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LENNY YOUNG, Department of Natural Resources
STACEY BREWSTER, UTC

Council for Goose Prairie Project:
BILL SAURIOL, WA Department of Transportation

Council for Horse Heaven Project:
DEREK SANDISON, Department of Agriculture
ED BROST, Benton County

Assistant Attorney General:
JON THOMPSON

EFSEC Staff:
JOAN OWENS
AMI KIDDER
AMY MOON
KYLE OVERTON
PATTY BETTS
STEPHEN POSNER

Also in Attendance:
ERIC MELBARDIS, Kittitas Valley
JENNIFER GALBRAITH, Wild Horse
MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generation
ADAM TOREM, Administrative Law Judge
MARY RAMOS, Columbia Generating Station
BRAD BARFUSS, Columbia Generating Station
CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
BILL SHERMAN, Counsel for The Environment
BLAKE BJORNSON, One Energy
TIM MCMAHAN, Stoel Rives
OWEN HURD, TUUSSO Energy
DAVE KOBUS, Scout Clean Energy
Chair Drew: Good afternoon. This is Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Facility Site Evaluation Council, and I am calling to order our meeting, our monthly meeting for May 2021. Will the clerk please call the roll?

Ms. Owens: Department of Commerce?

Ms. Kelly: Kate Kelly, present.

Ms. Owens: Department of Ecology?

Department of Fish & Wildlife?

Chair Drew: He's excused.

Ms. Owens: Department of Natural Resources?

Mr. Young: Lenny Young, present.

Ms. Owens: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

Ms. Brewster: Stacey Brewster, present.

Ms. Owens: Local government and optional state agencies, the Goose Prairie Project for WSDOT?

Mr. Sauriol: Bill Sauriol, present.

Ms. Owens: For the Horse Heaven Project,

Department of Agriculture?
1  MR. SANDISON:  Yeah, Derek Sandison, present.
2  MS. OWENS:  For Benton County?
3  MR. BROST:  Ed Brost, present.
4  MS. OWENS:  For the Assistant Attorney General?
5  Administrative law judges, John Sull-
6  Johnette Sullivan?
7  MR. TOREM:  Judge Torem -- this is Judge Torem. I'm on the line.
8  MS. OWENS:  Okay. Thank you.
9  For Council Staff, Ami Kidder?
10  MS. KIDDER:  This is Ami Kidder, present.
11  MS. OWENS:  Amy Moon?
12  MS. MOON:  Good afternoon. This is Amy Moon. I'm present.
13  MS. OWENS:  Kyle Overton?
14  MR. OVERTON:  Kyle Overton, present.
15  MS. OWENS:  Patty Betts?
16  MS. BETTS:  Patty Betts, present.
17  MS. OWENS:  Stew Henderson?
18  Stephen Posner?
20  MS. OWENS:  For the operational updates,
Kittitas Valley Wind Project?

MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, present.

MS. OWENS: Wild Horse Wind Power Project?

MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith, present.

MS. OWENS: Grays Harbor Energy Center?

Chehalis Generation Facility?

MR. MILLER: This is Mark Miller, present.

MS. OWENS: Columbia Generating Station?

MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, present.

MR. BARFUSS: Brad Barfuss, present.

MS. OWENS: Counsel for The Environment?

MS. SHERMAN: Bill Sherman, present.

MS. OWENS: Thank you.

And is our court reporter present?

MS. GARLINGHOUSE: This is Tayler Garlinghouse, present.

MS. OWENS: Okay. Chair, there is a quorum for the regular Council and for the Goose Prairie and Horse Heaven Project.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

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

MR. DENGEL: This is Rob -- excuse me. This is Rob Dengel, Ecology, present.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
MR. THOMPSON: This is Jon Thompson with the Attorney General's Office just joining. Thank you.

MR. BJORNSON: And hi, Chair Drew. Blake Bjornson with One Energy Goose Prairie Solar.

MR. McMahan: Tim McMahan with Stoel Rives law firm.

MR. HURD: Owen Hurd with TUUSSO Energy Columbia Solar.

MR. KOBUS: Dave Kobus with Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

We will move on to -- may I have a motion to adopt the agenda?

MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, move to adopt.

MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, second.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any questions or comments or changes? Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting the agenda for today, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR DREW: Opposed? The agenda's adopted.

