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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers:

- KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
- CULLEN STEPHENSON, Department of Ecology
- STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities & Transportation Commission
- MIKE LIVINGSTON, Fish and Wildlife (phone)
- DAN SIEMANN, Department of Natural Resources

Assistant Attorney General:

JON THOMPSON

Council Staff:

- SONIA BUMPUS
- AMI KIDDER
- AMY MOON
- TAMMY MASTRO
- JOAN AITKEN
- CHRISTINA POTIS
- STEW HENDERSON

In Attendance:

- ERIC MELBARDIS, EDP Renewables (phone)
- JENNIFER DIAZ, Wild Horse (phone)
- SCOTT LICHTENBERG, Wild Horse (phone)
- CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
- MARY RAMOS, Energy Northwest (phone)
- JEREMY SMITH, Chehalis Generation
- KARA WARNER, Golder Associates (phone)

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

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6 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is
7 Kathleen chair -- Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy
8 Facility Site Evaluation Council. I am calling our
9 monthly meeting to order.

10 Ms. Mastro, will you call the roll?

11 MS. MASTRO: Department of Ecology?

12 MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, here.

13 MS. MASTRO: Department of Fish and
14 Wildlife?

15 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, on the
16 phone.

17 MS. MASTRO: Department of Natural
18 Resources?

19 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann, here.

20 MS. MASTRO: Utilities and Transportation
21 Commission?

22 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, here.

23 MS. MASTRO: Chair, there is a quorum for
24 the EFSEC Council.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1 Is there anyone else who has connected via
2 the Skype line who would like to introduce themselves at
3 this point?

4 MS. WARNER: Hi everyone. This is Kara
5 Warner with Golder Associates.

6 MS. DIAZ: This is Jennifer Diaz, Puget
7 Sound Energy Wild Horse Wind Facility.

8 MR. LICHTENBERG: And Scott Lichtenberg,
9 plant manager at Wild Horse Wind Facility.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest.

12 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you all very much.

13 The proposed agenda is in front of you. Is there a
14 motion to approve the agenda?

15 MR. STEPHENSON: I will move to approve the
16 agenda.

17 MR. SIEMANN: I will move to second it.

18 CHAIR DREW: All those in favor, say "aye."

19 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

20 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Agenda is adopted.

21 The meeting minutes from May 21st are in
22 your packets. Is there a motion to approve the meeting
23 minutes from the May 21st meeting?

24 MR. STEPHENSON: I will move to approve the
25 minutes.

1 MS. BREWSTER: I'll move to second.

2 CHAIR DREW: Any comments or corrections?

3 All those in favor, please say "aye" of approving the
4 minutes.

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Minutes are approved.

7 Moving on to our reports from the projects.

8 The first is Kittitas Valley Wind Project.

9 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
10 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Eric Melbardis with
11 EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
12 Project. There was nothing nonroutine to report last
13 month. We do, however, this month have had fairly great
14 winds. Our capacity factor has been around 70 percent.

15 CHAIR DREW: Wow. Thank you.

16 Wild Horse Wind Facility?

17 MS. DIAZ: Yes, thank you, Chair Drew and
18 Councilmembers. For the record, this is Jennifer Diaz
19 with Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility.
20 I have a few updates for the month of May. We have
21 scheduled our next Technical Advisory Committee meeting
22 for Wednesday, July 24th.

23 And then Wild Horse reached 8 million
24 megawatt hours on May 24th. So that was a great
25 milestone for us.

1 CHAIR DREW: Yes.

2 MS. DIAZ: EFSEC Council Staff and Chair

3 Drew toured Wild Horse on May 22nd, and on May 21st, an
4 emergency response and rescue drill was conducted to
5 test our emergency response procedures and
6 communications with the local and regional emergency
7 responders. Puget Sound Energy, Vestas, Kittitas Valley
8 Fire & Rescue, Airlift Northwest Helicopter, LifeFlight
9 Helicopter, and KITTCOM, the emergency 911 dispatch, all
10 participated, and the drill was very successful and
11 lessons learned from that drill will be used to improve
12 our emergency response procedures.

