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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers Present:

- Jim Luce, Chair
- Dick Fryhling, Department of Commerce (via phone)
- Hedia Adelsman, Department of Ecology (via phone)
- Andrew Hayes, Department of Natural Resources
- Doug Sutherland, Skamania County (via phone)

Staff in Attendance:

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

Guests in Attendance:

- Eric Melbardis, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
- John Vanderzee, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
- Richard Downen, Grays Harbor
- Patrick Sanchez, PacifiCorp Energy
- Lauren Prince, Renewable Northwest Project
- Travis Nelson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

- Elizabeth Robertson, Kittitas Valley Citizen
- Eddie Kolitz, EDP Renewables
- Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy
- Dan Rottler, Puget Sound Energy
- Brad Barfuss, Energy Northwest

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

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6 CHAIR LUCE: Good afternoon. My name is Jim Luce,
7 and I'm Chair of the Washington State Energy Facility Site
8 Evaluation Council. Today is January 24, 2012. The time is
9 approximately 1:30 p.m., and we are meeting in Olympia,
10 Washington, at the Utilities and Transportation Conference Room.

11 Clerk will please call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

13 MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is present by telephone.

14 THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

15 Fish and Wildlife is absent.

16 Natural Resources?

17 MR. HAYES: Andy Hayes is here.

18 THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation Commission
19 is absent.

20 Chair?

21 CHAIR LUCE: Chair is present.

22 THE CLERK: And Hedia is supposed to be on shortly.

23 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Well, we don't have a
24 quorum. We can't proceed yet, so --

25 THE CLERK: She said she would call.

1 CHAIR LUCE: -- we're in a standby mode, folks.

2 MR. SUTHERLAND: Hey, Jim? This is Doug Sutherland.

3 Do I count?

4 CHAIR LUCE: Not for this purpose, unfortunately,
5 Doug. I wish you did.

6 MR. SUTHERLAND: Oh, okay.

7 CHAIR LUCE: You count for Whistling Ridge, but not
8 for other purposes.

9 MR. SUTHERLAND: Well, that's -- I think there was a
10 discussion about that at some other time.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Let me ask, though, while we're waiting
12 for Hedia or until such time as Kayce is dispatched to try and
13 retrieve another Councilmember, let's identify who's on the
14 phone.

15 MS. ROBERTSON: This is Elizabeth Robertson. I'm a
16 non-participating resident next to the Kittitas Valley Wind
17 Project.

18 CHAIR LUCE: And next?

19 MR. KOLITZ: This is Eddie Kolitz with EDPR.

20 CHAIR LUCE: Do you want to give me the acronym?
21 What's that mean?

22 MR. KOLITZ: I'm sorry. EDP Renewables for Kittitas
23 Valley Wind Project.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Okay. Thank you.

25 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz and Dan Rottler with Puget

1 Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility.

2 CHAIR LUCE: Others?

3 MS. ADELSMAN: Jim, I am on the phone. This is Hedia
4 Adelsman.

5 CHAIR LUCE: All right. We now have a quorum; is
6 that correct?

7 THE CLERK: Yes.

8 CHAIR LUCE: We do have quorum.

9 Anyone else on the phone? Other members of the
10 public or representatives of licensees or applicants?

11 Hearing none, we do have a quorum.

12 Proposed Agenda. Have Councilmembers had a chance to
13 look at the agenda?

14 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Yes.

15 CHAIR LUCE: I'm going to recommend one change, that
16 we move the Kittitas Valley Wind Project up to Item "a."

17 Elizabeth, you are on the phone. I would like to --
18 I know you're an interested and concerned member of the public.
19 I would like to not to keep you on the phone any longer than
20 necessary.

21 MS. ROBERTSON: I appreciate that. Thank you.

22 CHAIR LUCE: So other changes?

23 All right. We'll begin with the Kittitas Valley Wind
24 Project. We have a project update from Eric.

25 MR. MELBARDIS: Yes.

1 CHAIR LUCE: You want to identify yourself more
2 completely.

3 And do we have a spelling?

4 THE REPORTER: (Nodding.)

5 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Thank you.

6 MR. MELBARDIS: This is Eric Melbardis for the
7 Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project with EDP Renewables, formerly
8 Horizon Wind.

