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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  
Jeff Tayer, Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Andrew Hayes, Department of Natural Resources  
Dennis Moss, Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Hedia Adelsman, Department of Ecology (via phone)  
Doug Sutherland, Skamania County (via phone)

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:

T. Patrick Sanchez, PacifiCorp Energy  
Rich Downen, Grays Harbor Energy  
Gordon Karg, Attorney General's Office  
Ben Vitale, The Climate Trust  
Pete Valinske, Grays Harbor Energy Center  
Robert Moody, ORCAA  
Ken Dragoon 

Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest  
Karen McGaffey, Perkins Coie  
Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy  
Eddie Kolitz, EDPR  
Eric Melbardis, Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project  
Elizabeth Robertson, Kittitas Valley Citizen

1 CHAIR LUCE: Good afternoon. My name is  
2 Jim Luce. I will call to order the monthly meeting of  
3 the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation  
4 Council. Today is Wednesday, March 21st, 2012, the  
5 time is 1:30 p.m. I would ask that the clerk call the  
6 role.

7 THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

8 MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling present.

9 THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

10 MS. ADELSMAN: Hedia Adelsman here.

11 THE CLERK: Fish and Wildlife?

12 MR. TAYER: Jeff Tayer is here.

13 THE CLERK: Natural Resources?

14 MR. HAYES: Andy Hayes is here.

15 THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation  
16 Commission?

17 MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

18 THE CLERK: Skamania County?

19 Absent.

20 MR. SUTHERLAND: Doug Sutherland is  
21 here.

22 CHAIR LUCE: From the desert?

23 MR. SUTHERLAND: Yes.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Let's not dwell on it,  
25 given the weather up here.

1 The Chair is here.

2 THE CLERK: There is a quorum.

3 MR. SUTHERLAND: I can tell you that it  
4 was snowing here over the weekend.

5 CHAIR LUCE: That makes me feel a little  
6 better.

7 Proposed agenda. Have councilmembers had a  
8 chance to review the agenda?

9 And changes, corrections, additions,  
10 deletions?

11 Hearing none, the agenda is adopted as  
12 proposed.

13 Meeting minutes for February 21st, 2012, and  
14 the special meeting for Grays Harbor Energy. Have  
15 councilmembers had a chance to look at those?

16 Any changes? Corrections?

17 Hearing none, I will entertain the motion to  
18 adopt the minutes for both February 21 and March 9.

19 MR. FRYHLING: Motion.

20 MR. MOSS: I second that.

21 CHAIR LUCE: There is a motion and a  
22 second.

23 Council discussion?

24 Hearing no discussion, I will call for the  
25 question. The question is called for. All in favor

1 say "aye."

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 CHAIR LUCE: Let the record reflect the  
4 vote was unanimous.

5 The first project before us will be brought to  
6 the Council's attention here in just a minute, as soon  
7 as we identify the people on the phone.

8 MS. ADELSMAN: Yes, they are making  
9 noise.

10 MS. ROBERTSON: Elizabeth Robertson,  
11 nonparticipating resident of the wind farm up in Cle  
12 Elum.

13 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

14 Others?

15 MR. KOLITZ: This is Eddie Kolitz with  
16 EDP Renewables.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Others?

18 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound  
19 Energy, Wild Horse Wind Facility.

20 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

21 MS. KHOUNNALA: Shannon Khounnala with  
22 Energy Northwest.

23 CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

24 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, EDP  
25 Renewables, Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Anyone else?

2 All right. Those are the parties on the  
3 phone.

4 We will take up as a first matter, the  
5 Kittitas Valley Wind Project, project update by Eric  
6 Melbardis.

7 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair  
8 Luce and Council. My name is Eric Melbardis for  
9 Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

10 Monthly project update: February production  
11 summary, 13,673 megawatt hours, with wind speeds of  
12 average 5 meters a second, or 11.3 miles per hour,  
13 which gave us a capacity factor of 19.5 percent.

