of our record if they're interested
19 in doing so.

20 MR. AYRES: Yes. This is Jeff Ayres, A-y-r-e-s,
21 Department of Ecology, Nuclear Waste Program.

22 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

23 Anybody else?

24 MS. ALBIN: This is Lynn Albin, Department of Health,
25 Radiation Protection.

1 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you. And do you want to spell
2 your name, please?

3 MS. ALBIN: My last name is A-l, "b," as in boy, i-n.

4 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

5 Anybody else?

6 Okay. We are going to hear from Mr. LaSpina at this
7 time before we start taking public comment.

8 MR. LaSPINA: Good afternoon, Chair Lynch and
9 Councilmember Stephenson. I'm just going to give a small -- a
10 short background to the permit.

11 The existing permit was issued in 2006. It was
12 administratively extended in 2011, due to replacement of a major
13 component of the facility, and we needed the wastewater
14 characterization after the repair was completed.

15 At this time the -- let's see. The public notice
16 began on February 3, 2014. It was originally scheduled to close
17 on March 14th, but just this morning, EFSEC Staff has decided to
18 extend the comment period to April 18th. The public notices
19 will be going out today or tomorrow.

20 So as Chair Lynch mentioned, we are here today
21 strictly to receive public comments, and you can also submit a
22 written comment. There's some forms in the back.

23 Thank you, Chair Lynch.

24 CHAIR LYNCH: Thank you.

25 And at this time we will have people who wish to come

1 up to the microphone and address the Council to please do so.

2 It seems like we have a number of observers here
3 today but no participants, but we're going to leave the hearing
4 open for a bit longer just to give people an opportunity who
5 wish to show up and comment to comment.

6 And at this point, I guess we can go into almost like
7 a rolling recess sort of mode where we can just -- everyone can
8 just take a break. And if someone comes within -- comes by two
9 o'clock, then we'll take their comments. Otherwise, we'll
10 adjourn the meeting at that time. Thank you.

11 (Recess taken.)

12 CHAIR LYNCH: This is Bill Lynch, Council chair. And
13 it's now two o'clock, and I'm reconvening the comment hearing.
14 And I just wanted to give anybody either here in person or on
15 the phone an opportunity to comment on the proposed NPDES permit
16 for the Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station.

17 Does anyone wish to make a comment to the Council at
18 this time?

19 Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

20 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.)

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