9 Our project status update for the month of December.
10 Our production totals were 12,001 megawatt-hours. Average wind
11 speed was 4.4 meters a second, or about 10.1 miles per hour,
12 with a capacity factor of 23.9 percent.

13 No safety incidents to report, and we continue to
14 operate without any lost time or OSHA recordable incidents.

15 The project is in compliance as of January 17, 2012.

16 I'm going to skip the noise section, because I'm
17 going to do a little noise informational summary.

18 CHAIR LUCE: Understood.

19 MR. MELBARDIS: Shadow flicker. We continue to keep
20 Turbines A1 and A2 curtailed during times of shadow flicker.
21 Everything is functioning like it should.

22 No environmental incidents to report. Winter's been
23 pretty mild on us up until about a week and a half ago, when we
24 started getting snow.

25 Weed and re-vegetation and habitat restoration

1 surveys will continue in the spring, and our avian and bat
2 fatality monitoring is also continuing.

3 And we have all pre-winter stormwater BMPs and -- in
4 place and everything's functioning as it should.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Do you want to address the
6 noise issue at this time? Is that your plan?

7 MR. MELBARDIS: Yeah.

8 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Proceed.

9 MR. MELBARDIS: On December 20th, Kittitas Valley
10 sent our completed noise study to the Council in digital form
11 and in paper copy.

12 I believe in your packets I have just a one-page
13 summary with a little graph; is that in -- in there?

14 CHAIR LUCE: That's correct; you do.

15 MR. MELBARDIS: Okay. Would you like me to read this
16 paragraph for the record?

17 CHAIR LUCE: Well, I'm not sure Elizabeth has access
18 to it, so it probably would be a good idea.

19 MR. MELBARDIS: Okay. (As read): "Kittitas Valley
20 Wind Power Project Noise Study Overview. This summarizes the
21 sound level monitoring, analysis, and conclusions of the sound
22 study conducted at the Kittitas Valley Wind Project, which is
23 owned and operated by EDP Renewables North America LLC.

24 "The primary objective of the study was to assess if
25 the sound levels attributable to the project exceed the maximum

1 environmental noise levels specified in the Washington
2 Administrative Code Title 173 Chapter 60.

3 "Operational measurements conducted at two sites
4 located 300 to a thousand feet closer to the turbines than the
5 respective residents were found to comply with the regulatory
6 requirements of WAC 173-60. Measurements were collected over a
7 2 week period and correlated to wind turbine operations. Data
8 were collected in terms of hourly sound levels consistent with
9 the requirements of WAC 170-60 as well as shorter 10-minute
10 intervals. That is, the monitoring program collected data above
11 and beyond the regulatory requirements. The complete data set
12 is presented in the analysis and in the full report.

13 "The hourly measurements were found to comply with
14 173-60 requirements for all regulated metrics" -- I do not know
15 what those -- what those are.

16 CHAIR LUCE: Understood.

17 MR. MELBARDIS: I'm sure they're explained in the
18 report.

19 -- "and the shorter duration 10-minute measurements
20 did not exhibit any trends indicating potential for
21 non-compliance. It should be noted that this analysis evaluated
22 the total overall unadjusted measured sound level. Adjustments
23 for background noise or other non-project sources were not made
24 and were not necessary because the total overall measured sound
25 level was found to comply with the applicable regulations."

1 There's a graph here, which is a summary graph from
2 the noise study, which shows the -- the red line shows the
3 daytime and nighttime hours; and then the plots, the little plot
4 dots, are sound measurements; and then we have production and
5 wind graphs along the bottom.

6 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

7 Staff, I'll ask you at this time to -- do you have a
8 copy of 173-60-040?

9 MR. LaSPINA: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIR LUCE: Would you please read 173-60-040 into
11 the record if it's not too long?

12 How long is it?

13 MR. LaSPINA: It's -- I believe I know what passage
14 you're talking about.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Well, there has been an issue raised
16 here by Elizabeth regarding participating or non-participating
17 residences, and I would like you to read into the record the
18 relevant portions of that administrative provision.

19 MR. LaSPINA: Yes, sir. It's one sentence:
20 "No person shall cause or permit noise to intrude into the
21 property of another person which noise exceeds the maximum
22 permissible noise levels set forth below in this section."

23 CHAIR LUCE: In other words, there is -- tell me --
24 I'll ask you: Is there any language in the WAC regarding
25 participating or non-participating residences?