14 We had no safety incidents to report. The  
15 project has continued to operate since COD without  
16 lost time or OSHA-recordable incident.

17 The project is in compliance as of March 13th,  
18 2012. For sound, we have no new complaints. The  
19 project is in compliance with the SCA and WAC, with  
20 nightly hourly levels below 50 decibels. We had a  
21 meeting with EFSEC Staff after the last council  
22 meeting, to discuss mitigation of the sound  
23 complaints. We did have a meeting with Mike and  
24 Elizabeth Robertson on 3/15 to discuss steps towards  
25 mitigation.

1 CHAIR LUCE: You would like to report on  
2 that meeting, correct?

3 MR. MELBARDIS: Yes, I would. Would you  
4 like to do that now or have me finish my project  
5 update?

6 CHAIR LUCE: Finish your project update,  
7 and then we will go forward.

8 MR. MELBARDIS: Okay.

9 We have had no shadow flicker complaints.  
10 Under Environmental, the project did experience some  
11 internal road erosions due to snow melt, no external  
12 discharge was observed, and repairs are going to be  
13 made as weather permits.

14 Our weed and revegetation surveys to continue  
15 in the spring. Avian and bat fatality monitoring  
16 efforts continue. We have no stormwater discharge to  
17 report, and we are continuing to monitor  
18 all stormwater BMPs, improving them as necessary.

19 CHAIR LUCE: Does that conclude your  
20 project update?

21 MR. MELBARDIS: It does.

22 CHAIR LUCE: Now, would you like to give  
23 us a report on the discussions you have had with the  
24 EFSEC Staff and the Robertsons?

25 MR. MELBARDIS: We had a discussion with



1 the EFSEC Staff at the conclusion at the last council  
2 meeting, where we just -- we committed to reaching out  
3 to the Robertsons and working with them, and trying to  
4 come up with some ways that we can be good neighbors.

5 So we went -- myself and my manager, Eddie  
6 Kolitz, who is also on the phone, went to meet with  
7 both Mike and Elizabeth this past Thursday,  
8 March 15th. We spent about an hour and a half with  
9 them, hearing their concerns and brainstorming on some  
10 mitigation efforts. Eddie and I both took away some  
11 tasks for some things to look into, and we plan to  
12 meet with the Robertsons again soon.

13 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

14 Mrs. Robertson, you are on the phone. Do you  
15 have any comments you would like to offer to the  
16 Council?

17 MS. ROBERTSON: No. I wrote a letter.  
18 I just wanted to thank your staff and Eric and Eddie  
19 for meeting with us. I am hoping that we can come to  
20 some solution to this.

21 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you very much.

22 MS. ROBERTSON: Thank you.

23 CHAIR LUCE: Staff or councilmembers  
24 have any comments?

25 Hearing none --

1                   MR. FRYHLING: After the meeting, our  
2 staff had a meeting with representatives from Kittitas  
3 Valley. Does the Staff have anything to add to what  
4 was reported? Since we weren't part of that, do you  
5 have anything in addition to add?

6                   MR. WRIGHT: I don't really have  
7 anything particular to add. We did have a fairly long  
8 discussion with EDP staff. The conclusion was that  
9 they -- they agreed to meet with the Robertsons, as  
10 has been reported, and that we had quite a discussion  
11 about the Council's ongoing good neighbor policies  
12 that were expressed. I provided them some detail on  
13 some of the things we went through at Satsop, on kind  
14 of the same kind of concept.

15                   It sounds like the results of the meeting that  
16 went on on the 15th, which Staff was not a party to,  
17 is resulting in some of the same kind of  
18 conversations. I think we should be encouraged that  
19 both sides seem to be encouraged that things are  
20 moving along.

