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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers:

- KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
- MIKE LIVINGSTON, Fish & Wildlife
- KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce (via phone)
- STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities & Transportation Commission
- ROBERT DENGEL, Department of Ecology

Assistant Attorney General:

JON THOMPSON

Council Staff:

- SONIA BUMPUS
- AMI KIDDER
- AMY MOON
- KYLE OVERTON
- STEWART HENDERSON
- JOAN AITKEN
- STEPHEN POSNER

In Attendance:

- JENNIFER DIAZ, Wild Horse Wind Power (via phone)
- CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
- MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generating Station
- BILL SHERMAN, The Environment (via phone)
- MARY RAMOS, Columbia Generating Station (via phone)
- OWEN HURD, TUUSSO Energy (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. This meeting is coming to order.
9 First of all, let's have a call to order.

10 Ms. Aitken?

11 MS. AITKEN: Department of Commerce?

12 MS. KELLY: This is Kate Kelly.

13 MS. AITKEN: Department of Ecology?

14 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, Ecology, present.

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

17 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, here.

18 MS. AITKEN: Department of Natural
19 Resources?

20 CHAIR DREW: Excused.

21 MS. AITKEN: Utilities and Transportation
22 Commission?

23 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, here.

24 MS. AITKEN: Chair, we have a quorum.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1 And now before you, you see the proposed
2 agenda. If you would take a look at that, and then if
3 there is a motion to approve that agenda?

4 MS. BREWSTER: I move that we approve
5 today's agenda.

6 MR. DENGEL: Second.

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

8 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Motion carries.

10 Moving on to the minutes of the December
11 17th meeting, which are in your packets, and I believe
12 we have the three of us who were present for that
13 meeting -- I'm looking to see -- yes -- of those who are
14 here, so that being Mr. Livingston, Ms. Brewster, and
15 myself, is there a motion to approve the minutes from
16 December 17th?

17 MR. LIVINGSTON: Chair, I'll make a motion
18 to approve the minutes.

19 CHAIR DREW: Second?

20 MS. BREWSTER: Second.

21 CHAIR DREW: Any discussions or changes?

22 Hearing none, all those in favor of approval
23 of the minutes from December 17th, 2019, say "aye."

24 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

25 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Minutes are adopted.

1 I would like to pause for a moment, because
2 I didn't do this earlier, to ask if there's anyone else
3 on the phone call who would like to identify themselves?

4 MR. SHERMAN: This is Bill Sherman. I'm
5 here as counsel for The Environment.

6 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, Grays Harbor
7 Energy Center.

8 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy
9 Wild Horse Wind Facility.

10 MR. HURD: Owen Hurd, TUUSSO Energy,
11 Columbia Solar Project.

12 MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, Energy Northwest.

13 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

14 And before we move on to the first part, the
15 Chair is taking a couple moments of personal privilege
16 here to introduce our two new members of the EFSEC
17 Council, which we're really pleased to have on board
18 today.

19 Kate Kelly, who is the representative from
20 the Department of Commerce, is a senior energy policy
21 specialist. She has a strong background in energy and
22 environmental policy. Previously she served as the
23 policy director for the Washington Attorney General's
24 Office, held two director positions at the Environmental
25 Protection Agency, worked in environmental quality and

1 natural resources in Idaho, and served as an Idaho state
2 senator for six years.

3 Welcome, Kelly -- Kate Kelly, Ms. Kelly.

4 MS. KELLY: Thank you.

5 CHAIR DREW: And then moving on to Robert
6 Dengel, who is here with us today as well as the new
7 representative of the Washington Department of Ecology.
8 He is the Air Quality Deputy Program manager at the
9 Department of Ecology. He has extensive and varied
10 experience in state government having also worked at the
11 Superintendent of Public Instruction's Office, the
12 Department of Natural Resources, and the Attorney
13 General's Office.

14 Before his appointment in Ecology's Air
15 Quality Program, Rob served as a state-wide resources
16 manager for their Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and
17 Response Program, and also served as a legislative and
18 strategic policy analyst in the Spills Program.

19 Welcome, Mr. Dengel.

20 MR. DENGEL: Thank you. Glad to be here.

21 CHAIR DREW: So thank you for allowing me
22 that time to introduce our new members. We will now
23 move on to the reports of our operational facilities.

24 Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Overton.

25 MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton, the

1 EFSEC site specialist for the Kittitas Valley Wind
2 Project. For the months of December and January,
3 Kittitas Valley Wind did not have any nonroutine items
4 to report.

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

6 Wild Horse Wind Power Facility, Ms. Diaz?

7 MS. DIAZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair Drew and
8 Councilmembers. For the record, this is Jennifer Diaz
9 with Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility,
10 and I also have nothing nonroutine to report for the
11 month of January.

12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

13 Chehalis Generation Facility, Mr. Miller.

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

17 CHAIR DREW: You might want to move that
18 microphone just a little bit closer for the folks on the
19 phone.

20 MR. MILLER: I have one nonroutine comment
21 to add today. PacifiCorp staff met with EFSEC Staff on
22 Thursday, the 6th of February, to provide an update to
23 one particular requirement of the EFSEC Order No. 836,
24 specifically the condition that the -- of the order that
25 stipulates that PacifiCorp provide \$1.5 million in

1 funding for greenhouse gas emissions -- gas mitigation
2 projects. EFSEC has approved or had approved one
3 contract for the purchase of emission credits and three
4 energy efficiency improvement projects at the generation
5 facility to fulfill this funding requirement.

