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2 Councilmembers:

- 3 KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
- KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce
- 4 ROB DENGEL, Department of Ecology
- MIKE LIVINGSTON, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 5 LENNY YOUNG, Department of Natural Resources
- STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities and Transportation Commission

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7 Local Government and Optional State Agencies, Dept.
of Transportation:

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BILL SAURIOL

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10 Horse Heaven Wind Project, Department of Agriculture:

11 DEREK SANDISON

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Assistant Attorney General:

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JON THOMPSON

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15 EFSEC Staff:

- 16 SONIA BUMPUS
- AMI HAFKEMEYER
- 17 AMY MOON
- STEW HENDERSON
- 18 JOAN OWENS
- JOE WOOD
- 19 SEAN CHISHOLM
- KYLE OVERTON
- 20 ANDREA GRANTHAM

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Also Present:

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- JENNIFER GALBRAITH, PSE Horse Heaven
- 23 OWEN HURD, Tuusso Energy
- MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generation
- 24 BILL SHERMAN, The Environment
- MEGAN SALLOMI, The Environment
- 25 CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor

1 A P P E A R A N C E S (Cont.)

2 Also Present:

3 MARSHALL SCHMITT, Energy Northwest
4 ERIC MELBARDIS, EDP Renewables

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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 Washington State Energy
8 Facility Site Evaluation Council, and I'm calling our
9 October meeting to order.

10 Ms. Owens, will you call the roll?

11 MS. OWENS: Department of Commerce?

12 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

13 MS. OWENS: Department of Ecology?

14 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, present.

15 MS. OWENS: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

16 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, present.

17 MS. OWENS: Department of Natural Resources?

18 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

19 MS. OWENS: Utilities and Transportation
20 Commission?

21 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.

22 MS. OWENS: Local Government and Optional
23 State Agencies for the Goose Prairie Project, Department
24 of Transportation?

25 MR. SAURIOL: Bill Sauriol, present.

1 MS. OWENS: For the Horse Heaven Project,
2 Department of Agriculture?

3 MR. SANDISON: Here.

4 MS. OWENS: Benton County?

5 Assistant Attorney General Jon Thompson?

6 MR. THOMPSON: Jon Thompson, here.

7 MS. OWENS: Administrative Law Judge
8 Johnette Sullivan?

9 Adam Torem?

10 Moving on to Council Staff, Sonia Bumpus?

11 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, here.

12 MS. OWENS: Ami Hafkemeyer?

13 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Ami Hafkemeyer, present.

14 MS. OWENS: Amy Moon?

15 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, here.

16 MS. OWENS: Kyle Overton?

17 MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, here.

18 MS. OWENS: Joe Wood?

19 MR. WOOD: Joe Wood, present.

20 MS. OWENS: Sean Chisholm?

21 MR. CHISHOLM: Sean Chisholm, present.

22 MS. OWENS: Stew Henderson?

23 MR. HENDERSON: Stew Henderson, here.

24 MS. OWENS: Andrea Grantham?

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Andrea Grantham, present.

1 MS. OWENS: For operational updates,
2 Kittitas Valley Wind?

3 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, present.

4 MS. OWENS: Wild Horse Wind Power Project?

5 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith, present.

6 MS. OWENS: Grays Harbor Energy Center?

7 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present.

8 MS. OWENS: Chehalis Generation Facility?

9 MR. MILLER: Mark Miller, present. And I
10 also have with me the operations manager, Stephen
11 O'Schmidt [phonetic], here.

12 MS. OWENS: Thank you.
13 Columbia Generating Station?

14 MR. SCHMITT: Marshall Schmitt, present.

15 MS. OWENS: Columbia Solar?

16 MR. HURD: Owen Hurd, present.

17 MS. OWENS: Chair, there is a quorum for the
18 regular Council and for the Goose Prairie and Horse
19 Heaven Council.

20 CHAIR DREW: And our counsel for The
21 Environment?

22 MS. OWENS: Oh, I'm sorry.

23 MR. SHERMAN: Yeah, thank you. Bill Sherman
24 and Megan Sallomi as counsel for The Environment.

25 MS. OWENS: Thank you.

1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

2 Moving on to our proposed agenda, we have --
3 you have before you on the screen proposed agenda for
4 today's meeting. Is there a motion to adopt the
5 proposed agenda?

6 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, motion to approve
7 agenda.