1 MR. LaSPINA: No, sir.

2 CHAIR LUCE: And, again, what does it say? "The
3 property"?

4 MR. LaSPINA: No noise shall intrude into the
5 property of the person.

6 CHAIR LUCE: That's what I thought you said. Thank
7 you.

8 Elizabeth?

9 MS. ROBERTSON: Yes?

10 CHAIR LUCE: You have some comments. We'd be very
11 glad to receive them at this time.

12 MS. ROBERTSON: Do you want me to read the whole
13 thing?

14 CHAIR LUCE: Well, I'll tell you. We have it before
15 us. I will direct that it be entered into the record.

16 Maybe you could summarize your comments --

17 MS. ROBERTSON: Okay.

18 CHAIR LUCE: -- with the understanding that we will
19 put them in the official record.

20 MS. ROBERTSON: Okay. I am reading -- what is it? --
21 the State of Washington noise regulation, 173-60-040 WAC, and it
22 reads to me, "Hourly average sound levels at
23 non-participating residences are required by WAC 173-60 not to
24 exceed 60 decibels" and on and on and on.

25 My point is: I am a non-participating residence, and

1 this study was not done at my residence.

2 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Thank you.

3 At this point in time, I would ask Staff if they have
4 any comment regarding the issue that has been raised.

5 MR. LaSPINA: Eric would be able to speak to that
6 better, the -- that mixup.

7 CHAIR LUCE: Well, can you speak to the WAC? More
8 specifically, does the WAC address the question of
9 non-participating residences?

10 MR. LaSPINA: No, sir, it doesn't. That term was
11 used erroneously in the contractor's report, and Eric actually
12 has the provenance of that error. But the term
13 "non-participatory residence" does not appear in the WAC.

14 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Eric, back to you.

15 MR. MELBARDIS: The contractor we used was CH2M HILL,
16 and we used their, you know, globally renowned acoustical
17 engineer, Mark, and they also were instrumental in our
18 application for our permit and also in our -- in the noise
19 sections of our EIS and anything else we've had to prepare.
20 They, I believe, just used that same language because everything
21 that we've always been concerned about is non-participating
22 resident or landowner.

23 So what Elizabeth is quoting in her e-mail in
24 intended quotes is from our report, and I think that they just
25 used the term "residence" erroneously.

1 CHAIR LUCE: In other words, it's not from the WAC --

2 MR. MELBARDIS: It's not from --

3 CHAIR LUCE: -- it's from the report?

4 MR. MELBARDIS: Correct.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Okay. Council Staff, have you any
6 reason to -- have you had a chance to review this report?

7 MR. LaSPINA: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIR LUCE: And do you have any -- well, do you have
9 expertise in noise issues?

10 MR. LaSPINA: No, sir.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Do you have any reason to doubt the
12 report's conclusions?

13 MR. LaSPINA: No, sir.

14 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Elizabeth, back to you.

15 MS. ROBERTSON: Okay. Well, the bottom line is
16 before these turbines were installed, there was no noise at
17 night to keep me from sleeping, and now there is noise, and it
18 keeps me from sleeping. It's having a detrimental effect on my
19 health, and I haven't been able to conquer this.

20 So, you know, I feel like -- like something should be
21 done. It's just not -- and it's just on. I can't live like
22 this. It really is affecting my health. The noise wasn't there
23 before; now it is, you know, whether it's legal or not.

24 You know, these people say they're supposed to be a
25 good neighbor, and good neighbors don't keep you from sleeping.

1 CHAIR LUCE: I understand. I'm going to conclude at
2 this point and encourage you to continue to discuss matters as
3 you feel appropriate with the operator, but I -- based on
4 everything I have heard so far, the turbines appear to be in
5 compliance with the noise standards in the State of Washington.

6 That doesn't give you any solace. I understand that.
7 But --

8 MS. ROBERTSON: It doesn't, because the operator is
9 not talking to me anymore.

10 CHAIR LUCE: Well, I'm sure the operator will talk to
11 you, and I'm seeing Eric here move his head in a vertical
12 direction, which suggests that he will.

13 So I'm going to leave it there. I understand your
14 concerns. I appreciate the fact that the report erroneously
15 quoted the WAC as including non-participating residences, but it
16 does state specifically property line, so...

