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(All participants appeared via videoconference)

REPORTED BY: CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, RPR, CCR 2121
Appearances

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STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities and Transportation Commission
LENNY YOUNG, Department of Natural Resources
Local Government and Optional State Agency for the Horse
Heaven Project and Badger Mountain Project:
DEREK SANDISON, Department of Agriculture
JORDYN GIULIO, Douglas County
ED BROST

Assistant Attorney General:
JON THOMPSON

Administrative Law Judge:
ADAM TOREM

EFSEC Staff:
SONIA BUMPUS
AMI HAFKEMEYER
ANDREA GRANTHAM
DAVE WALKER
STEWART HENDERSON
JOE WOOD
AMY MOON
PATTY BETTS

Guests:
OWEN HURD, Tusso Energy
FELICIA PAXTON, Columbia Generating Station, WNP 1/4
STEFANO SCHNITGER, Chehalis Generation Facility
CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
BILL SHERMAN, Counsel for the Environment
MEGAN SALLOMI, Counsel for the Environment
SARAH REYNEVELD, Counsel for the Environment
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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Washington Energy Site -- Facility Site Evaluation Council. I'm calling our meeting today, June 21st, to order.

Ms. Owens, will you please call the roll?

MS. OWENS: Department of Commerce.

CHAIR DREW: Excused.

MS. OWENS: Department of Ecology.

CHAIR DREW: Excused.

MS. OWENS: Department of Fish and Wildlife.

(No verbal response.)

MS. OWENS: Department of Natural Resources.

MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

MS. OWENS: Utilities and Transportation Commission.

MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.

MS. OWENS: The local government and optional state for the Horse Heaven project, Department of Agriculture.

MR. SANDISON: Derek Sandison, present.
MS. OWENS: Benton County?
I saw Ed on the line earlier. I'm not sure if he's muted.
Moving on to Badger Mountain, Douglas County.

MS. GIULIO: Jordyn Giulio, Douglas County, present.

MS. OWENS: Thank you.
For -- the Assistant Attorney General Jon Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: Jon Thompson, present.

MS. OWENS: Administrative Law Judge Adam Torem.

JUDGE TOREM: I'm here on the line.

MS. OWENS: Is Laura Bradley on the line?
For EFSEC Council staff, Sonya Bumpus.

MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, present.

MS. OWENS: Ami Hafkemeyer.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

THE COURT: Amy Moon.

MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.

MS. OWENS: Joe Wood.

MR. WOOD: Joseph Wood, present.

MS. OWENS: Patty Betts.

MS. BETTS: Patty Betts, present.
MS. OWENS:  Stew Henderson.

MR. HENDERSON:  Stewart Henderson, here.

MS. OWENS:  Andrea Grantham.

MS. GRANTHAM:  Andrea Grantham, present.

MS. OWENS:  Dave Walker.

MR. WALKER:  Dave Walker, present.

MS. OWENS:  For operational updates,
Kittitas Valley Wind Project.

Wild Horse Wind Power Project.

MS. GALBRAITH:  Jennifer Galbraith, present.

MS. OWENS:  Grays Harbor Energy Center.

MR. SHERIN:  Chris Sherin, present.

MS. OWENS:  Chehalis Generation Facility.

MR. SCHNITGER:  Stefano Schnitger present.

MS. OWENS:  Columbia Generating Station and WNP 1/4.

MS. PAXTON:  Felicia Nahara-Paxton, present.

MS. OWENS:  Columbia Solar.

MR. HURD:  Owen Hurd, present.

MS. OWENS:  Counsel for the Environment,
Bill Sherman.

MR. SHERMAN:  Bill Sherman is present.

However, to -- to clarify, Sarah Reyneveld, who is also on the line, is counsel for the Environment for Horse Heaven and for High Top & Ostrea.
And Megan Sallomi will be joining us later as counsel for the Environment for Badger Mountain and will be for Wautoma Solar when we have an opportunity to send an appointment letter.

MS. OWENS: Okay. Great. Thank you. I've got that down.

Chair, I believe there's a quorum for the Council and for the additional projects, Horse Heaven and Benton and Badger Mountain.

CHAIR DREW: I am actually not sure we have a quorum for the Council. However, we do not have Council action, so we can proceed.