8 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

10 Any discussion?

11 All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."

12 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

14 The agenda is adopted.

15 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have
16 two sets of minutes this month. We have the
17 September 21st, 2021 monthly meeting minutes. Is there
18 a motion to approve the September 21 monthly meeting
19 minutes?

20 MR. LIVINGSTON: This is Mike Livingston. I
21 will move to approve the September 21st meeting minutes.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 Second?

24 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, second.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

1 Any discussion or corrections?

2 Hearing none, all those in favor of
3 approving the September 21, 2021 monthly meeting
4 minutes, please say "aye."

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

7 Minutes are approved.

8 Moving on to the September 27th, 2021 Goose
9 Prairie public comment meeting minutes. Is there a
10 motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Goose
11 Prairie public comment meeting?

12 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey Brewster. I
13 will move that we approve the meeting minutes from the
14 September 27th Goose Prairie public comment meeting.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Second?

17 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, second.

18 CHAIR DREW: Any comments or corrections?

19 Hearing none, all those in favor of
20 approving the minutes for the September 27th Goose
21 Prairie public comment meeting, please say "aye."

22 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

23 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

24 Meeting minutes are approved.

25 Moving on to the operational updates,

1 Kittitas Valley Wind Project, Mr. Melbardis.

2 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
3 EFSEC Council, and Staff. For the record, this is Eric
4 Melbardis with EDP Renewables speaking on behalf of the
5 Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project. We had nothing
6 nonroutine to report for the period.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind Facility,
9 Ms. Galbraith?

10 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes, thank you, Chair Drew,
11 Councilmembers, and Staff. For the record, this is
12 Jennifer Galbraith with the Wild Horse Wind Facility for
13 Puget Sound Energy. I have one update for the month of
14 September.

15 We had our annual Technical Advisory
16 Committee meeting via conference call on September 28th.
17 The TAC reviewed the results of the five years of
18 monitoring sage grouse habitat restoration efforts and
19 voted on a motion that the alternative sage grouse
20 conservation measures have been achieved and no
21 additional action and/or mitigation is recommended at
22 this time. The TAC voted six to one in favor of the
23 motion.

24 And I believe that Kyle Overton will now
25 present the full motion and the TAC recommendation for

1 the Council's consideration.

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

3 Mr. Overton?

4 MR. OVERTON: Yes, thank you. This is Kyle
5 Overton, the site specialist for Wild Horse. So I have
6 some additional history and background on this TAC
7 decision that is before the Council today.

8 In 2010, the EFSEC Council voted to approve
9 the unanimous TAC recommendation for alternate
10 conservation measures, which would satisfy the
11 mitigation measure requiring the ~~inflation~~ ^{Installation} of perch
12 ~~[phonetic]~~ discouragers for the project.

13 One of the alternative measures called for
14 the identification of an appropriate location for the
15 improvement of habitat suitable for sage grouse nesting
16 and ~~[inaudible]~~ ^{brood rearing}. Through an adaptive management process
17 in 2013, a refined management plan was developed and
18 implemented for the improvement of this habitat area.
19 This updated restoration plan called for a five-year
20 monitoring requirement of the restoration area, which
21 concluded in 2020.

22 Since all that, a recommendation on future
23 of sage grouse mitigation activities at the Wild Horse
24 Project was developed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
25 and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. This

1 recommendation is for the continuation of the current
2 mitigation practices such as control of noxious weeds
3 and maintaining cattle-exclusion fencing. And they're
4 listed out on the document on the screen now, those --
5 the mitigation measures that are continued.

6 And it also calls for closing out the
7 requirement to monitor the habitat restoration area and
8 also calls for the TAC to continue to coordinate if
9 conditions surrounding sage grouse warrant additional
10 measures in the future.

11 The recommendation states that based on the
12 results of, you know, mitigation efforts, the objective
13 of the 2010 alternative mitigation measures have been
14 met and no further actions or mitigation measures are
15 recommended at this time.

16 This recommendation was presented to members
17 of the Wild Horse TAC during the September 2021 TAC
18 meeting, and members voted to approve adopting the
19 measures in this recommendation and present this to the
20 EFSEC Council for their consideration.

21 The EFSEC Council has, you know, the
22 ultimate authority on adopting mitigation measures --
23 mitigation requirements for the project, and at this
24 time, the Wild Horse TAC and EFSEC Staff are requesting
25 the Council to consider the recommendation on sage

1 grouse mitigation.