13 Just a little more detail about the drill.

14 This was not a surprise drill. We have conducted those
15 in the past, but this one we wanted to involve --
16 involve both the helicopter companies. So it was a
17 planned out drill, and it included a scenario with a
18 victim up tower with crushed legs, bleeding up in the
19 tower and -- excuse me, and -- and included trauma
20 heights and rope rescue training as well. So it was
21 very successful, and I believe in your packets were
22 included some photographs from that emergency response
23 drill.

24 CHAIR DREW: Yes, photographs as well as a
25 very informative positives and lessons learned. Really

1 appreciate having that information and that detail, so
2 thank you very much for that.

3 Are there any questions?

4 Thank you, no questions.

5 MS. DIAZ: Thank you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Chehalis Generation Facility?

7 Good afternoon.

8 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
9 Council. My name is Jeremy Smith. I'm the
10 environmental analyst for Chehalis Power. We have no
11 abnormal issues to report for the month of May. Are
12 there any questions?

13 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions? No.

14 We -- we look forward to planning our site
15 tour to your facility as well.

16 MR. SMITH: Yes, I believe we just confirmed
17 that, so thank you.

18 CHAIR DREW: Okay, great. Thank you.

19 Columbia Generating Station, Ms. Ramos?

20 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
21 Councilmembers as well as EFSEC Staff. This is Mary
22 Ramos reporting for Energy Northwest. I have two
23 updates for you regarding Columbia Generating Station.

24 First is Columbia Generating Station is near
25 the conclusion of its 24th refueling and maintenance

1 outage just in time to meet higher electricity demands
2 as summer temperatures rise. During the last several
3 weeks, Energy Northwest employees and approximately 1200
4 temporary workers completed thousands of individual
5 maintenance improvements and upgrades. The station
6 replaced 260 of 764 nuclear fleet fuel assemblies in
7 Columbia's reactor core as well as installed a
8 30-foot -- 34-foot 133-ton refurbished form pressure
9 turbine rotor. At this point, Columbia Generating
10 Station is in mount two, which is plant startup.
11 Today's activities include raising reactor power in
12 preparation to reconnect to the grid tomorrow.

13 And then my second update is regarding our
14 NPDES Permit submittal. On May 28, Energy Northwest
15 submitted as-built drawings for the Dehalogenation
16 Chemical Feed Project at Columbia. The drawings were
17 submitted to fulfill the plans and specifications
18 requirements of Washington Administrative Code. Are
19 there any questions?

20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

21 Are there any questions?

22 We also look forward to visiting your
23 facility this October. Thank you.

24 MS. RAMOS: Yes, thank you. We look forward
25 to that.

1 CHAIR DREW: And I do see where WNP-1/4 also
2 has no updates to report, so we'll move on then --

3 MS. RAMOS: That's correct, thank you.

4 CHAIR DREW: Yes.

5 The Columbia Solar Project update,
6 Ms. Kidder?

7 MS. KIDDER: Thank you, Chair Drew. For the
8 record, my name is Ami Kidder. Staff are continuing
9 coordination with the certificate holder, but I have no
10 further updates at this time.

11 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

12 And for Desert Claim, Ms. Moon?

13 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
14 Councilmembers. For the record, this is Amy Moon and I
15 am providing the update for Desert Claim. EFSEC Staff
16 received and is reviewing the Cultural Resources
17 Monitoring and Mitigation Plan. Submittal of this plan
18 was a requirement of the Site Certification Agreement.
19 Do you have any questions?

20 CHAIR DREW: Any questions? Nope.

21 Thank you for the update.

22 Grays Harbor Energy Center? Thank you,
23 Mr. Sherin, for the tour this morning. Very
24 informative. We all learned a good deal, and as we were
25 happy for good weather on the East Side, we were very

1 happy for some cloud cover here so it would be a little
2 cool.

3 MR. SHERIN: You're welcome. Glad I can
4 arrange the weather appropriately.

5 Thanks again, Chair Drew, Councilmembers,
6 and Staff. Chris Sherin, plant manager at Grays Harbor
7 Energy Center. I don't have any nonroutine items to
8 report for the month of May other than just note that we
9 did conduct a portion of our annual outage -- annual
10 maintenance outage May 13th through 31st and didn't have
11 any environmental incidents or safety mishaps during
12 that outage period so consider it successful.

