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APPEARANCES

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MIKE LIVINGSTON, Fish & Wildlife (via phone)
DAN SIEMANN, Department of Natural Resources (via phone)

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KYLE OVERTON
TAMMY MASTRO
JAON AITKEN
PATTY BETTS
STEW HENDERSON

In Attendance:

ERIC MELBARDIS, EDP Renewables (via phone)
SCOTT LICHTENBERG, PSE (via phone)
MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generation Facility
MARY RAMOS, Energy Northwest (via phone)

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council and our meeting is open. I would like to have the call to order.

Ms. Mastro?

MS. MASTRO: Department of Commerce position is vacant.

Department of Ecology?

MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, here.

MS. MASTRO: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, on the phone.

MS. MASTRO: Department of Natural Resources?

MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann is on the phone.

MS. MASTRO: Utilities and Transportation Commission is excused.

MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster is on the phone.
CHAIR DREW: She's -- oh, she's on the phone.

MS. MASTRO: Sorry. Chair, there is a quorum.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Is there anyone else who is on the line who would like to introduce themselves?

Okay. As we --

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

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

MR. LICHTENBERG: Scott Lichtenberg with Puget Sound Energy, Wild Horse project.

CHAIR DREW: Okay.

MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. The sound is very difficult to hear from those on the phone. Is there anything we can -- we are in our new hearing room and are checking the audio here. We've checked it before, but I can barely hear it. Can anyone at the Staff table hear?

MR. LIVINGSTON: Chair Drew, there's quite an echo when you're speaking as well.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

MS. BUMPUS: We're -- we're -- here at the
Staff table, it's difficult to hear the folks on the phone and we're also hearing a little bit of an echo.

MR. HENDERSON: The last one was clear, the last statement was clear.

MS. MASTRO: It was Eric Melbardis.

CHAIR DREW: Eric, you were clearer and we could hear better.

So I just ask for people to speak up. I'm going to ask Sonia to say a couple words here and tell me if there's an echo from hers because she has different mics.

MS. BUMPUS: I should just say a couple of words.

CHAIR DREW: Even I can hear an echo.

MS. AITKEN: I'm working on it.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. We will certainly provide that information back and hopefully we'll have it more fine-tuned by the next meeting. Fortunately I expect our meeting today to be pretty short, so we will go ahead.

Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

MR. STEPHENSON: Chair, I will move to approve the agenda.

CHAIR DREW: Second?

MR. LIVINGSTON: This is Mike Livingston, I
will move to second that motion.

    CHAIR DREW: Thank you, and you're coming in

loud and clear now.

    All in favor, say "aye."

    COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

    CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Agenda is adopted.

Yeah, I can hear the echo from me.

    Oh, that's a good suggestion.

    Okay. Next are the minutes. Is there a

motion to approve the minutes?

    MR. STEPHENSON: Chair, I move to approve

the minutes.

    CHAIR DREW: Second?

    MS. BREWSTER: I'll second.

    CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

    All in favor?

    COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

    CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Minutes are adopted.

Okay. Let's move on to our project reports.

Up first, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Melbards?

    MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,

EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Eric Melbards with

EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power

Project. For the reporting period covering the month of

June, we have nothing nonroutine to report. I had also
included with my operations report just a brief
one-pager on the types of emergency drills that we run
at Kittitas Valley. That was based on Ms. Diaz's great
report about some of the emergency drills they were
running.

With our audio issues, I don't know if you
want me to walk through this or if the packet provided
is enough, but I just did want to point out that we
also, like Wild Horse, run drills. We have five annual
drills that we run a year, including a bunch of
scenarios that are somewhat tailored to our SCA. We
have a fire, which includes office evacuation, medical
emergency, tower evacuation drills, severe weather
drills, and hazardous spill drills.

We don't have hazardous materials here, so
we just treat that as an oil spill. And we also have
drills with our contractors that are scenario-based and
sometimes my corporate office springs drills on us as
well. So we also train regularly on trying to learn how
to expect the unexpected.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you. And thank you for
that report, and it is -- you're coming in clearly.
From our end, we can hear you well, so thank you.

Any questions?
Okay. Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind
Power Project.

MR. LICHTENBERG: Yes, thank you, Chair Drew and Councilmembers and Staff. My name is Scott Lichtenberg. I'm the plant manager at Wild Horse Wind Facility for Puget Sound Energy, and I'm happy to report for the month of June we had nothing nonroutine to report.

CHAIR DREW: Great. Thank you very much.

And with us in person, we have Mr. Miller for the Chehalis Generation Facility.

And may I ask if the echo has been resolved from my microphone for those who are listening on the phone?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's much better now.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and Councilmembers and Staff. I'm Mark Miller, the plant manager at the PacifiCorp Chehalis Generation Facility.

I have one nonroutine comment. At the April council meeting, I noted that the Chehalis plant had completed the required Annual Relative Accuracy test audit of continuous emission monitors for each of the combustion turbines during the month of March.

Earlier this month, we discovered a discrepancy in those testing results, and we've been
working with EFSEC Staff to resolve any current concerns or issues. That's all I have at the moment. Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: So you'll be continuing to look into that and reporting to Staff?