2 Are there any questions?

3 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

4 Are there any questions for either
5 Mr. Overton or Ms. Galbraith?

6 MR. LIVINGSTON: Chair Drew, this is Mike
7 Livingston.

8 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

9 MR. LIVINGSTON: I -- I don't have a
10 question. I just want to comment that this is very
11 helpful to have the -- the notes from the TAC meeting
12 and to review the discussion that occurred during that
13 meeting. We had two of our Fish and Wildlife employees
14 in those discussions, including Mike Ritter, who is our
15 renewable energy biologist, and our sage grouse
16 specialist, Dr. Mike Schroeder, in those discussions.

17 And so I just wanted to comment that it was
18 helpful to have the notes and see the dialogue that went
19 on and I can see where their -- their positions are for
20 us. So just wanted to make that comment.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Yes, it was -- it
22 was very good to have the detailed information. I think
23 it's allowed all of us to be prepared for -- for this
24 meeting and this action item.

25 Are there other comments?

1 Is the -- is there anyone who would like to
2 make a motion?

3 MR. LIVINGSTON: Yeah, Chair Drew, I am
4 happy to make a motion. So I would move that the
5 Council approve the Technical Advisory Committee's
6 recommendation that Puget Sound Energy has fulfilled the
7 required restoration and monitoring for sage grouse
8 mitigation, and that in conjunction with the ongoing
9 mitigation measures, no additional action or mitigation
10 is required.

11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

12 Is there a second?

13 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, second.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 Any further comments or discussion?

16 Okay. All those in favor of the motion,
17 please say "aye."

18 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIR DREW: The motion is adopted.

20 Thank you and thanks to all who have
21 participated in this work.

22 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you.

23 CHAIR DREW: Next we have Centralia
24 Generating Facility. Sorry, looking at the small print
25 there from my perspective. Mr. Miller?

1 MR. MILLER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
2 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Mark Miller, the
3 project manager representing the PacifiCorp Chehalis
4 Generating Facility. I have one nonroutine comment for
5 the month of September.

6 On September 14th during the special
7 meeting, the EFSEC Council approved PacifiCorp's request
8 to buy water from the City of Chehalis with commitment
9 to fund certain conservation measures. Following
10 receipt of the approved resolution, the Chehalis
11 facility began taking water on September 15th. The
12 river returned to the above minimum flow of 165 cubic
13 feet per second on the 19th of September.

14 The Chehalis Generation Facility purchased
15 3.91 acre feet of water from the City during this low
16 flow period. The total approved purchase per EFSEC
17 Resolution 350 was 20 acres.

18 I have been in contact with the City of
19 Chehalis mayor, Dennis Dawes, and the director of the
20 Chehalis Basin Partnership, Kirstin Harma and
21 [inaudible] to these entities have stipulated to the
22 resolution prior to December 1st, 2021.

23 Again, thank you for the Council's attention
24 and support, and are there any questions?

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. And thank you for

1 the correction.

2 Are there any questions for Mr. Mark Miller
3 from the Chehalis Generating Facility?

4 I know it's been quite an interesting
5 process here, and appreciate the work that everyone's
6 put in to make this a success and ensure the right
7 things are done for the continued operation of your
8 facility and also for the Chehalis Basin. So thank you.

9 MR. MILLER: Thank you.

10 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to the Grays Harbor
11 Energy Center, Mr. Sherin.

12 MR. OVERTON: Chair Drew, I have a quick
13 update on the Chehalis --

14 CHAIR DREW: Oh --

15 MR. OVERTON: -- status.

16 CHAIR DREW: -- yes, you do. Mr. Overton,
17 Air Operating Permit.

18 MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton again, the site
19 specialist for the Chehalis Facility. And during the
20 September Council meeting, the EFSEC Council voted to
21 approve the release of the Draft Air Operate- --
22 Operation Permit renewal documents for the Chehalis
23 Facility for a 30-day public comment period.

24 That public community period will run
25 through October 22nd, and then pending any comments

1 received, it will then be released to the EPA for a
2 45-day comment period, which will start on the 23rd of
3 October and conclude on December 7th. And at this time,
4 no comments have been received.

5 That's the update I have for you. Are there
6 any questions?

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you for the update.