21                   CHAIR LUCE: Anything else on the  
22 Kittitas Valley Wind Project?

23                   Hearing nothing else, we will move ahead to  
24 the next item on the agenda.

25                   Did someone else just join us on the phone?

1 MS. MCGAFFEY: Hi, it's Karen McGaffey.

2 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you, Karen.

3 Satsop and Grays Harbor Energy Project, we  
4 have an operational update.

5 MR. DOWNEN: Good afternoon, Chair Luce,  
6 Council. My name is Rich Downen, I'm the plant  
7 manager at Grays Harbor Energy. The operational brief  
8 is very brief.

9 We didn't run during the month of February.  
10 We conducted all of our normal training and monitoring  
11 and reporting. We had no complaints and no issues at  
12 the plant for the month of February. That would be  
13 all of my operational report.

14 I have some talking points and just kind of an  
15 overview of the NOV process.

16 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Why don't you  
17 proceed with that. I think we have copies of these  
18 talking points.

19 MR. DOWNEN: I gave you copies. My  
20 intent was to go very briefly, pretty big picture,  
21 over the time line.

22 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you, that would be  
23 helpful.

24 MR. DOWNEN: September 2011, last year,  
25 their annual sack test and rata test, September 1

1 through 4. In October, on the 19th, we received a  
2 draft test result, and we forwarded them to EFSEC. On  
3 October 28th, we received the final test report. Our  
4 source test contractor noted that Unit 2 failed a  
5 source test for particulate matter, PM 10 to be  
6 specific. On October 31st, we requested the source  
7 test contractor review the data, verify it,  
8 clarifications.

9 November 2nd of 2011, the contractor got back  
10 to us that they had verified the calculations, and  
11 they were standing by their results. We also  
12 contacted their laboratory, to verify their results.

13 On November 2nd, PM filter, it's a filterable  
14 measurement, and then they take a weight of the sample  
15 through a lab process, and then kind of rolled that up  
16 into a number for the limit. We sent those filters  
17 from that test to a lab, to have them analyzed, to  
18 figure out what the constituents were from those  
19 samples. November 22nd, we received those results.

20 During the month, we didn't have a specific  
21 date, but we analyzed fuel samples for the quality of  
22 the fuel to see if that might have been a source of  
23 PM. We contacted General Electric, who is the  
24 manufacturer of the gas turbines, just to see if they  
25 had any -- they have a lot of huge fleets, so they

1 might have had some knowledge for us as to what could  
2 be a source of PM.

3 In December, the only thing of note was, we  
4 were talking to ORCAA, the Olympic Region Clean Air  
5 Agency, about our moving forward plans to figure out  
6 what the issue was and how to resolve it.

7 In January, on the 13th, we inspected the heat  
8 recovery steam generator, which is really the gas path  
9 that we are doing this analysis on, the stack  
10 analysis. We noted that there weren't any water  
11 leaks, and all -- that all the insulation was intact.  
12 During the month of January of this year, we also  
13 contacted multiple peer facilities and the GE users  
14 group, just to see if we could find some peers that  
15 had similar problems and could maybe point us in the  
16 right direction.

17 All of the feedback we received from  
18 both parties -- or from everyone that we talked to,  
19 was that this is not normal, that you would --  
20 particulate matter, excessive particulate matter, you  
21 might see in dual fuel unit, one that burns liquid  
22 fuel, too, but it's not normally associated with North  
23 American standards of natural gas. That's pretty much  
24 all the feedback that we got.

25 Last month, February 2012, we took a sample of

1 our ammonia tank, just to see if that could have been  
2 a source. We injected ammonia into that stream, and  
3 we are expecting the results back today or tomorrow.  
4 That -- let's see, that took us to the end of  
5 February.

6 On the actions to be taken list, some things  
7 that we've already completed, and a couple of things  
8 that we are going to do, to analyze the ammonia and  
9 inspect the heat recovery steam generators. That's  
10 going to be in our April outage.