17 MS. ROBERTSON: But -- okay. Then it wasn't even
18 done at my property line. It was done over the ridge on the
19 other side of the hill.

20 CHAIR LUCE: I'm going to ask you at this point in
21 time to continue discussions with Eric, and as appropriate,
22 Staff will be involved.

23 MS. ROBERTSON: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you very much. I do appreciate
25 your situation.

1 MR. FRYHLING: Jim? This is Dick Fryhling.

2 CHAIR LUCE: Yes, Dick?

3 MR. FRYHLING: I want to say something on this issue.

4 CHAIR LUCE: Please, Dick.

5 MR. FRYHLING: We permitted those two turbines to be
6 placed where they're placed when we gave them -- when we
7 approved this facility. There was discussion at that time that
8 those -- those two turbines were awfully close to those
9 residences, and we've had nothing but problems since then.

10 I would like to see this issue kept open and see if
11 we can continue to work with the neighbors and with the
12 operators of the facility. But we helped create an issue out
13 there, and we have to help find a solution to it. I don't know
14 what that is, but I'd like this kept open.

15 CHAIR LUCE: At your request we're keeping it open,
16 and it would be open in either case.

17 MR. FRYHLING: Right, because it's a bad situation,
18 and I'm -- you know, I guess I'm upset to being a party to what
19 we created there, so at this point in time as -- and as a
20 Councilmember, I feel bad about it at this point in time.

21 Anyway, that's all I have to say, but I do want you
22 to know that we need to keep working on this and see if we can
23 get some relief.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Any other Councilmember
25 comments? Any more Staff comments?

1 Thank you very much. I appreciate your comments --
2 Eric and Elizabeth -- and you've heard the Council discussion,
3 and we'll proceed in the manner that has been suggested.

4 MS. ROBERTSON: Thank you.

5 MR. MELBARDIS: Thank you.

6 CHAIR LUCE: All right. The next issue before us,
7 which is one that I skipped over, is -- sit down, Richard --
8 meeting minutes. We need to approve the meeting minutes, which
9 I inadvertently passed over, for December 20th and 27th.

10 Have Councilmembers had a chance to review the
11 minutes? I'm assuming you have if there's no response.

12 Is there a motion to approve the minutes as proposed?

13 MR. FRYHLING: This is Dick. I'll make that motion.

14 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Do we have a second?

15 All right. I know we just barely have a quorum, but
16 I'm asking for a second.

17 MR. HAYES: I'll second that, Chair.

18 CHAIR LUCE: We have a second. And we have a motion.
19 The motion's on the table.

20 Are there any Council comments?

21 Hearing no comments, I will call the question. The
22 question is whether to approve the meeting minutes for December
23 20th and December 27th.

24 All in favor say "aye."

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Let the record reflect that the vote was
2 unanimous.

3 Now, Satsop?

4 MR. DOWNEN: Good afternoon, Chair Luce and Council.
5 My name is Rich Downen. I'm the plant manager at Grays Harbor
6 Energy Center.

7 For the month of December, let me just get the
8 highlights of the monthly report that we submitted.

9 No accidents or injuries. All the normal training.
10 Environmental. Submissions were made. The unit operated for
11 seven days in December with a very low year-to-date capacity
12 factor of just over 4 percent.

13 We did have a site visit by the EPA. Doug Corkum and
14 Idell Hansen made a visit on December 11th to discuss Tier 2
15 reporting, and they inspected the site and found no
16 discrepancies.

17 We did have one complaint from a neighbor during the
18 month. On December 8th, EFSEC received a complaint by e-mail, I
19 believe. They passed it on to us about -- and it was about
20 odor. The plant operated that day. There were no abnormal or
21 upset conditions. And ORCAA came. A representative came to the
22 site. He couldn't find any -- anything.

23 CHAIR LUCE: The acronym "ORCAA" means?

24 MR. DOWNEN: Help me, Jim.

25 MR. LaSPINA: Olympic Region --

1 MR. DOWNEN: -- Clean Air Agency.

2 MR. LaSPINA: -- Clean Air Agency.

3 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

4 MR. DOWNEN: Right. So we are working with ORCAA.

5 We started again after that, so we're going to have ORCAA come
6 out for when we do start the unit to be there in the wee hours
7 of the morning to determine if there is an odor that can be
8 determined. We started once after that, but the guy who would
9 come to the site was out of town.