8 Any questions for Mr. Overton?

9 Thank you.

10 Now moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center,
11 Mr. Sherin.

12 MR. SHERIN: Afternoon, Chair Drew,
13 Councilmembers, EFSEC Staff. This is Chris Sherin,
14 plant manager for Grays Harbor Energy Center, and this
15 month I have nothing nonroutine to report.

16 CHAIR DREW: Great. Thank you.

17 Columbia Generating Station and WNP-1/4,
18 Mr. Schmitt?

19 MR. SCHMITT: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
20 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Marshall Schmitt
21 reporting for Energy Northwest. I have one update.

22 As previously reported during the last
23 Council meeting, Energy Northwest submitted a written
24 report regarding the potential release of silicone oil
25 to the Columbia River, and then on September 29th Energy

1 Northwest received a written response from EFSEC
2 concluding that no further reporting is required
3 regarding this event.

4 I have no other updates for Columbia
5 Generating Station nor Washington Nuclear Project 1/4.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

7 Columbia Solar, Mr. Hurd?

8 MR. HURD: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
9 Councilmembers, and EFSEC Staff. This is Owen Hurd from
10 TUUSSO Energy reporting on the Columbia Solar Project.
11 A brief construction status update.

12 At Penstemon, all modules have been
13 delivered, installation is underway. We've just
14 received torque tubes, which has been stuck in the Port
15 of Seattle, but they're now being installed and the
16 interconnection work is underway.

17 On Camas, all modules have been delivered
18 and installation will generally follow Penstemon. We
19 are still waiting on delivery of torque tubes, which a
20 portion of them are still stuck in the Port of Seattle.

21 On Urtica, which is -- follows behind that,
22 we're focussing on resolving pile refusals, which have
23 been higher than expected, and we'll be trying some
24 different approaches next week including first drilling
25 pile holes.

1 I will be submitting an updated kind of
2 detailed schedules as part of our quarterly update in
3 the next week or so, but in the meantime, I'll just
4 provide a little bit more color for the Council.

5 The timelines are very difficult to pin down
6 right now because of this torque tube issue. They're on
7 a critical path for completion of the projects and --
8 and as you see in the news, there's just -- there's --
9 the Port congestion is a big issue, so we're following
10 up every day, but we don't have a very specific ETA.

11 Generally completing Penstemon is the
12 highest priority both because of our power purchase
13 agreement and the fact that PSE is using a portion of
14 the project for their Community Solar program. As a
15 result, we've been borrowing equipment including torque
16 tubes from Urtica in an effort to keep crews busy and
17 moving along.

18 So at the moment, we expect Penstemon to
19 have permission to operate by end of the year, the final
20 testing in January and February.

21 Urtica, which will be the last to be
22 completed, I think we'll be shooting for permission to
23 operate by the end of Q1.

24 And Camas will be somewhere in between the
25 two depending on when the torque tubes arrive.

1 In terms of environmental compliance, we're
2 hydroseeding this week on -- partially hydroseeding this
3 Penstemon this -- this week as a means of keeping dust
4 under control. Golder and Northwest Code have continued
5 their ongoing inspections. Nothing there to report, and
6 nothing to report on safety.

7 On other items, we met with Department of
8 Ecology and WDFW this past week to discuss planting
9 plans, which we're working on. That's moving along.
10 We're also completing the operations phase reports and
11 getting our first TAC meeting on the calendar, which
12 we're also coordinating with EFSEC Staff on.

13 And then lastly, I just wanted to give you
14 an update on the transaction with Greenbacker. Things
15 are moving along according to plan. We're hoping to
16 close by the end of this month or -- or early next
17 month. Greenbacker's currently working on the final
18 documentation required to replace site restoration
19 national assurance currently by TUUSSO with performance
20 guarantee, and we're continuing to work with EFSEC Staff
21 and Jon Thompson to get that in final form so...

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Sounds like a
23 really challenging situation that you're dealing with
24 and uncertainty as when product is going to arrive.

25 MR. HURD: Yeah, yeah. It has -- it has --

1 there's lot of moving parts for sure.

2 CHAIR DREW: Are there any other questions
3 for Mr. Hurd?

4 Okay. Thank you for your update.

5 Moving on to the Desert Claim Wind Power
6 Project, Ms. Moon?

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

12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

13 Now we're moving on to Horse Heaven Wind
14 Farm with the SEPA update. Ms. Moon?

15 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair
16 Drew and Councilmembers. Once again, this is Amy Moon
17 providing an update on the Horse Heaven Wind Project.
18 EFSEC Staff wants to provide the Council with an update
19 on the Horse Heaven Wind Project Draft Environmental
20 Impact Statement, or DEIS, schedule.