Because I count three for the Council. I did not hear that Mr. Livingston was on the line.

So we would have a quorum for Horse Heaven and for Badger Mountain but not our regular Council. But again, as we do not have actions planned, that won't inhibit our work today.

So moving forward, then. I think what I need to do, perhaps, is to forgo the approval of the monthly minutes and the informational minutes until we do have a quorum. And I will say we will move forward on our proposed agenda.

We will take the minutes up in our July meeting.
So let's move on, then, to the project and operational updates.

Kittitas Valley Wind Project. That would be Amy Moon. Ms. Moon.

MS. MOON: Yes. Thank you, Council Chair Drew and Council.

For the record, this is Amy Moon providing an update for Eric Melbardis of Kittitas Valley. Mr. Melbardis is not available to present the update. I'm going to direct your attention to the Council packet for a written copy of his update. There are no non-routine items to report. And if you look at his written update, he provided the power generated at 30,958 megawatt hours capacity factor of 41 percent with no incidents, no sound complaints, and no shadow flicker complaints.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Moving on to the Wild Horse Wind Facility.

Ms. Galbraith.

MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you, Chair and Council Members.

This is Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility.

CHAIR DREW: Ms. Galbraith, your sound is
echoing there.

MS. GALBRAITH: I know. I hear that. I'm not sure why. Interesting.

CHAIR DREW: I think you are good now.

MS. GALBRAITH: Shall I try to continue?

CHAIR DREW: Yes, please.

MS. GALBRAITH: Okay. Thank you.

So, again, this is Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility and I have no non-routine updates for the month of May. Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you. It may be that someone is not muted who is on this call in this meeting. So if you can check to make sure you're muted if you're not speaking, that will help us hear those who are speaking more clearly.

Okay. Moving on to the Chehalis Generation Facility, Mr. Schnitger.

MR. SCHNITGER: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, Council members and staff. This is Stefano Schnitger, Operations Manager for the Chehalis Generation Facility.

The Chehalis Plant was in a planned maintenance outage for the month of May. And other than that, I have nothing else non-routine to report.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.
Moving on to the Grays Harbor Energy update.

Mr. Sherin.

MR. SHERIN: Chair Drew, Council members, EFSEC staff, good afternoon. This is Chris Sherin, the Plant Manager for Grays Harbor Energy Center. For the month of May we have no new or non-routine items to report and we did finish our maintenance outage May 13th.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

I -- moving on to Columbia Generating Station and Washington -- WNP, Washington Nuclear Project 1 and 4. WNP 1 and 4.

We have a new person reporting to us today, Felicia Nahara Paxton.

Is that how you pronounce your name?

MS. PAXTON: It is. You did a great job. I appreciate that.

CHAIR DREW: Sure.

MS. PAXTON: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council and staff. I am speaking on behalf of Columbia Generating Station. We had normal operations. We -- May of 2022, we had one update regarding CGS workers and contractors wrapping up the Dry Cask Storage Campaign on May 27th.

And that is all. Thanks so much.
Chair Drew: Okay. Thank you.
Moving on to Columbia Solar.
Mr. Hurd.

Mr. Hurd: Good afternoon, Chair Drew, Council members, and EFSEC staff. This is Owen Hurd from Tuusso Energy reporting on the Columbia Solar projects.

On Penstemon, all communications issues with interconnections have now been resolved and the plant is operational.

On Camas, we achieved completion back in March and are just finishing up and testing and preconditioning activities. Substantial completion is expected shortly, either at the end of this month or into July.

Urtica, we finally completed all the power mediation and installation of the structures and the modules. The schedule is looking like mechanical completion potentially by the end of this month, but more likely July and then substantial completion, I think, early August, which is, I think, different than it was when I submitted this. But, yeah.

Beyond that, we're updating appointment plans, which will be submitted to EFSEC for review shortly. And the site restoration financial assurance...
for the facility has been provided to EFSEC from
Greenbacker. And so with this in place, my
understanding is that all of the provisions of the SC
transfer are complete.

CHAIR DREW: That is correct. And we do
have the letter from Ms. Bumpus in the Council packet
saying that we have received and reviewed the Standby
Trust Agreement and Letters of Credit from Greenbacker
and that we have determined these instruments are
sufficient and hereby release Tuusso from financial
responsibility for these projects. Thank you.