11 Things that we have done, is we removed debris  
12 from the heat recovery steam generators, just any rust  
13 that was accumulated in the bottom, on the floor of  
14 those. We tuned both combustion turbines last week  
15 and we reperformed -- or performed another rata test  
16 and a source test. That was completed last week. The  
17 rata was satisfactory. And the source test, again,  
18 we're waiting for laboratory analysis back from our  
19 contractor.

20 The thought from -- I guess what we are really  
21 leaning towards is that -- that it was a bad test  
22 performance. That something happened with taking  
23 the -- taking the sample, contaminating the sample or  
24 reading the sample, that just doesn't make any sense  
25 that the particulate matter was high for this kind of

1 a unit. That's what our hope is, that the results  
2 from this new test will come back as very minimal  
3 particulate matter, and then we'll just move forward  
4 from there.

5 ORCAA was on site, EFSEC was on site during  
6 our test last week. That was beyond the inspections  
7 that I have talked about. That's the main steps that  
8 we are taking to address, or to really clarify and  
9 identify if there is a particular issue. That's about  
10 all I've got.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

12 The project operates infrequently?

13 MR. DOWNEN: Unfortunately, in the last  
14 year, that's the case.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Is there any reason to  
16 believe that that infrequency might have some bearing  
17 upon the test results?

18 MR. DOWNEN: Possibly. Pretty doubtful.  
19 Again, I'm really leaning towards the faulty test.

20 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Well, I just  
21 noticed that your 2011 PM was run for 120 minutes,  
22 rather than the recommended 180,240.

23 MR. DOWNEN: That is correct. That was  
24 something that we discovered during the -- looking at  
25 all of the analysis and test protocol and everything,

1 that they ran shorter than normal tests, which are --  
2 we've gone to another contractor for the follow-on  
3 test that we just performed.

4 CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

5 MR. DOWNEN: And they recommended a  
6 longer run.

7 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

8 Councilmembers have any questions?

9 MR. TAYER: Yes.

10 CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

11 MR. TAYER: This is maybe more of a  
12 question for Staff. During the testimony on the  
13 relicensing for this project, there was quite a bit of  
14 testimony about odor put into the record. Is there  
15 any indication that there is a linkage between what  
16 the neighbors are smelling and --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair, can  
18 you have the speaker get closer to the microphone?

19 MS. ADELSMAN: Yeah, we couldn't hear  
20 anything.

21 MR. TAYER: During the relicensing  
22 process for this project, there was a lot of testimony  
23 about odor that was put into the record by the  
24 neighbors. I am just curious whether either -- either  
25 from our Staff perspective or from ORCAA's



1 perspective, that there might be a connection between  
2 this issue and what the neighbors were actually  
3 reporting anecdotally.

4 MR. LaSPINA: My name is Jim LaSpina. I  
5 recently just asked ORCAA if any odor complaint has  
6 ever been verified in the past couple of years, and  
7 they have never been able to verify an odor complaint.

8 MR. TAYER: So that's a "no"?

9 MR. LaSPINA: It doesn't directly answer  
10 your question, but since we have never had a verified  
11 odor complaint, you know...

12 MR. TAYER: Thank you.

13 CHAIR LUCE: Other questions from  
14 councilmembers? Anything else from Staff?

15 MR. WRIGHT: I guess I would like to --  
16 this is Al Wright. I would like to compliment  
17 Grays Harbor Energy. We issued the notice of  
18 violation on the 9th of March, and they proceeded to  
19 get themselves organized and get a retest done, which  
20 we are now awaiting results, which I think will tell  
21 us a great deal. I think their responsiveness to our  
22 notice was complimentary.

23 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Thank you very  
24 much, sir.

25 MR. DOWNEN: Thank you.

1                   CHAIR LUCE: Chehalis Generation  
2 Facility.

3                   MR. SANCHEZ: Good afternoon, Chair  
4 Luce, councilmembers, EFSEC Staff. My name is Patrick  
5 Sanchez, environmental analyst for Chehalis Power,  
6 here to provide the monthly report.