21 We have been working closely with our
22 contractor, Golder, to establish a schedule that
23 includes time for data collection, analysis of potential
24 adverse environmental impacts, mitigation analysis for
25 each element of the environment, and cumulative impacts.

1 Preparation of the schedule included factfinding tasks
2 and establishing an annotated schedule of content, which
3 is the backbone of the DEIS.

4 Three data requests were submitted to the
5 applicant to clarify information included in the
6 application, which included questions on each element of
7 the environment. Most of the data requests have been
8 fulfilled; however, some visual esthetic data requests
9 and air emission estimates are pending with anticipated
10 completion in October.

11 At this time, the Draft Environmental Impact
12 Statement is scheduled to be issued for public comment
13 in mid May of 2022. EFSEC Staff anticipate a minimum
14 30-day public comment period.

15 This working schedule was developed with
16 several assumptions, and updates to the schedule may
17 need to be made as the DEIS process evolves. The
18 schedule is driven by the multiple complex options
19 presented within the application over a large footprint
20 and high public interest.

21 Adjudication hearings will follow the public
22 comment period to give agencies, tribal governments, and
23 the public time to review the DEIS information prior to
24 adjudication. EFSEC Staff are actively working with
25 Judge Torem to schedule the adjudication.

1 The issuance scheduled for the final EIS, or
2 FEIS, will be dependent on the number and content of
3 comments received. The issuance of the FEIS is
4 anticipated no sooner than the end of 2022. As work
5 progresses on the DEIS, we will be available to assess
6 the assumptions made to develop the working schedule and
7 be able to provide an update on the schedule by February
8 of 2022.

9 Does the Council have any questions?

10 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for
11 Ms. Moon?

12 Thank you very much for the thorough update
13 as usual.

14 MS. MOON: You're welcome.

15 CHAIR DREW: We are now moving on to the
16 Goose Prairie Solar Project for a project update and
17 Staff recommendation. Mr. Overton?

18 MR. OVERTON: Thank you. Again, this is
19 Kyle Overton, the site specialist working on the Goose
20 Prairie Solar Project application.

21 So in front of the Council today is a Draft
22 Site Certification Agreement and a draft recommendation
23 report to the governor. And some -- I'll do a brief
24 recap here.

25 In January 2021, EFSEC received an

1 application for site certification, or ASC, for the
2 Goose Prairie Solar Project, and in conjunction with
3 that, application for consideration under expedited
4 processing was also received.

5 On August 6th, the Council voted to approve
6 the request for expedited processing after mitigated
7 determination of nonsignificance was issued on July 30th
8 and a decision on land use consistency was made on June
9 15th.

10 On September 27th, a public comment meeting
11 was held to receive public comment relating to condition
12 use criteria, and after this meeting, EFSEC Staff
13 developed a Draft Site Certificate Agreement and
14 associated recommendation to the governor for the EFSEC
15 Council's consideration.

16 WAC 463-43-080 requires Council to make a
17 recommendation to the governor within 60 days of
18 approving expedited processing. This deadline was
19 extended to October 31.

20 Once the Council has made the
21 recommendation, under WAC 463-64-030, the Governor's
22 Office would have 60 days to take on -- to take one of
23 three actions: Approval of the application and
24 executing the Draft SCA; reject the application; or
25 direct the Council to reconsider certain aspects of the

1 Draft SCA.

2 If the Council chooses to approve the Draft
3 SCA and recommendation at this meeting, EFSEC Staff
4 anticipates transmitting the documents to the Governor's
5 Office on October 20th and with the 60-day review
6 timeline to run through December 19th.

7 At this time, Staff would like to request
8 the Council take action to approve the draft
9 recommendation report, which recommends approval of the
10 Goose Prairie Project, and also approve the Draft Site
11 Certification Agreement.

12 Are there any questions?

13 CHAIR DREW: Councilmembers, you have
14 received the Draft Certification Agreement and the order
15 recommending the Goose Prairie Solar Project to be
16 approved. Are there questions about the documents that
17 you have received or any clarification needed or
18 questions for the Staff?