MR. HURD: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Next we have the Horse Heaven
Wind Project.

MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council Chair
Drew and Council members.

For the record, this is Amy Moon providing a
State Environment Policy Act update on the Horse Heaven
Wind Project.

In May, EFSEC staff continued to work
closely with our contractor, Golder, on the preparation
of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which people
shortened to "Draft EIS."

Most of the Draft EIS has been through a
first review and our focus is on completing second draft
reviews, refinement of the Draft EIS chapters, and further development of proposed de-minimization and mitigation opportunities.

Ami Hafkemeyer will present an update on the schedule and EFSEC's work with the Washington Attorney General's Office regarding the adjudication plans.

Does the Council have any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from Council members?

We will now move on to the DEIS schedule update.

Ms. Hafkemeyer.

MS HAFKEMEYER: Thank you, Chair Drew and Ms. Moon.

Good afternoon. For the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer. I do have an update for you on the Draft EIS schedule. We are intending to issue the DEIS in August of this year. EFSEC is working closely with our contracted agencies and seeking some additional tribal input for the EIS and the incorporation of this information has extended the drafting of some sections of the EIS as well as the staff's review of some sections.

We are anticipating a 30-day public comment period upon issuance of the EIS.
Are there any questions?

SCHAIR DREW: Are there any questions for Ms. Hafkemeyer?

MR. YOUNG: Yeah, this is Lenny Young. I have a question.

To what extent will the DEIS address greenhouse gas emissions and carbon?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: We do have information in our air resources section of the Draft EIS where we will cover some discussions to the -- to those topics, to greenhouse gases and carbon.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Any other questions?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Are there any other questions? Or should I go on to the next part of my update?

CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Okay. I also have a brief adjudication update before handing the floor over to Judge Torem.

EFSEC staff have created a SharePoint document library in which we will be providing both SEPA and adjudication materials for the Council's review. So when exhibits or other materials are ready for the Council to review, they will be replaced in the Council
SharePoint library for this project.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Judge Torem, you are now going to give us a presentation on adjudication?

JUDGE TOREM: Yes. Good afternoon, Chair Drew and, of course, other Council members.

In fact, for all of our Council members, I'm going to give you a brief, very high-level overview of what to expect when we actually commence an adjudication for the Horse Heaven Wind Project or any of the other projects that might make it all the way to a contested adjudication.

If you've looked at our WACs, Chapter 463-30 governs adjudicative proceedings. And as you may know from other quasi-judicial proceedings, we go forward under EFSEC using the Administrative Procedure Act or the APA.

What's really important for you to know as Council members is that our -- our WAC makes the Council, as a whole, the presiding officer. It allows for us to utilize an Administrative Law Judge to handle the procedural things. But the ultimate decision on each of these projects comes from you, the individual Council members, acting individually and as a whole. So
you truly are the judges.

What's your role in an adjudication?

It is a little different than today where

you are listening for input and although we're not

seeing any Council action today, when you take action

under an adjudication, your role is an evaluator of

evidence and you are the ultimate decision-makers.

This means that there's going to be -- and

I'll talk about this a little bit later, not today --

limits on your ability to communicate with each other

and limits on your ability to communicate with

participants and the public. It's what we call "limits

on ex parte communication."

I'll give you a detailed handout on that in

the future and a detailed briefing. But just know, as

your role changes in an adjudication, your most

important aspect to keep clear: You have to be fair;

you have to be impartial in your fact finding; you've

got to stay open-minded about the ultimate outcome of

things; and you've got to be free from any undue

influence.

So keeping those roles in mind, what is an

adjudication and how does it kick off?

You'll see this in the weeks ahead, probably

sometime in July or early August, when the Council
issues an order commencing adjudicative proceeding.

That's the formal notice we give to all of the public that we're taking up an application and setting a formal hearing under the APA. We'll identify the parties to each one of these projects. All of you that are members of the Council, your agency is going to be a party and may be actively participating in it. The applicant will be a party. Council for Environment will also be a party.

But then there come the interveners. These are other members of the public or group that think they have a sufficient and discrete interest in some or all aspects or a proposed project that they want to be actively involved as litigants, not just giving a public comment, but calling witnesses, cross-examining witnesses, and acting through counsel, typically, at the hearing to influence things and present evidence for you to consider.