7                   On safety, we had no medical treatments or  
8 recordable incidents. The plant has achieved 3,419  
9 days without a lost time accident. Our February 2012  
10 storm water, wastewater and air emissions monitoring  
11 results were in compliance with all of our permit  
12 limits.

13                   On carbon offset projects, we are still  
14 working with the Chehalis River Basin -- excuse me,  
15 Chehalis tribes on the Chehalis River Basin  
16 preplanning projects, and we would like to provide  
17 today a carbon offset project status report for the  
18 contract with the National Climate Trust at the  
19 conclusion of this monthly report.

20                   Our plant staffing is still currently 19, with  
21 17 positions filled. The plant is proceeding with  
22 hiring a second electrician and another operations  
23 technician.

24                   In February 2012, we generated 156,836  
25 megawatt hours, at a capacity factor of 44.3 percent.

1 Year to date, we have generated 231,212 megawatt hours  
2 at a capacity factor of 31.5 percent.

3 We had no spills or exceedances to report for  
4 the period, no air emissions exceedances reported. On  
5 February 9, 2012, Mr. LaSpina of EFSEC Staff and Clint  
6 Lamoreaux of the Southwest Clean Air Agency completed  
7 the annual air quality inspection at our facility.

8 We submitted our Community Right to Know and  
9 the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory reports for the  
10 2011 reporting period. We had no critical  
11 infrastructure protection standards violations during  
12 this reporting period.

13 On our sound monitoring, we had no noise  
14 complaints to report. However, we did note that the  
15 plant experienced one daily sound event above 65  
16 decibels on February 26th, during the 9:00 a.m.  
17 readings, at the east side sound monitoring location  
18 only. The 68 dBA noise level we reported was  
19 attributed to a significant leak that had developed on  
20 the Unit 2 High Pressure Desuperheater flange. That  
21 unit was taken off line, and the 1700 east side daily  
22 sound reading had a recorded value of 57 dBa. There  
23 has been no subsequent exceedances of the 65 dBa  
24 permit limit.

25 We included in our packet, a written status

1 report of the carbon offset project that we have  
2 contracted with the National Climate Trust. I would  
3 like to provide just a brief summary of that report.  
4 A reminder that last time we discussed this was  
5 approximately one year ago, when we presented it to  
6 the Council for their approval.

7 This is the verified emission reduction  
8 credits from the National Climate Trust, Farm Power  
9 Lynden Anaerobic Digestion Project. Per that  
10 contract, they are providing us with status reports on  
11 that digester that is in Lynden, Washington. Also a  
12 reminder that the first 20,000 tons of that project  
13 were already committed to another buyer. PacifiCorp  
14 delivery isn't anticipated until 2014. I included in  
15 the written report, a schedule for that for your  
16 review.

17 As part of that status report, the National  
18 Climate Trust has noted that the project reached  
19 commercial operation on December 3rd, 2010. The  
20 digester reached a steady state of operations in  
21 mid-2011, and the bio gas production levels are  
22 comparable to the anticipated production average of  
23 9,125,000 standard cubic feet per month. As such, the  
24 project is anticipated to reduce 7,000 metric tons of  
25 carbon-equivalent -- carbon dioxide-equivalent

1 emissions annually.

2 Per the contract, Climate Trust informed us  
3 that they completed the monitoring plan for the  
4 project in July of 2011. And since they completed  
5 their first project year in early December 2011, they  
6 are currently undergoing third-party verification  
7 against the Climate Action Reserve standard.

8 Essentially, the project is proceeding per  
9 schedule, that we presented to EFSEC about this time  
10 last year, and is anticipated to start delivering  
11 those credits per the approval.

