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Videoconference Public Comment Permit Hearing
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REPORTED BY: CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, RPR, CCR, #2121
A P P E A R A N C E S

(All parties appeared via videoconference)

Councilmembers:

KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce
ROB DENGEL, Department of Ecology
STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities and Transportation Commission
MIKE LIVINGSTON, Department of Fish and Wildlife

EFSEC Staff:

SONIA BUMPUS
KYLE OVERTON
JOAN OWENS

Also in Attendance:

CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
MACKENZIE EVANS, Invenergy
KAREN MCGAFFEY, Perkins Coie
FRANK SARDUY, South Shore Environmental
SARAH DE GROOT, Invenergy
PHIL MACKEY, South Shore Environmental
SCOTT INLOES, Department of Ecology
JANUARY 19, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS

MS. DREW:  This is Kathleen Drew, chair of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council. I am calling to order the permit hearing for Grays Harbor Prevention of Significant Determination Permit, in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington, RCW 80.50 and RCW 70.94, and Washington Administrative Code 173-400-171, adopted by EFSEC, WAC 463-78-005.

This hearing is for the purpose of public comment on the proposed issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration, PSD, and Notice of Construction Permit No. EFSEC/2001-01, Amendment 5 for the Grays Harbor Energy Center located in Elma, Washington.

EFSEC previously approved amendments to the Grays Harbor Energy Center Site Certification Agreement in 2009. Grays Harbor Energy LLC, operator, which approved GHEC's request to install General Electric convection turbine upgrades, which include the Advanced Gas Path, APG, upgrade to operating turbine units 1 and 2.
Subsequently, EFSEC made a preliminary determination to improve the PSD Amendment 5 permit and fact sheet and opened the public comment period on December 16th, 2020.

Information about how to submit a comment was made available in public notice and is available on the EFSEC website. Oral comments will be taken on proposed PSD and public comments may be submitted online or by U.S. mail to EFSEC until close of the public comment period which ends at midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021.

I would like to say that earlier in our EFSEC monthly meeting, the close of comment was stated to be January 21st. That is in error. The close of the comment period is midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021, which was advertised in all of our legal ad and other materials on our website.

Copies of the Draft PSD permit and fact sheet are available on the EFSEC website for public viewing. We also have an electronic copy of the draft permit documents that EFSEC staff can show on the screen during this hearing.

Ms. Owens, will you call the roll of council members who are in attendance?

MS. OWENS: Yes. Good afternoon, Chair Drew
and Council. For the record, my name is Joan Owens, and I will now call the roll.

Department of Commerce?

MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

Department of Ecology?

MS. OWENS: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston is here.

Department of Natural Resources is currently vacant.

Utilities and Transportation Commission?

MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.

Assistant Attorney General.

Okay. Moving on to council staff.

Sonia Bumpus?

MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus is here.

Amy Moon?

Kyle Overton?

MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, here.

Tammy Mastro?

Patty Betts?

Stuart Henderson?

And Steven Posner?

MS. DREW: If there are any representatives from Grays Harbor Energy Center who would like to introduce themselves, please do so.
MR. SHERIN: This is Chris Sherin, plant manager, Grays Harbor Energy.

MS. DREW: Thank you.

MS. EVANS: MacKenzie Evans from Invenergy is on.

MS. DREW: Are there members of the public who would like to comment on this Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit for Grays Harbor Energy Center?

Ms. Owens, are there any speakers who have signed up to testify?

MS. OWENS: I have not received any, no.

MS. DREW: So it is now 5:05. We will wait for ten minutes to see if anyone else does join for this public meeting to provide any oral comments.

And I will state again that we have a public comment period which ends at midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021, before we close the meeting.

So at this point, I will turn my microphone off. Please let me know, Ms. Owens, if anyone else joins the meeting.

MR. DENGEL: Chair Drew. My apologies. This is Rob Dengel with Ecology. I just was able to enter the meeting now.

MS. DREW: Okay. Thank you very much.
MS. OWENS: I'll let you know if I hear any.

(Pause in the proceedings from 5:06 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

MS. DREW: Good evening. This is Kathleen Drew, chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Again, asking if -- this is a Grays Harbor Prevention of Significant Deterioration, PSD Permit Hearing.

Is there anyone who would like to make a public comment about this proposed permit?

(No response)

MS. DREW: Ms. Owens, I don't believe anyone else has joined the line; is that correct?

MS. OWENS: That is correct. I have also not received any e-mails asking to sign up.

MS. DREW: And I also want to note that Scott Inloes from the Department of Ecology has also been on and present at this hearing, which we didn't introduce him earlier.

Hearing that there are no comments, public comments, at this point in time, I will once again state that this public hearing for the Grays Harbor Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit is open -- excuse me, that the public comment period is open until midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021, and comments may
be submitted online through the EFSEC website.

Since we have no oral comments to be taken at this point in time, I will now close the hearing.

Thank you all for your participation. This meeting is closed.

(Hearing concluded at 5:17 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KITSAP  

I, CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the remote Public Comment Meeting, taken on January 19, 2021, 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 28th day of January, 2021.

CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, RPR, CCR #2121