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 MR. SHERIN: Any questions?

15 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

16 Thank you again.

17 For the NPDES Permit, Ms. Kidder?

18 MS. KIDDER: Thank you. As you remember,
19 the Council voted to approve for public comment the
20 Grays Harbor National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
21 renewal permit. The public comment period was open from
22 April 22nd through May 21st. During this time, EFSEC
23 Staff received one comment, which was from the facility
24 indicating a clarification to the text that would align
25 the permit requirements with the equipment

1 manufacturers' maintenance recommendations for a
2 continuous flow monitor.

3 An edit was made in coordination with our
4 Ecology permit contractor to permit condition S2.D.3 to
5 request that the equipment is calibrated annually. A
6 copy of the revised permit and fact sheet are included
7 in your Council packets, and a summary of this activity
8 can be reviewed in Appendix G of the fact sheet. Are
9 there any comments or any questions so far?

10 CHAIR DREW: Any comments or questions?

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 MS. KIDDER: Staff would like to request
13 that the Council take action to approve the Grays Harbor
14 Energy Center NPDES Permit as revised for public
15 comment, but should the Council approve the permit, it
16 would become effective July 1st, 2019.

17 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

18 MR. STEPHENSON: I will move that we approve
19 the Grays Harbor Energy Center National Pollutant
20 Discharge Elimination System Permit as amended.

21 MR. SIEMANN: I'll second that.

22 CHAIR DREW: Any comments?

23 Thank you for the good work for everybody
24 involved with that, also to the Department of Ecology,
25 our partners in reviewing the permit to the facility,

1 Mr. Sherin, and our Staff.

2 All those in favor, signify by saying "aye"
3 to approve the permit.

4 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

5 CHAIR DREW: All those opposed? Permit is
6 approved.

7 MS. KIDDER: Thank you.

8 In further news, I would just like to notify
9 the Council of some activity planned for the coming
10 months, which has been alluded to a little bit earlier
11 in the Council meeting. We tentatively planned for the
12 Chehalis Generation Facility to host a site tour for the
13 Council on the morning of August 20th prior to the
14 Council meeting that day, which will be held at our new
15 offices in Lacey. More details of this facility tour
16 will be made available to the Council as we coordinate
17 with the facility.

18 Additionally, we're also coordinating with
19 the Columbia Generating Station to host a facility tour
20 on Wednesday, October 16th. We would tentatively plan
21 for the October Council meeting the day prior, October
22 15th, to be held in Richland, at which time we are
23 hoping to have some presentation from the facility as
24 well as some of our contractors who coordinate with
25 EFSEC Staff with work related to operations and

1 emergency preparedness at the Columbia Generating
2 Station. Are there any questions?

3 CHAIR DREW: So please note those on our --
4 your calendars for additional time and travel. For the
5 Chehalis site, I'd think we'd just start out here the
6 same as we did today for the Grays Harbor Energy Center
7 tour.

8 MS. KIDDER: That's correct. The Chehalis
9 facility is a short drive, and so we would likely meet
10 at the EFSEC offices that morning and carpool together.
11 The Columbia Generating Station is some distance away,
12 so additional travel arrangements will be coordinated in
13 the coming months.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 I would also like to let the Council members
16 know that, as you could see by the boxes and carts
17 around, we are moving next week. Actually this week, we
18 have to be clear of all our items and take our last walk
19 out the door on Thursday of this week before moving to
20 the new facility, which is located at 621 Woodland
21 Square Loop in Lacey. And our Council meeting next
22 month will be held in the hearing room of that facility,
23 which is room 110.

24 One of the really nice things about it is
25 that it's a nice facility, but you walk into the lobby

1 and into the hearing room. So it's a little less
2 cumbersome than getting through the door and coming up
3 to this facility. So that will be a nice improvement as
4 well. So we look forward to seeing those of you who
5 will be there in person.

6 And otherwise, there is no more news or
7 business at this meeting, so we are adjourned.

8 (Adjourned at 1:44 p.m.)

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