Now we have before us, I believe, three sets of minutes, so we will go through them one at a time.

The first before us is the informational meeting that was held on March 30th, 2021, the Scout
Clean Energy Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project. The draft minutes have been sent to you. Is there a motion to approve the March 30, 2021 informational meeting minutes?

MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, motion to approve the March 30, 2021 Horse Heaven Wind Project informational meeting minutes.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Second?

MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any corrections or discussion about the minutes from the informational meeting? Hearing none, all those in favor of approving -- approving the informational meeting minutes for Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project March 30, 2021, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR DREW: Opposed? The meetings are approved.

Moving on to the land use consistency hearing Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project March 30, 2021 minutes, is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MR. BROST: Ed Brost, I'll move to approve.
CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, this is the court reporter. I didn't hear that.

CHAIR DREW: I believe that was Mr. Brost?

MR. BROST: Yes.

THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Is there a second?

MR. DENGEL: Motion to second.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you, Mr. Dengel.

Is there any -- are there any corrections or changes to the minutes for the land use consistency hearing from March 30, 2021? Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the minutes from the land use consistency hearing, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR DREW: All those opposed? Minutes are approved.

Moving on to the monthly Council meeting minutes from April 20th, 2021. Is there a motion to approve the monthly -- April monthly Council meeting minutes?

MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, motion to approve April 20th monthly meeting minutes.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Second?
MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, second.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

I do have one correction in the Council minutes and that is page 14, line 5. It says wind lands and it should be wetlands.

Are there other corrections? Hearing none --

MR. KOBUS: Chair Drew, if I could just for a moment. This is Dave Kobus with Scout Clean Energy.

CHAIR DREW: Yes?

MR. KOBUS: Regarding the Horse Heaven Wind Project, I would suggest that the title be changed to delete hills as hills is not really part of the official name of the project.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. And was that in the previous -- where --

MR. KOBUS: Yeah, that was -- that was in two previous documents. I just realized that. You were saying hills and it's -- it's not part of the actual name of the project.

CHAIR DREW: Is that -- I'm sorry, I said it as that -- as it was written. I don't have it in front of me anymore. Let's see.

Maybe you can help me out with this,

Ms. Owens.
MS. OWENS: The land use minutes should be on the screen now. Can you see them?

CHAIR DREW: Oh, okay. Is it also the same as -- in the --

MS. OWENS: It is.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. May I have a motion to then go back and change the title of the informational meeting and the land use consistency hearing meeting titles to eliminate the word "hills" in the title and throughout -- I think it's probably just the title -- as it appears throughout the document?

MR. BROST: As long as it's just the title, this is Ed Brost, I'll motion to approve.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

Is there a second?

MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. All those in favor of deleting the word "hills" from the title on the informational meeting minutes and in the land use consistency hearing minutes, all those in favor?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Thank you.

Okay. Let's take a step back. We were in the middle of the approval of the Council meeting minutes. I apologize. I guess there was a motion on
the floor before I went to make that change. The April monthly meeting minutes with one change as previously stated on page 14, line 5, should be wetlands rather than wind lands. With that amendment, all those in favor of approving the minutes from the April 20th, 2021 Council meeting, please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.
CHAIR DREW: Opposed? The minutes are approved.
Okay. Thank you, everybody. That was a lot to review and to move forward on. So now moving to our project updates. Kittitas Valley Wind Project, is Mr. Melbardis here?

MR. MELBARDIS: Yes, I am.
CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and Staff. For the record, this is Eric Melbardis with EDP Renewables with the Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. We had nothing nonroutine to report for the period.
CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Ms. Galbraith?
MS. GALBRAITH: Yes, thank you, Chair Drew, Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Jennifer Galbraith
with Puget Sound Energy representing the Wild Horse Wind Facility, and I have nothing nonroutine to report for the month of April.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Chehalis Generation Facility, Mr. Miller?

MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Mark Miller, the plant manager representing the PacifiCorp Chehalis Generation Facility. I have one nonroutine note in the submitted report for the month of April.

The Chehalis plant conducted an annual relative accuracy test audit of the continuous emission monitors during the last week of April. The preliminary results were within compliance requirements, and a draft report is currently being reviewed by PacifiCorp corporate environmental staff and it will be submitted to EFSEC Staff this month, the month of May.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Grays Harbor Energy Center, Mr. Sherin?

MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon -- good afternoon, Chair Drew, Councilmembers, and Staff. This is -- this is Chris Sherin, plant manager with Grays Harbor Energy Center. Nonroutine items for the month of April, I'll point out that we did begin our annual maintenance outage on April 15th conducting major
inspections on the gas turbine, the (unintelligible) turbine, and also the -- we're undergoing the implementation of the installation of the AGP on -- on the gas turbines.

Under environment compliance, one -- I need to make one correction on the first bullet. I need to remove the word "emission," because as I'll point out in nonroutine -- for nonroutine items, Grays Harbor submitted a letter notifying EFSEC Staff of an emissions event on April 8th. The event was a technical violation of the Air Operating Permit, but no environmental limits were exceeded. So we're currently working with ORCAA and EFSEC Staff to tell us what the next step with the event is.

Also for nonroutine items, I'll point out that we're in the process of updating our CO2 mitigation planned annual payments for the site certification amendment agreement. Because due to the installation of AGP, it necessitated a change to the annual payments that we make to the Climate Trust, and that plan has been submitted to EFSEC Staff.

That's all I have unless there's any questions.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any questions?
I don't hear any. Thank you, Mr. Sherin.

Moving on to the Columbia Generating Station and WNP-1/4, Ms. Ramos.

MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Mary Ramos reporting for Energy Northwest. For the month of April, I have two items to report.

The first one is Energy Northwest requested and received approval to operate on nonroad engines with a cumulative size greater than 2,000 horsepower on site. And the nonroad engines are being utilized to support Columbia's R-25 refueling and maintenance outage.

The second item I have to report is the Amendment 1 for EFSEC Resolution 347 was issued on April 23. This resolution authorizes fish -- fish collection for the Columbia Generating Station Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program.

That's all I have.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any questions?

Hearing none, we will be moving on to the Desert Claim Wind Power Project. Ms. Moon?

MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair Drew and Councilmembers. For the record, this is Amy Moon providing an update on the Desert Claim Project.
EFSEC Staff continue to coordinate with Desert Claim; however, currently there are no other project updates.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

Moving on to the Columbia Solar Project.

Mr. Overton.

MR. OVERTON: Yes, this is Kyle Overton, the EFSEC site specialist overseeing the Columbia Solar Project. I have two items today for Columbia Solar.

The first being that EFSEC Staff, we continue to coordinate with the facility and our contractors on preconstruction plan review. This includes review and coordination on the initial site restoration plan, or the ISRP, as required by Washington Administrative Code or WAC 463-72-040 and their site certification agreements. EFSEC Staff are working with the certificate holder to finalize these ISRPs and after which they will be presented to the Council for their approval.

Is there any questions on that part?

CHAIR DREW: My question would be, you were working on that now, do you expect that you will have it to the Council before the June meeting so that Councilmembers can review it and then we'll have an opportunity to discuss it at the June meeting?

MR. OVERTON: That's our goal. We're --
we're very close to getting a final product. There's just a few items to work out. So that's our current goal, yes, have it ready for June 15th meeting.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

Any other questions?

Okay. Go ahead.

MR. OVERTON: All right. So my next item here, you know, Staff are also continuing to work with the certificate holder on issuing permits required prior to construction. I noticed intent for each of the three facilities to be covered under general construction stormwater permits for the three sites were submitted by the certificate holder on April 28th.

In accordance with WAC 463-76-041, a 30-day public comment period is required prior to issuing these permits. The public comment period is scheduled to start on May 19th and will continue on June -- or conclude on June 18th. Notice has been distributed to our mailing lists and posted in the Daily Record paper in Ellensburg, Washington. Comments will be accepted in writing via email and via our online comment database, which can be found on the EFSEC website.

Are there any questions for that?

CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from Councilmembers?
I don't see anyone raising questions. Thank you.

MR. OVERTON: Yep, thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Oh, Goose Prairie Solar Project, Mr. Overton.

MR. OVERTON: Yeah, this is Kyle Overton again, the EFSEC site specialist for Goose Prairie. Two items here also.