10 So the next we do start, we will again communicate
11 that to ORCAA and to Jim with EFSEC so that we can have them
12 come out and be there when we actually start the unit.

13 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

14 MR. DOWNEN: And that's all I have.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you very much.

16 Councilmember questions?

17 Hearing no questions, thank you very much.

18 We'll move ahead to Chehalis.

19 MR. SANCHEZ: Good afternoon, Chair Luce and Members
20 of the Council. My name is Patrick Sanchez, Environmental
21 Analyst, at PacifiCorp Energy, Chehalis Power Plant, here to
22 provide the monthly report for the month of December 2011.

23 Under safety, we had no medical treatments or
24 recordable incidents, and we've achieved 3359 days without a
25 lost-time accident.

1 Our stormwater, wastewater, and air emissions
2 monitoring results were all in compliance with our permit limits
3 for the month of December 2011.

4 PacifiCorp continues to work on the development of a
5 project under the "Carbon Offset Project" heading in the
6 Chehalis River Basin with the Confederated Tribes of the
7 Chehalis Reservation.

8 The Tribe's Business Committee has put a priority on
9 the project, but they have not yet approved a draft proposal for
10 us to prevent -- to present for development of the contract.

11 Under personnel, the authorized plant staffing level
12 is currently 19 with 18 positions filled, and we have initiated
13 a requisition to hire a second electrician.

14 On operations and maintenance, in December 2011, the
15 plant generated 127,135 megawatt-hours at a capacity factor of
16 33.35 percent. Year to date, the plant has generated 672,073
17 megawatt-hours at a capacity factor of 15.35 percent.

18 Under regulatory and compliance, we had no spills or
19 exceedances on our water permits to report, and we had no air
20 emission exceedances reported.

21 There were no Critical Infrastructure Protection
22 Standard violations during this reporting period. We had no
23 sound monitoring issues or complaints to report, and the plant
24 is still working with an outside contractor on identifying and
25 implementing energy savings per Washington State Initiative 937.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you so much.

2 Councilmember questions?

3 Hearing no questions, we'll conclude your
4 presentation. It is much appreciated.

5 Wild Horse Wind Power Project?

6 Jennifer, you're on the phone?

7 MS. DIAZ: Yes, sir. Chair Luce, this is Jennifer
8 Diaz, Environmental and Communications Manager, for Puget Sound
9 Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility. I'm glad to see that
10 you guys all have your power over there.

11 For the month of December, generation totaled 45,300
12 megawatt-hours for an average capacity factor of just over 22
13 percent.

14 Solar. The Solar Demonstration Project generated 43
15 megawatt-hours. There were no lost-time accidents or safety
16 incidents to report in the month of December.

17 And under compliance and environmental, pursuant to
18 the Site Certification Agreement, revisions to the Wild Horse
19 Operations Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan
20 were certified by a professional engineer and submitted to EFSEC
21 Staff on November 1st. EFSEC Staff formally approved the
22 revisions to the plan on December 21st.

23 So far -- actually 2011, I just wanted to note, was
24 an above-average year for wind production at Wild Horse, and
25 that's all I have for you.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

2 Councilmember questions?

3 Hearing no questions, we'll move ahead to Columbia
4 Generating Station.

5 MR. BARFUSS: Good afternoon.

6 CHAIR LUCE: Do we have a report from Columbia
7 Generating Station?

8 MR. BARFUSS: Yes. Good afternoon. This is Brad
9 Barfuss, calling from Columbia Generating Station providing an
10 operational status.

11 Columbia Generating Station is currently operating at
12 a hundred percent power, producing 1180 megawatts gross. The
13 plant has been online for 66 consecutive days.

14 As far as plant activities, an online outage is
15 planned in February at Columbia for work on two key safety
16 systems: The first being the high-pressure core spray system,
17 or "HPCS," and the second being the Diesel Generator No. 3, will
18 be out of service beginning approximately February 20th. The
19 total scope of work is scheduled to last four days. The work is
20 necessary to perform required preventive maintenance and to
21 repair the HPCS system.

22 CHAIR LUCE: You want to -- that's "HPCS," for the
23 purpose of our court reporter.

24 And do you want to tell us what HPCS acronym stands
25 for?

1 MR. BARFUSS: Yes. It is high -- high-pressure core
2 spray system.

3 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Continue work on our diesel
4 generator, right?