19 I myself thought it was very thorough and
20 well prepared, so I was pleased with the package that we
21 received.

22 Is there, then, a motion to approve the
23 draft recommendation to the governor and the Draft Site
24 Certification Agreements and recommend approval of the
25 Goose Prairie Solar Project?

1 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel. I move that we
2 approve the Staff's draft recommendation to the governor
3 and Draft Site Certificate Agreements and recommend
4 approval of the Goose Prairie Solar Project.

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

6 Is there a second?

7 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

8 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

9 Any comments or discussion about the
10 project?

11 MS. BREWSTER: This is Stacey Brewster. I
12 would like to echo, Chair Drew, your statement. Thank
13 you to the Staff for all of the well prepared
14 information and all the work you've done on this.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Any other comments?

17 MR. DENGEL: This is Rob Dengel. I will
18 just note that this was a very well put together,
19 straightforward project with proper mitigation given its
20 scope. So kudos to Staff.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. One Energy, kudos
22 to One Energy. Oh, and you said to Staff and also to
23 One Energy Renewables for their work on it. I'm adding,
24 sorry about that.

25 Any other comments?

1 Well, I do know that this has been a project
2 that as others have said as well was well put together
3 and also a lot of work put in by Staff as well as the
4 agencies, particularly Fish and Wildlife, and the
5 applicant to resolve issues and to work through issues
6 throughout the process.

7 So I'm very pleased to ask for a roll call
8 vote on this motion for the recommendation to be
9 forwarded to the governor for approval of the Goose
10 Prairie Solar Project. Ms. Owens --

11 MS. OWENS: Department of Commerce?

12 CHAIR DREW: -- will you call the roll?

13 MS. OWENS: Department of Commerce?

14 MS. KELLY: Aye.

15 MS. OWENS: Department of Ecology?

16 MR. DENGEL: Aye.

17 MS. OWENS: Department of Fish and Wildlife?

18 MR. LIVINGSTON: Aye.

19 MS. OWENS: Department of Natural Resources?

20 MR. YOUNG: Aye.

21 MS. OWENS: Utilities and Transportation
22 Commission?

23 MS. BREWSTER: Aye.

24 MS. OWENS: Department of Transportation?

25 MR. SAURIOL: Aye.

1 CHAIR DREW: And I vote aye.

2 Thank you. That looks like a unanimous
3 recommendation to me. Thanks again, everyone, for your
4 work.

5 We have a couple other items for the good of
6 the order or perhaps just additional items on our
7 agenda. And we do have a new project that has been
8 submitted to us for review and that is Badger Mountain.
9 And Sean Chisholm will tell us a little bit about it
10 and what the schedule is.

11 Mr. Chisholm?

12 MR. CHISHOLM: Hello, Chair Drew and other
13 respected members of the Council. For the record, this
14 is Sean Chisholm, site specialist of the Badger Mountain
15 Solar Project. I just wanted to say that we have
16 received an application for Badger Mountain Solar
17 Project October 7th of 2021. The application can be
18 found at the EFSEC website. Staff are beginning to
19 review and work on establishing coordination of agencies
20 and other parties.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. And I know already
22 that Ms. Owens is looking for a time where we can
23 schedule the public informational meeting and land use
24 hearing, and she has been pulling members, and we will
25 be getting back to you in a short time about scheduling

1 that next meeting as well.

2 Moving on to the second quarter cost
3 allocation, Ms. Bumpus.

4 MS. BUMPUS: Oh, good afternoon, Chair Drew,
5 and Councilmembers. Thank you very much. For the
6 record, this is Sonia Bumpus. My only update for you
7 today is just on the second quarter fiscal year 2022
8 nondirect cost allocations. So I will just read these
9 off very quickly here.

10 For Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 5
11 percent; for Wild Horse Wind Project, 5 percent;
12 Columbia Generating Station, 26 percent; Columbia Solar,
13 11 percent; WNP-1, 3 percent; Whistling Ridge, 3
14 percent; Grays Harbor 1&2, 9 percent; Chehalis
15 Generation Project, 10 percent; Goose Prairie Solar, 7
16 percent; Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project, 12 percent; and
17 our new Badger Mountain Project, 6 percent. And that
18 concludes my update on the nondirect cost allocation.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 With that, our meeting for today is
21 adjourned. Thank you all for your participation.

22 (Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.)

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