MR. MILLER: Absolutely. We're working with Mr. Overton right now and met with him yesterday and we'll respond as it's required.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Overton?

MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton.

CHAIR DREW: I think you'll probably have to get a little closer to the mic there.

MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, and in addition to that, we should have an update on -- on the testing results for the August meeting.

In addition, the planning for the upcoming tour is about complete and the Council should be receiving information shortly on the logistics for that.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. And that will be in the morning of our August meeting. We are looking --

MR. MILLER: And we are looking forward to the visit by the Council and any interested members of the public.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much.
MR. MILLER: Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Moving on to the Grays Harbor Energy Center?

MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton again. Mr. Sherin was unable to attend this meeting. His report indicated there was no -- nothing nonroutine to report. The -- his full report is in the packet. And as of July 1st, the NPDES Permit has been issued and is effective and, again, there was no deviations for the month of June.

CHAIR DREW: And we also had a tour that many members of the Staff and -- I think we had three Councilmembers who attended as well. So that was very informative. That was in June. Thank you.

Columbia Generating Station?

MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Mary Ramos reporting for Energy Northwest. For Columbia Generating Station, I have three topics to report. One is regarding our refuelling and maintenance outage. Columbia Generating Station connected to the grid on June 21st, marking the end of the 24th refuelling and maintenance outage. And then the next topic I would like to provide an update on is regarding our NPDES Permit. On June 10th, Energy Northwest received a letter from EFSEC
requesting additional information regarding our NPDES Permit renewal application. And we have provided the response to those questions on June 24th.

And then on June 25th, EFSEC and Washington Department of Ecology staff visited Columbia Generating Station to inspect the facility's new dechlorination chemical feed project. During the visit, Ecology requested copies of the contracts that Energy Northwest had in place with GE Betz Incorporated. And we have submitted copies of those contract documents as of July 1st.

And then the last topic I have to report is regarding our fire marshal reinspection. On June 24th, the State Fire Marshal Office and EFSEC Staff conducted a fire and life safety reinspection of Columbia Generating Station. And during the closeout meeting on the same day, the Deputy State Fire Marshal confirmed that all open items, which are not being appealed, have been accepted and will be closed out. I have no updates to report for WNP-1/4.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any questions from Councilmembers?

Okay. Thank you very much.

Columbia Solar Project, Ms. Kidder?

MS. KIDDER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
Councilmembers. For the record, my name is Ami Kidder.

There are no updates at this time for the Columbia Solar Project.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Desert Claim?

MS. KIDDER: Thank you. For the Desert Claim Project, EFSEC Staff continues to review the cultural resources monitoring and mitigation plan in coordination with Desert Claim Contractors, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cultural Resources Program, and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Plan submittal and EFSEC approval is a requirement of the Site Certification Agreement.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

MS. KIDDER: Are there any questions on that?

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

MS. KIDDER: Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Now we'll move to the "other" section. And, again, we have Ms. Kidder to give us an Air Rule update.

MS. KIDDER: Thank you, Chair Drew. I'd like to give a brief update on where we are in the rulemaking process. The notice was filed on May 22nd to revise the Washington Administrative Code, or WAC, 463-78 to adopt the current language of applicable
sections of WAC 173.

We are currently within a public comment period that extends through July 20th, which is this Saturday. We have received no public comments nor do we anticipate any as the applicable sections of WAC 173 have already been through the public comment period process through the Department of Ecology. Should those comments be received, Staff will file a form CR-103 signed by Chairwoman Drew, which will initiate a 30-day waiting period until the updates to WAC 463-78 become effective.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much.

And moving on to our final item, the first quarter cost allocations, Ms. Bumpus?

MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus. Good afternoon, Chair Drew and Councilmembers. As we do at the beginning of each quarter, we calculate EFSEC's nondirect cost allocations for the quarter. These allocations are the percentages that are charged to each of the different projects that EFSEC regulates. We review the Staff's technical work that has been done in past quarters and the work anticipated ahead. The percentages on the green sheet in your Council packets show what the different
percentages expected are for the first quarter. I'll go ahead and read off the percentages, and these run from July 1, 2019, to September 30th, 2019.

For Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 10 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 10 percent; Columbia Generating Station, 25 percent; Columbia Solar, 13 percent; WNP-1, 3 percent; Whistling Ridge Energy Project, 3 percent; Grays Harbor 1 & 2, 13 percent; Chehalis Generation Project, 11 percent; Desert Claim Wind Power Project, 9 percent; and Grays Harbor Energy 3 & 4, 3 percent.

CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

Thank you. Hearing none, I think that's all that we had to come before us. Councilmembers, please plan on being here the morning of our August meeting. Of course I don't have the date in front of me, but we will then have the tour of the Chehalis Generation Facility and then come back to our meeting here at 1:30.

So thank you all for your participation and thank you. This is our first trial of our audio system, so we will continue to tweak it. Appreciate all your participation. The meeting's adjourned.

(Adjourned at 1:46 p.m.)
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