5 MR. BARFUSS: Yes. Work on Diesel Generator 3 will
6 involve replacing the heads and completing two-year and
7 four-year maintenance activities, and Columbia will continue to
8 operate at a hundred percent power during this system outage.

9 Also, we would like to report to you organizational
10 changes here at Columbia. The first being Bob Schuetz. He's a
11 team leader at Plant Evaluations with the Institute of Nuclear
12 Power Operations, and he has joined Energy Northwest this month
13 as our new maintenance manager for a period of time of 12 to 24
14 months.

15 Bob joins our team as a part of INPO's reverse loan
16 program.

17 CHAIR LUCE: What's "INPO"?

18 MR. BARFUSS: It's the --

19 CHAIR LUCE: Oh, I see. Nuclear Power Operations.
20 Okay.

21 MR. BARFUSS: Yes. So Bob joined INPO in 2008 after
22 completing a 28-year career with the United States Navy. He has
23 extensive experience in operation, maintenance, and supervision
24 of naval nuclear propulsion plants. In his final assignment as
25 Deputy Commander for the Pacific Submarine Force, Bob had

1 oversight of the daily operations of an organization consisting
2 of 10,000 personnel and 36 ships with a \$2 billion annual
3 operating budget. So we're very glad to have Bob here with us
4 for a year or two to support our maintenance organization.

5 Additionally, Andy Black will join our organization
6 on February 6 in a newly created position of Operations General
7 Manager, and the new operations general manager will oversee our
8 employee concerns, emergency planning, and nuclear security
9 departments.

10 And Andy had extensive experience in nuclear security
11 management, and is currently the nuclear security director at
12 Xcel Energy/Nuclear Management Company. So we are very glad to
13 have Andy joining us also in his new capacity here at Columbia.

14 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Any other comments?
15 Councilmember questions?

16 Hearing no questions, we'll move ahead. Thank you
17 very much.

18 MR. BARFUSS: You're welcome.

19 CHAIR LUCE: Whistling Ridge Energy Project.
20 Do you have an update, Mr. Posner?

21 MR. POSNER: Yes, I do. Good afternoon, Chair Luce,
22 Councilmembers. Just one item to report. On January 4th, the
23 recommendation package was sent up to the Governor's office.
24 The Governor has 60 days to review the package, and we expect to
25 hear from her office within the 60 days, which would bring us to

1 March 4th.

2 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

3 Councilmember questions?

4 Hearing no questions, other matters to come before
5 the Council.

6 Manager's update, Mr. Wright?

7 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, Mr. Chairman. And the only thing
8 we have is Mr. Posner will do our normal quarterly non-direct
9 cost allocation. It's the only thing we have -- the only thing
10 under the manager's report at this time.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

12 MR. POSNER: So just a couple of notes on that. The
13 non-direct cost allocation sheet is in the Councilmembers'
14 packets. Reviewing it just before the Council meeting, I
15 noticed that there are some errors in that we're referring to
16 the wrong quarter. It does say "2nd Quarter." These cost
17 allocations are for the third quarter, which runs January
18 through March. The numbers that are calculated are correct,
19 though, and I will go ahead as we always do and read those
20 numbers off for the benefit of those folks who are on the
21 speaker.

22 And the percentages, non-direct cost allocation
23 percentages for the third quarter: Kittitas Valley Wind Power
24 Project, 12 percent; Desert Claim Wind Power Project, 3 percent;
25 Whistling Ridge Energy Project, 18 percent; Columbia Generating

1 Station, 19 percent; the WNP-1/4 site is 3 percent; Satsop
2 Combustion Turbine Project, 15 percent; Chehalis Generation is
3 10 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power Project is 9 percent; BP
4 Cogeneration is 2 percent; and Grays Harbor Energy is 9 percent.

5 And that's all I have on that.

6 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. I have a couple of things to
7 report as Chair, unless Councilmembers have any questions.

8 A couple of things to report. First of all, on the
9 I-5 transmission line, work proceeds. The Bonneville Power
10 Administration, I believe, had an informational meeting on the
11 status of the project with a number of people, including DNR,
12 the no-wires solution and as -- that copy of that no-wires study
13 is available on the Bonneville website.