There will be in that order commencing adjudicative proceeding a deadline for petitions for intervention to be filed, and then those will be ruled upon by the Council and various interveners will be granted status and given status as to what their limitations might be if they are on a particular topic. If they are aligned with other parties, they will be
grouped together so we can have an efficient proceeding. 

There are a number of details about how that 
occurs in the order commencing adjudicative proceeding 
and those are taken from our WAC as well and our RCWs. 

At this point, the Council hasn't done 
anything, but I, as the Administrative Law Judge for 
Horse Heaven will then schedule a prehearing conference 
with those interveners and other parties, and at that 
time we'll start to really put dates on a calendar and 
coordinate with the Council members to make sure we know 
exactly when the hearing is going to be held; what 
method it's going to be held by. Probably given our 
current state of government and post-COVID restrictions, 
it will be a hybrid hearing or an entirely virtual 
hearing.

What do you have to do?

Show up. Be there. Be ready.

And what does it mean to "be ready"?

Those prehearing conferences are going to 
set a schedule for parties to present their evidence. 
Some of it will be presented in advance. Parties, 
typically in these proceedings, have witnesses that give 
detailed expert opinions and they give the foundation 
for those topics that they are testifying on -- they 
give their background and qualifications and they submit
that in writing in advance of what's called "pre-filed testimony."

That's probably how the Horse Heaven Wind Project is going to go ahead.

The parties will most likely choose to present their expert testimony direct exam in advance. They'll call the witness at the hearing; they'll adopt that written testimony. Maybe they'll add a few more things. But you've had to have read that in advance so you are ready to understand the content of the other party's cross-examination and ready to ask your own questions.

You will be involved, at some point, probably using that document library that Ami referenced earlier to have access to pre-filed testimony and to prepare your questions.

The APA hearing is where the parties bring everything together. That's the formal hearing. And again, you should plan on attending each and every hearing session so you can hear the evidence, see the evidence, and have that opportunity to ask questions.

If you're absent, you're definitely going to be required to review a transcript from any missed session and that can be a bit tedious. But if necessary, if you have an excused absence, it makes sure
that you are fully informed by the time we get to the end of the hearing.

We'll be scheduling substantive presentations by topic. If you take a look at WAC 463-30-300, it has a general suggestion of how the Council expects to conduct the hearing by topic and schedule those things. And I'll be working with the parties, with the applicant, with Counsel for the Environment, and with the interveners to set up when those presentations will be going forward.

We'll also have a separate public comment hearing so that members of the public have a chance to give you their input in one, two, or three minute bursts. We'll see how that goes, depending on how many people sign up.

Then, deliberations. Once all the evidence is in, the Council has to put it all together. The applicant and the interveners will have done their job. Now it is up to us, as a council -- it is up to you as a council to make sure you've taken in all that evidence and evaluate it in conjunction with any of the legal briefing that's provided as well.

I hear we're getting a bit of an echo. So if people could check their mute button.

The idea for those deliberations is to
resolve each and every contested issue presented to the
Council as a result of the application and the
adjudication.

You're going to be discussing approval
versus rejection of an application and all the
appropriate conditions you would suggest on the project
and on the individual sites.

And, finally, that all gets reduced to
writing as a recommendation to the Governor. The
recommendation has a lot of moving parts and on top of
the narrative that sets out who the parties were and who
the issues -- what issues were raised and how the
Council resolved them; there will be findings of fact
and conclusions of law; and then there will also be the
Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The DEIS that has been mentioned multiple
times leading up to today and is supposed to come out in
August. That will be after the public comment and
everything else turned into a Final Environmental Impact
Statement or "FEIS," and that will go in the
recommendation to the Governor.

So the adjudication track is informed by
SEPA and the DEIS, but those are two separate tracks
that come together, again, in the recommendation to the
Governor.
So what do you take from this?

We're really at the point where we're ready to tell Council members soon. We'll be scheduling a time for the adjudication. How much time, I can't tell you. It depends on the number of witnesses and contested issues, but it could be a week. It could be longer. It could be a little bit shorter. But in the ballpark of a full week of a hearing, multiple hours per day and some evenings we'll be scheduling something called an adjudication to what I've just given you -- really the 30,000-foot overview of what to expect.