6 As noted in the report, we received notice
7 from the greenhouse that the green -- one of the
8 contracts, the greenhouse mitigation project included
9 purchase of verifiable emission credits, or VER's, from
10 The National Climate Trust, which changed to The Climate
11 Trust. And the specific project that we were purchasing
12 credits for or from was the Farm Lynden Power Project in
13 Lynden, Washington. That project delivered
14 ninety-five -- or 97.5 percent of the emissions that we
15 had options to purchase up to 70,000 tons. They
16 delivered and will have delivered six thousand -- or
17 67,263 tons.

18 That project had a failure. I shared that
19 notice to Staff that it just did. I think the roof
20 collapsed on the -- the digester and it wasn't
21 economically viable to -- to restart the project.

22 And in addition, we've completed two of the
23 three efficiency projects that we had agreed to in
24 January, I think, 2015 that the Council approved. And
25 the meeting with EFSEC Staff was to discuss PacifiCorp's

1 form and format of reporting not only the -- the status
2 of the VER's project, but also the efficiency project in
3 a standard format that would be acceptable to EFSEC.
4 And we will continue working with EFSEC Staff to --
5 EFSEC Staff to deliver that report.

6 Are there any questions?

7 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

8 So what I understand is you're -- you would
9 be working with EFSEC Staff on any completion of what
10 amounts remain?

11 MR. MILLER: Correct.

12 CHAIR DREW: Yes.

13 MR. MILLER: So there -- there was a small
14 disparity in what we agreed to purchase.

15 CHAIR DREW: Right.

16 MR. MILLER: And those -- those funds that
17 remain or were allocated towards that, we expect it
18 would be accounted for in the third efficiency project.

19 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

20 MR. MILLER: So I think in our discussions
21 with Staff, that they were satisfied -- I defer to Staff
22 to respond to that, but we're progressing well and
23 demonstrate that we -- we have achieved the energy
24 efficiency that we demonstrated. And -- and your
25 contractor, Department of Ecology, reviewed those energy

1 savings calculations, and I think will also likely want
2 to review as we submit that.

3 CHAIR DREW: So this has been a
4 notification, and then you as well as Mr. Overton will
5 let us know what the result is in the future?

6 MR. MILLER: Yes.

7 CHAIR DREW: Yes, okay. Thank you very
8 much.

9 MR. MILLER: All right.

10 CHAIR DREW: Grays Harbor Energy Center,
11 Mr. Sherin.

12 Would you like to start, Mr. Overton?

13 MR. OVERTON: Yeah, this is Kyle Overton,
14 the EFSEC site specialist for the Grays Harbor Energy
15 Facility. I believe for the months of December and
16 January, there were no nonroutine items to report.

17 I do have an update on their ongoing Title V
18 Air Operating Permit process and their public comment
19 period that we're currently in. The Air Operating
20 Permit has been in Ecology's Permit Register database,
21 and the public comment period is being extended to run
22 February 10th through March 11th. Permit Register
23 department of public noticing requirements pursuant to
24 WAC 463-78-005 and WAC 173-401-800.

25 So far, we've received one public comment,

1 which we're reviewing, barring the need for a public
2 hearing, which Staff does not anticipate. The next step
3 process after the comment period closes is to submit the
4 draft permit to the EPA board to review. Are there any
5 questions?

6 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

7 Thank you.

8 MR. OVERTON: Thank you.

9 CHAIR DREW: WNP-1/4 and Columbia Generating
10 Station, Ms. Ramos?

11 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
12 Councilmembers. My name is Mary Ramos, reporting for
13 Energy Northwest. There are not -- no nonroutine
14 updates to report for both WNP-1/4 and Columbia
15 Generating Station.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Moving on to Desert Claim Project update,
18 Ms. Moon.

19 MS. MOON: Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair
20 Drew and Councilmembers. This is Amy Moon, and I will
21 be providing an update for the Desert Claim Project.
22 EFSEC Staff continue to coordinate with Desert Claim;
23 however, at this time, there are no other project
24 updates.

25 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

1 Columbia Solar Project, Ms. Kidder?

2 MS. KIDDER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
3 Councilmembers. For the record, my name is Ami Kidder.
4 I have a brief update for you on the Columbia Solar
5 Project. EFSEC Staff continue coordination with their
6 certificate holder on preconstruction plans and
7 scheduling. I have no further updates for you at this
8 time.

9 CHAIR DREW: Okay. And then the third
10 quarter cost allocation, Ms. Bumpus.

11 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. Good afternoon,
12 Chair Drew and Councilmembers. For the record, my name
13 is Sonia Bumpus. As we do at the beginning of every
14 quarter, I have an update on the EFSEC quarterly Cost
15 Allocation Plan that was approved by EFSEC in
16 September 2004.

17 For nondirect cost allocation for the third
18 quarter fiscal year 2020, Kittitas Valley Wind Power
19 Project, 10 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 10
20 percent; Columbia Generating Station, 25 percent;
21 Columbia Solar, 14 percent; WNP-1, 3 percent; Whistling
22 Ridge Energy Project, 3 percent; Grays Harbor 1&2, 13
23 percent; Chehalis Generation Project, 11 percent, Desert
24 Claim Wind Power Project, 8 percent; and Grays Harbor
25 Energy 3&4, 3 percent.

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CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Any questions?

Okay. Hearing none, are there -- I believe that's all that is on our agenda for today, so this meeting is adjourned.

(Adjourned at 1:46 p.m.)

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