14 Bonneville decided not to proceed with what was known
15 as the "Grey Line," which was an alternative transmission
16 configuration proposed by those advocating that the line be
17 sited in the eastern portion of Clark and Cowlitz County. It
18 did so because the study of that proposal would have required
19 additional NEPO work and because of other environmental
20 considerations.

21 With respect to the legislation pending before our
22 legislature at this time, House Bill 1081, which deals with
23 small alternative energy resources and allows owners of such
24 resources to opt into the EFSEC process, passed the House and is
25 now pending before the Senate. Action is expected, but a

1 hearing has yet to be scheduled.

2 Senate Bill 6353 was submitted last week by Senator
3 Ranker. It's pending before the Senate Energy Committee, and it
4 addresses the question of what transmission line size can choose
5 EFSEC as an alternative to local siting.

6 I don't believe I have anything else to add beyond
7 that, but I'll be glad to answer any questions.

8 MR. LaSPINA: Chair Luce?

9 CHAIR LUCE: Yes?

10 MR. LaSPINA: Eric would like to introduce somebody.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Eric, introduce somebody.

12 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric from Kittitas Valley.

13 CHAIR LUCE: Yes.

14 MR. MELBARDIS: And in my concentration on our sound
15 study, I forgot to introduce our new environmental manager, John
16 Vanderzee.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Could you spell your name for the court
18 reporter, please?

19 MR. VANDERZEE: Yeah. Should I speak into this
20 microphone?

21 CHAIR LUCE: That would be a good idea.

22 MR. VANDERZEE: It's V-a-n -- V-a-n-d-e-r-z-e-e.

23 THE REPORTER: "Z"?

24 MR. VANDERZEE: Z-e-e, "e," as in elephant.

25 MR. MELBARDIS: And I believe that John had a

1 presentation on our last TAC meeting, but since we're beyond
2 that, we'll do it next time.

3 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Well, we can have that
4 presentation now. If he's ready to make it and he's done the
5 preparation for it, I don't see any reason not to do it.

6 MR. VANDERZEE: Sure. Sure. Yeah. Well, it's not
7 much of a presentation. I just wanted to come today and --

8 CHAIR LUCE: Well, you never start your presentation
9 like that, okay? You put hours into this presentation.

10 MR. VANDERZEE: This is the extent of -- this is the
11 extent of the presentation (indicating).

12 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

13 MR. VANDERZEE: If this takes me hours, I'm in big
14 trouble.

15 I really just wanted to come and introduce myself as
16 the new regional environmental manager taking over for Kristie
17 Calabrese. I'll be responsible for ensuring compliance with our
18 wildlife studies and participating in the TAC.

19 We did have a TAC conference call on December 20th
20 to -- to comply with the rules and procedures to make sure we
21 had -- we had two meetings in our first year of operations. It
22 was kind of an update. We don't have our year-end annual report
23 out for the fatality monitoring yet. That will come out this
24 summer, at which time I plan to come and provide you all an
25 update on what the -- what the findings are for the first year.

1 But I really just wanted to come introduce myself and
2 let you know that things are going well with the fatality
3 monitoring, and I'll keep going --

4 CHAIR LUCE: So what's your background?

5 MR. VANDERZEE: So I've been a developer with EDPR
6 for 3 1/2 years now. I come from an urban planning background,
7 but I have been developing wind farms for the last 3 1/2 years,
8 focusing more on the environmental side.

9 So now I'm kind of transitioning more into that role
10 as the environmental manager for our projects west of Colorado,
11 as well as Canada.

12 CHAIR LUCE: Great. Thank you very much for coming.

13 MR. VANDERZEE: Sure.

14 CHAIR LUCE: This way you don't have to come back.

15 All right. Any other questions or comments from
16 Councilmembers before we conclude this meeting? Staff?

17 MR. FRYHLING: Jim, this is Dick again.

18 CHAIR LUCE: Yeah, Dick.

19 MR. FRYHLING: I just wanted to particularly thank
20 the Staff for getting that document to the Governor's office and
21 all the work that went into it the last couple of months. And
22 also our Attorney General, our Assistant Attorney General. It
23 was a big job, and we finally got it done, so I just wanted to
24 thank them as a Councilmember.

25 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you, Dick. I'm sure we all share

1 that appreciation. I'll just leave it there without any more
2 comments. Thank you.

3 And with that, the Energy Site Council meeting is
4 adjourned.

5 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.)

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