But again, your role, be there, evaluate, and you individually judge and discuss and deliberate that evidence.

Chair Drew, I hope that that gives them an idea of what's coming in this case and perhaps in Badger Mountain and others to follow.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

I will ask Council members -- that was a lot of information from Judge Torem -- are there any questions at this point? Understanding that we will give more details and more opportunities for questions as it goes forward.

MR. YOUNG: Judge Torem, this is Lenny Young with DNR.
Could you speak specifically to limits on our communications within our own organization? In my case, within my own agency.

JUDGE TOREM: Yes. Mr. Young, at this point, as we get ready to have the adjudication, you're a member of the Council and also doing your own job in your agency.

For all of the Council members, you know the Horse Heaven Project is something you can't discuss actively with other members of your agency that might be taking a position as a party in the case. They can't have any communication with you that might influence your deliberations that doesn't occur in an open EFSEC meeting as part of adjudication or one of these monthly meetings.

So if you're at DNR-specific meetings that might bring up the Horse Heaven Project, be sure to identify yourself as an EFSEC Council member and, therefore, you might have to step out of the room and not participate in any substantive discussions about this project that's pending before your role as a Council member.

You could be in the room for things that just come up procedurally, such as talking about when they might be scheduling a discussion or if there are
dates to participate in a hearing.

   But if it is beyond procedural matters, you would have to step out and excuse yourself.

   If you do find yourself in a position where you've heard things, step out of the room. But then come back to the Council and you'll have a chance to report, oh, I was at a meeting. I accidently didn't realize they were going to go into substance. But I did step out of the room.

   That kind of report can cure an ex parte communication and make sure you're not unintentionally disqualified from participating in some or all of the ongoing adjudication.

   I'll get you some more detailed rules and suggestions on how to avoid ex parte communications that are improper and give you a handout on that in the weeks ahead for all Council members to review.

   But just consider that you can't hear anything and participate in anything that might unduly influence your participation in EFSEC's adjudication.

   I hope, Mr. Young, that gives you a little flavor of what to avoid when you are back doing your regular duties at DNR.

MR. YOUNG: Yes, it does. Thank you.

Would the same guidance generally apply to
internal written communications and reports and memos and such?

JUDGE TOREM: I would think, yes. I would defer a little bit to your legal counsel or to Attorney General John Thompson on specific items. If you're receiving routine communications as part of a pass around the agency and you've got to sign off on pieces, you might ask your supervisors to take you off anything that circulates on a project pending before EFSEC for a contended adjudication.

It just depends on the nature of what's in those written communications. If they are advocating a DNR position that will be taken up before EFSEC, that's a pretty clear line.

If they are just mentioning who they are hiring to do their expert testimony, you're going to know that in the course of things. So that would be a procedural item, I would think.

If you have specific questions, you can -- you can contact me and/or Mr. Thompson and we can go over it with you today together and have a much more "here's what's happening specifically" and give it more specific advice.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, sir. Much appreciated.
JUDGE TOREM: You're welcome.

CHAIR DREW: Are there other questions from Horse Heaven Wind Project, Council members?

MR. BROST: This is Ed Brost. I just have one question for the judge.

Would you have what you've said in the -- the two-minute overview you gave, do you have that summarized in a written document of some sort you can share?

JUDGE TOREM: I do, Mr. Brost. I just have a very brief bullet point outline that I can make sure you get the most updated copy of. I will submit that to the EFSEC manager and let her circulate that to Council members.

There will also be -- still in process of being updated from the last one used in 2015 -- an adjudication introduction to the process. And that will also include the ex parte communication guidelines that we've mentioned today.

So if you'd like the bullet point outline, that's available now. And I'll circulate the updated copy of that to EFSEC staff to pass that along.

MR. BROST: Super. That would be great.

Thank you.

CHAIR DREW: Any other questions?
Again, we're hearing typing, so whoever is typing, please mute. Thank you.

Before we leave the topic of the Horse Heaven Wind Project, I want to let the Council know --

I'm hearing an echo on myself there.

Okay.

And all those who are present at this meeting that we did take an action during last monthly meeting, which is the Order on Land Use Consistency.

And we were unable to hear from Councilman Brost during the proceeding because of technical difficulties. But he did send an email asking that his vote be recorded as a "no" vote.