12 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

13 Councilmembers have any questions?

14 I appreciate your update.

15 We will move on to the next project, Wild  
16 Horse Wind Power Project. Jennifer, you are on the  
17 phone.

18 MS. DIAZ: Yes, Chair Luce. This is  
19 Jennifer Diaz from Puget Sound Energy Wild Horse Wind  
20 Facility.

21 For the month of February, generation totaled  
22 57,300 megawatt hours with an average capacity factor  
23 of 31 percent. The solar demonstration project  
24 generated 51 megawatt hours. There were no lost time  
25 accidents or safety incidents.

1           For compliance and environmental, a full site  
2 stormwater inspection was completed following a rain  
3 event over the President's Day weekend. Overall, the  
4 site responded well to the combination of rain and  
5 melting snow, and the site remains in compliance with  
6 the Operations Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

7           That's all I have.

8           CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

9           Questions?

10          Columbia Generating Station.

11          MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes, this is Shannon for  
12 Energy Northwest.

13          An update on the Columbia Generating Station  
14 operational status. We are currently operating at  
15 100 percent power, producing over 1100 megawatts  
16 gross. The plant has been online now for 123  
17 consecutive days.

18          We would like to give you a quick update on  
19 our license renewal process. We recently, in  
20 February, completed a significant milestone, in that  
21 the final safety evaluation report was issued.  
22 Another significant project milestone is expected with  
23 the issuance of the final supplemental environmental  
24 impact statement. We received word yesterday that  
25 they believe that FDIS will be issued within the next

1 two weeks by the NRC. Following the schedule  
2 outlined, we believe that the final decision from the  
3 director of the NRC will come in June of 2002 [sic],  
4 this year, for our license extension.

5 Also, I went to give a quick update on the  
6 status of the Site 1 and 4 water rights application.  
7 We have, this past fall and number of months, had a  
8 number of conversations with the Department of Ecology  
9 and their Office of Columbia River. Currently, they  
10 are -- they are issuing water. Our wells, our current  
11 ground wells, meet the current criteria for the water  
12 rights being issued by the Department of Ecology. We  
13 see this as a significant opportunity for Energy  
14 Northwest, and have used this information and this  
15 opportunity to leverage the Department of Energy to  
16 sign our water rights applications, which, as you may  
17 recall, they have had this application with them for  
18 approximately a year.

19 As part of that leverage, we last week issued  
20 a letter from our senior management, asking the  
21 Department of Energy to act on our application by  
22 March 30th. Around the same time, we also had an  
23 opportunity to meet with EFSEC Staff, and during those  
24 discussions, came to an agreement that having EFSEC  
25 issue a similar letter and similar timing to the

1 Department of Energy, may help elevate the importance  
2 of this application. We have been working with EFSEC  
3 Staff on that.

4 Anticipating that the Department of Energy  
5 will sign our application, Energy Northwest's action  
6 will be to immediately turn that around and submit it  
7 to the Department of Ecology, with the hopes that we  
8 can get in line and possibly be issued water under the  
9 current water rights being issued by the Department of  
10 Ecology.

11 That concludes our update.

12 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

13 For councilmembers, the letter to which the  
14 spokesman for Energy Northwest referred, I signed  
15 today, and it is in your packets. It is supportive of  
16 Energy Northwest's application for, and requests that  
17 the Department of Energy sign the pending water rights  
18 application. It has been more than nine months that  
19 it has been pending in somebody's in-box, so that's  
20 long enough.

21 We are following Energy Northwest's lead. We  
22 understand and they understand that they are on point  
23 on this. They will keep us advised with respect to  
24 whether the Department of Energy meets this March 30th  
25 date, and if not, what, if anything else, Energy



1 Northwest intends to do to pursue this matter,  
2 correct?

3 MS. KHOUNNALA: That's correct.

4 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

5 MS. KHOUNNALA: And just a statement of  
6 thanks to EFSEC Staff and EFSEC councilmembers for  
7 supporting us with that effort.