The Staff continue to coordinate with the applicant and our contractors on review of their application materials, and a site visit was conducted on May 4th with representatives from One Energy, Department of Ecology, and WFW present. The purpose of the site visit was to conduct the wetland screening and to aid the ongoing wildlife and habitat impact review for the State Environmental Policy Act or SEPA. That was a general update on the current status of the project there.

The next item, WAC 463-43-050 requires that a SEPA determination is needed prior to making a decision regarding the applicant's request for expedited processing. WAC 463-43-050 also requires a decision on expedited processing 120 days after receipt of their request or such time later as is mutually agreed by the applicants and Council.
EFSEC received the request for expedited processing on January 21st making May 21st the 120-day mark. On May 14th, EFSEC received requests from One Energy with the support of EFSEC Staff to extend the expedited processing determination deadline to the completion of the SEPA review and issuance of determination. One Energy is requesting the deadline be extended to the date of the July Council meeting and a copy of this request letter is included in the Council packets.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from Councilmembers?

MS. MOON: Chair Drew?

CHAIR DREW: Yes?

MS. MOON: This is Amy Moon. I had to step away real quick. So did I miss my Horse Heaven Wind Project update?

CHAIR DREW: No, we're still on Goose Prairie.

MS. MOON: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: So there before you on the screen is the letter from One Energy requesting the extension. As I understand it, this doesn't require Council action since this is agreed to both by the
applicant and by our Staff, but that is for your
information, that 120 days, the consideration for
expedited processing will be extended to July 15th. Any
questions from Councilmembers?

MS. KIDDER: Chair Drew, if I could --

CHAIR DREW: Yes, Ms. Kidder?

MS. KIDDER: -- make a quick comment. This
is Ami Kidder for the record. The language in WAC
463-43-050 does say within 120 days of receipt of
application or such time -- such later time as is
mutually agreed upon by the applicant and the Council.
As previously mentioned, Staff does recommend agreement
with this request, and previously the Council has taken
votes on this request, although it is not explicitly
required to be voted on. But we would like to make sure
that the Council has no concerns with approving this.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you, Ms. Kidder.

Are there any concerns with approving this
extension?

Okay. Sounds like this is agreed upon by
the Council since we have no -- no disagreements on
that.

MS. KIDDER: Thank you, Chair Drew.

CHAIR DREW: Moving on to the Horse Heaven
Wind Project, Ms. Moon.
MS. MOON: Okay. Thank you, Chair Drew.

Good afternoon, Council Chair Drew and Councilmembers.

For the record, this is Amy Moon providing an update on Horse Heaven Wind Project. EFSEC issued a State Environmental Policy Act, otherwise known as SEPA, determination of significance and request for comments of scope of environmental impact statement, which is an EIS, for the Horse Heaven Wind Project on May 11th. The notice stated that an EIS will be prepared and identified wildlife habitat, visual aesthetics, and land use as environmental elements that require a detailed analysis.

In addition, the notice stated that additional information is required before the -- before determining the level of analysis in the EIS for air, water, and water includes wetlands, water quality, and water resources, plants, energy and natural resources, environmental health, noise, light and glare, historical resources, and cultural resources.

The EIS will at a minimum include a no action alternative and the applicant's proposal. EFSEC will determine the full scope of the EIS including the range of alternatives to be analyzed at the end of the scoping period after comments are reviewed. A public comment period for the scoping is open until June 10th,
which allows for a 30-day comment period from the date of posting, which was May 11th.

And on May 10th, EFSEC Staff, an Ecology wetland scientist, and the applicant met at the project site for a wetland site visit. We visited several locations that had been identified during a desktop published resource review as potential wetlands and no wetlands were found.

Does the Council have any questions?

CHAIR DREW: So, again, the scoping notice has been sent to everyone on our list and is also on our website if people would like to take a look at that and how to respond; is that correct?

MS. MOON: Correct.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Are there questions from Councilmembers?

Okay. I don't hear any. Thank you. We look forward to information following this scoping period.

And at this point, that concludes our agenda. So this meeting is adjourned and our next meeting will be -- and of course I did not put the date in front of me -- third Tuesday of June. We will talk to you all and expect additional information particularly on the Columbia Solar Project at a minimum
before that if we -- if we can get that to you. Thank you. We are adjourned.

(Adjourned at 1:57 p.m.)
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