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

Assistant Attorney General:

STEPHANIE DUVALL

Council Staff:

- SONIA BUMPUS
- AMI KIDDER
- 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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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 Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site
8 Evaluation Council and our meeting is open. I would
9 like to have the call to order.

10 Ms. Mastro?

11 MS. MASTRO: Department of Commerce position
12 is vacant.

13 Department of Ecology?

14 MR. STEPHENSON: Cullen Stephenson, here.

15 MS. MASTRO: Department of Fish and
16 Wildlife?

17 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, on the
18 phone.

19 MS. MASTRO: Department of Natural
20 Resources?

21 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann is on the phone.

22 MS. MASTRO: Utilities and Transportation
23 Commission is excused.

24 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster is on the
25 phone.

1 CHAIR DREW: She's -- oh, she's on the
2 phone.

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

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

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

8 Okay. As we --

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

11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

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

14 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

15 MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest.

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

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

24 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

25 MS. BUMPUS: We're -- we're -- here at the

1 Staff table, it's difficult to hear the folks on the
2 phone and we're also hearing a little bit of an echo.

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

5 MS. MASTRO: It was Eric Melbardis.

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

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

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

14 CHAIR DREW: Even I can hear an echo.

15 MS. AITKEN: I'm working on it.

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

21 Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

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

24 CHAIR DREW: Second?

25 MR. LIVINGSTON: This is Mike Livingston, I

1 will move to second that motion.

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, and you're coming in
3 loud and clear now.

4 All in favor, say "aye."

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Agenda is adopted.

7 Yeah, I can hear the echo from me.

8 Oh, that's a good suggestion.

9 Okay. Next are the minutes. Is there a
10 motion to approve the minutes?

11 MR. STEPHENSON: Chair, I move to approve
12 the minutes.

13 CHAIR DREW: Second?

14 MS. BREWSTER: I'll second.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 All in favor?

17 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Minutes are adopted.

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

20 Up first, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Melbardis?

21 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
22 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Eric Melbardis with
23 EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
24 Project. For the reporting period covering the month of
25 June, we have nothing nonroutine to report. I had also

1 included with my operations report just a brief
2 one-pager on the types of emergency drills that we run
3 at Kittitas Valley. That was based on Ms. Diaz's great
4 report about some of the emergency drills they were
5 running.

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

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

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

24 Any questions?

25 Okay. Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind

1 Power Project.

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

8 CHAIR DREW: Great. Thank you very much.

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

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

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's much better now.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
17 Councilmembers and Staff. I'm Mark Miller, the plant
18 manager at the PacifiCorp Chehalis Generation Facility.
19 I have one nonroutine comment. At the April council
20 meeting, I noted that the Chehalis plant had completed
21 the required Annual Relative Accuracy test audit of
22 continuous emission monitors for each of the combustion
23 turbines during the month of March.

24 Earlier this month, we discovered a
25 discrepancy in those testing results, and we've been

1 working with EFSEC Staff to resolve any current concerns
2 or issues. That's all I have at the moment. Are there
3 any questions?

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

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

9 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

10 Mr. Overton?

11 MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton.

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

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

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

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

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

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much.

1 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

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

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

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

15 Columbia Generating Station?

16 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
17 Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Mary Ramos reporting
18 for Energy Northwest. For Columbia Generating Station,
19 I have three topics to report. One is regarding our
20 refuelling and maintenance outage. Columbia Generating
21 Station connected to the grid on June 21st, marking the
22 end of the 24th refuelling and maintenance outage.

23 And then the next topic I would like to
24 provide an update on is regarding our NPDES Permit. On
25 June 10th, Energy Northwest received a letter from EFSEC

1 requesting additional information regarding our NPDES
2 Permit renewal application. And we have provided the
3 response to those questions on June 24th.

4 And then on June 25th, EFSEC and Washington
5 Department of Ecology staff visited Columbia Generating
6 Station to inspect the facility's new dechlorination
7 chemical feed project. During the visit, Ecology
8 requested copies of the contracts that Energy Northwest
9 had in place with GE Betz Incorporated. And we have
10 submitted copies of those contract documents as of July
11 1st.

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

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

22 Are there any questions from Councilmembers?

23 Okay. Thank you very much.

24 Columbia Solar Project, Ms. Kidder?

25 MS. KIDDER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and

1 Councilmembers. For the record, my name is Ami Kidder.

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

4 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Desert Claim?

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

13 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

14 MS. KIDDER: Are there any questions on
15 that?

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 MS. KIDDER: Thank you.

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

21 MS. KIDDER: Thank you, Chair Drew. I'd
22 like to give a brief update on where we are in the
23 rulemaking process. The notice was filed on May 22nd to
24 revise the Washington Administrative Code, or WAC,
25 463-78 to adopt the current language of applicable

1 sections of WAC 173.

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

12 Are there any questions?

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you very much.

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

16 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. For the record,
17 this is Sonia Bumpus. Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
18 Councilmembers. As we do at the beginning of each
19 quarter, we calculate EFSEC's nondirect cost allocations
20 for the quarter. These allocations are the percentages
21 that are charged to each of the different projects that
22 EFSEC regulates. We review the Staff's technical work
23 that has been done in past quarters and the work
24 anticipated ahead. The percentages on the green sheet
25 in your Council packets show what the different

1 percentages expected are for the first quarter. I'll go
2 ahead and read off the percentages, and these run from
3 July 1, 2019, to September 30th, 2019.

4 For Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 10
5 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 10 percent;
6 Columbia Generating Station, 25 percent; Columbia Solar,
7 13 percent; WNP-1, 3 percent; Whistling Ridge Energy
8 Project, 3 percent; Grays Harbor 1 & 2, 13 percent;
9 Chehalis Generation Project, 11 percent; Desert Claim
10 Wind Power Project, 9 percent; and Grays Harbor Energy 3
11 & 4, 3 percent.

12 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

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

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

23 (Adjourned at 1:46 p.m.)
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