8 CHAIR LUCE: All right.

9 Any questions from councilmembers?

10 We will move ahead to the Whistling Ridge  
11 Energy Project. Mr. Posner, do you have a report for  
12 us?

13 MR. POSNER: A short update.

14 Good afternoon, Chair Luce, councilmembers.  
15 The governor approved the Council's recommendation on  
16 March 5th, and on that date, began the 30-day appeal  
17 period. We are still in the 30-day appeal period,  
18 which will end on April 5th.

19 That's all I have.

20 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

21 Is there anyone on the phone representing  
22 either Whistling Ridge or interveners of Whistling  
23 Ridge?

24 All right. Thank you.

25 Councilmembers have any questions?

1           Hearing none, we will move ahead.

2           EFSEC Council Manager's update?

3                   MR. WRIGHT: I don't have very much,  
4 Mr. Chairman, other than we just recently have  
5 received a request. The chairman has received a  
6 request for a meeting between TransAlta and the  
7 chairman and Staff, regarding their continued progress  
8 on commitments that were made at the TransAlta plant  
9 in the 2011 legislative session, which included the  
10 prospect for gas-fired CT development on that site.  
11 We don't know what the conversation, of course, is  
12 going to bring, but it is interesting that they are  
13 starting that process already.

14                   CHAIR LUCE: That meeting is with  
15 Mr. Richard DeBolt, and I can't remember --

16                   MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Fish.

17                   CHAIR LUCE: I am anticipating a process  
18 meeting.

19                   MS. ADELSMAN: Al?

20                   CHAIR LUCE: Yes.

21                   MS. ADELSMAN: Al, could I ask you a  
22 question? That meeting will be open to others, or do  
23 they just want to meet --

24                   CHAIR LUCE: Hedia, I think we are just  
25 going to have a two-on-two meeting. I think this is a

1 preliminary process meeting.

2 MS. ADELSMAN: Okay. All right.

3 Because, as you know, Ecology is heavily involved in  
4 that.

5 CHAIR LUCE: There are a lot of people  
6 heavily involved in it.

7 MS. ADELSMAN: Okay.

8 CHAIR LUCE: You know, if they are  
9 bringing two of them and we have ten of us, I think it  
10 would be unbalanced.

11 MS. ADELSMAN: That's fine. I wasn't  
12 suggesting that I attend, but -- okay.

13 CHAIR LUCE: We will keep you advised.  
14 We will keep the entire Council advised as to the  
15 result of this meeting.

16 Anything else, Mr. Wright?

17 MR. WRIGHT: No.

18 CHAIR LUCE: The only think I can report  
19 is that all of the EFSEC legislation pending before  
20 the legislature died.

21 MS. ADELSMAN: All right. They will  
22 come back again.

23 CHAIR LUCE: It has a way of doing that.

24 I have nothing else to report. Maybe next  
25 month, I can report some on the I-5 transmission line.

1 I am going to have a couple meetings that might shed  
2 some light on that. I don't have anything definitive  
3 today.

4 With that, unless councilmembers have anything  
5 else --

6 MR. FRYHLING: This is Dick Fryhling  
7 speaking. I want to ask Jim LaSpina, next time he's  
8 out at Satsop, would he take his delicate ears and go  
9 out to the location where these people keep  
10 complaining about the noise, and have his ears record  
11 what he hears. We keep getting these little notes  
12 here, that it's so loud they can't go outside and so  
13 forth. If you could go to their property, or outside  
14 of their property, and listen, the next time you are  
15 there and you are doing additional tests. I would  
16 appreciate what you think.

17 MR. LaSPINA: Yes, sir.

18 MR. FRYHLING: What you hear.

19 MR. LaSPINA: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIR LUCE: The plant has to be  
21 operating first, though.

22 I have nothing else. This meeting is  
23 adjourned.

24 (Council Meeting adjourned 2:02 p.m.)

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