And so I wanted to say that into the record, because that is how it is reflected following those communications.

So moving on, then. I think are we ready to move on to our next agenda item.

I think we are.

Goose Prairie Solar Project, and I believe that is Mr. Wood.

Mr. WOOD: Yes, thank you.

Good afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff.

This is Joe Wood providing the monthly
updating for the Goose Prairie Solar Project in Yakima County, Washington.

EFSEC staff continues to work with Brookefield, the new owner of Goose Prairie, LLC, on preconstruction surveys and plans. Recently a rare plant survey was performed. We don't know the results of that yet. But the results of that will inform the habitat mitigation plan and other pre-construction and construction plans.

In terms of construction schedule, I thought it was worth mentioning that Brookefield hopes to begin construction in the fall of 2022, if possible. But a target date of completion is actually before the end of 2023. And so that's largely due to apparently some supply chain issues. But construction schedule certainly depends on timely submission of draft plans and modifications to those.

That said, EFSEC will continue to work with Brookefield to obtain all the required surveys and needed preconstruction and construction plans and we'll continue to update the Council as things progress.

And that's all I have for today. Thanks.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Are there any questions for Mr. Wood?

Thank you.
Moving on to our next item on the agenda is Badger Mountain update.

Ms. Hafkemeyer.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you, Chair Drew.

Again, this is Ami Hafkemeyer for the record.

EFSEC staff are working in review of the SEPA scoping comments and with the SEPA-responsible official to narrow the resources to be examined for the Draft EIS.

EFSEC staff are also coordinating with the applicant and Department of Natural Resources to potentially schedule a site visit in the coming weeks as needed.

Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: And that would be a site visit for the staff?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: For EFSEC staff to attend with the applicant and the Department of Natural Resources in support of cultural resources information.

CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. For that purpose, we will plan to have a Council site visit in the future, but not during this phase of the project. I just wanted to clarify that.

Are there any other questions for
Ms. Hafkemeyer?

Okay. Thank you.

Moving on to the Whistling Ridge Project update.

Ms. Hafkemeyer.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

EFSEC staff are waiting for the certificate holder to submit the remaining materials for the SCA amendment request. They have let us know that they will need a little bit more time to put that together. And we will keep the Council up-to-date as we receive more information.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

Moving on to High Top & Ostrea.

Ms. Hafkemeyer.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

On June 1st, EFSEC held the public informational meeting and the land use consistency hearing. We had three speakers at the informational meeting and one at the land use consistency hearing. No comments were received online for these meetings.

EFSEC is continuing its review of the application and coordination with our contracted agencies.
Are there any questions?

CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

And again, we will review and approve the minutes for those two projects at -- I mean, for those two meetings of that project at the next Council meeting since we are unable to do so today.

Okay. Thank you.

And then moving on to Wautoma Solar Project update.

Ms. Hafkemeyer.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

EFSEC staff are currently working on our review of this application and are coordinating with their contracted agencies for their review.

Staff are also working to schedule the public informational meeting and land use consistency hearings for this project. So if you have not already heard from EFSEC staff about your availability, we will be reaching out shortly to determine what everybody's schedules are for those meetings.

CHAIR DREW: Do we have roughly a time frame that we are looking at for those meetings?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Our time frame, I'm afraid the date for the 60-day timeline is escaping me, but I want to say mid to late August.
CHAIR DREW: Okay. And that's because of the fact that we received the application, but we received the deposit by the applicant later and we are going by the deposit -- the date of the deposit from the applicant for the 60-day time frame; is that correct?

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Correct. Technically, the deposit is not -- or the application is not technically received in full until EFSEC has received the deposit. And so that's where we start calculating our timelines.

CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

I just wanted to also -- the Council members to have in mind an expectation of when those meetings might occur.

So we're looking at mid to late August.

MS. HAFKEMEYER: Correct.

Are there any questions from Council members at this time?

CHAIR DREW: Any other questions?

Okay. Hearing none. Thank you.

And that concludes our agenda for today.

So at this point, we will adjourn and we'll see everybody next month. Thank you for your time.

(Meeting concluded at 2:07 p.m.)

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I, CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the videoconference monthly Council meeting on JUNE 21, 2022, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of July, 2022.

CRYSTAL R. McAULIFFE, RPR, CCR #2121