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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
MONTHLY MEETING  
March 19, 2025  
Lacey, Washington  
Reporter: Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR

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2 STATE AGENCY MEMBERS:

3 Kurt Beckett, Chair  
4 Elizabeth Osborne, Commerce  
5 Eli Levitt, Ecology  
6 Nate Pamplin, Fish and Wildlife  
7 Lenny Young, Natural Resources  
8 Stacy Brewster, Utilities & Transportation  
9 Commission

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OPTIONAL STATE AGENCIES:

8 Carriger Solar:  
9 Matt Chile, Klickitat County

10 Wallula Gap:  
11 Adam Fyall, Benton County

12 Goldeneyer BESS:  
13 Robby Eckroth, Skagit County

13 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:

14 Jon Thompson  
15 Zack Packer  
16 Talia Thuet

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24	Sara Randolph	Alondra Zalewski
25	Sean Greene	Sairy Reyes
	Lance Caputo	Trevin Taylor
	John Barnes	Patty Betts
	Joanne Snarski	Dave Walker

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3 OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

4 Jarred Caseday,  
Kittitas Valley Wind, EDP Renewables

5 Jennifer Galbraith,  
6 Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Puget Sound Energy

7 Chris Sherin,  
Grays Harbor Energy Center, Grays Harbor Energy

8 Jeremy Smith,  
9 Chehalis Generation Facility, PacifiCorp

10 Katie Hall,  
Columbia Generating Station & WNP-1/4, Energy  
11 Northwest

12 Thomas Cushing,  
Columbia Solar, Tuusso Energy

13 Nelson Jia,  
14 Goose Prairie Solar, Brookfield Renewable

15 Ryan Keeney,  
16 Ostrea Solar, Cypress Creek Renewables

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,  
2 March 19, 2025, at 621 Woodland Square Loop Southeast,  
3 Lacey, Washington at 1:31 p.m., the following Monthly  
4 Meeting of the Washington State Energy Facility Site  
5 Evaluation Council was held, to wit:

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9 CHAIR BECKETT: Good afternoon. This  
10 is Kurt Beckett with the Energy Facility Site Evaluation  
11 Council calling this meeting to order. Ms. Grantham,  
12 would you call the roll, please.

13 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, but first,  
14 Chair, I don't think your mic was on, was it?

15 CHAIR BECKETT: It's good to know I  
16 can get my inevitable first mistake accomplished early.  
17 Good afternoon again. This is Kurt Beckett, Chair  
18 of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council calling  
19 this meeting to order.

20 Ms. Grantham, would you call the roll, please.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly, Chair.  
22 Department of Commerce.

23 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne,  
24 present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Ecology?

1 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish and  
3 Wildlife.

4 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, present.

5 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural  
6 Resources.

7 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

8 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &  
9 Transportation Commission.

10 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster,  
11 present.

12 MS. GRANTHAM: For Local Government  
13 and Optional State Agencies, for Hop Hill Solar project  
14 for Benton County, Paul Krupin.  
15 For Carriger Solar, Klickitat County, Matt Chiles?

16 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: For Wallula Gap for  
18 Benton County, Adam Fyall.

19 MR. FYALL: Adam Fyall is here.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: For Goldeneye BESS for  
21 Skagit County, Robby Eckroth.

22 MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth, here.

23 MS. GRANTHAM: For Assistant Attorney  
24 General, Jon Thompson.

25 MR. THOMPSON: I'm here.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer.  
2 MR. PACKER: Present.  
3 MS. GRANTHAM: And Talia Thuet.  
4 MS. THUET: Present.  
5 MS. GRANTHAM: Do we have any  
6 Administrative Law Judges present?  
7 Hearing none, Council Staff, I will call those that  
8 are anticipated to speak today.  
9 Sonia Bumpus.  
10 MS. BUMPUS: Present.  
11 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer.  
12 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.  
13 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon?  
14 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.  
15 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph.  
16 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.  
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.  
18 MR. CAPUTO: Present.  
19 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.  
20 MR. BARNES: Present.  
21 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski.  
22 MS. SNARSKI: Present.  
23 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to  
24 Operational Updates for Kittitas Valley Wind.  
25 MR. CASEDAY: Jarred Caseday, present.



1 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse Wind Power  
2 project.

3 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,  
4 present.

5 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy  
6 Center.

7 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present.

8 MS. GRANTHAM: Chehalis Generation  
9 Facility.

10 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating  
12 Station.

13 I was told that Katie Hall would be present. Is  
14 Katie Hall present?

15 Moving on to Columbia Solar.

16 MR. CUSHING: Cushing, present.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Goose Prairie Solar.

18 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: And Ostrea Solar.

20 MR. KEENEY: Ryan Keeney, present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: And is there anyone  
22 present for the Counsel for the Environment?

23 MR. KOROL: Yuriy Korol and Sarah  
24 Reyneveld, present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Chair,

1 there is a quorum for all councils.

2 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. We have  
3 the proposed agenda in front of us. Is there a motion to  
4 adopt the proposed agenda?

5 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Is there a  
7 second?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.  
10 All those in favor of adopting the agenda please say  
11 "aye."

12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. The agenda  
14 is adopted.

15 Moving on to meeting minutes we have the December --  
16 excuse me, the February 19 monthly meeting minutes in  
17 front of us. Is there a motion to approve the monthly  
18 meeting minutes?

19 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, so  
20 moved.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Is there a  
22 second?

23 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, second.

24 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Were there  
25 any corrections to the minutes before us? I did not have

1 any.

2 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, no edit. I  
3 will just be abstaining because I missed that meeting.

4 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well.

5 Okay. With no corrections then and a motion on the  
6 table to approve the minutes, all those in favor say  
7 "aye."

8 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Okay. The  
10 minutes are approved.

11 Moving on to our Operational Updates, I believe  
12 Kittitas Valley Wind project is up first.

13 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair  
14 Beckett and EFSEC Council staff, this is Jarred Caseday  
15 with EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power  
16 project, we had nothing nonroutine to report for the  
17 period.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Wild Horse  
19 Wind.

20 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair  
21 Beckett, Council members and staff, for the month of  
22 February, I do not have any nonroutine updates.

23 However, I would like to update the Council on the  
24 recent plane crash that occurred at Wild Horse on March  
25 4th. On the evening of Tuesday, March 4th, a small

1 private plane was reported missing to the Grant County  
2 and Kittitas County Sheriff Departments, who began  
3 searching for the plane along the Grant County side of  
4 the Columbia River.

5 At 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th, the Kittitas  
6 County Sheriff and Search & Rescue arrived at Wild Horse  
7 to search for the missing plane in the area of the wind  
8 farm.

9 PSE opened the Renewable Energy Center for the  
10 incident command staging area, and shortly after 9:00  
11 a.m. the Wild Horse plant manager located the crashed  
12 plane on PSE owned property on the north slope of Whiskey  
13 Dick mountain at about 3800 feet and approximately half a  
14 mile southwest of the Wild Horse substation, a quarter  
15 mile east of the Wild Horse solar facility.

16 At around 9:00 a.m. a Life Flight helicopter landed  
17 at the crash site and found the pilot deceased, and for  
18 the remainder of the day the Kittitas County Sheriff, the  
19 Kittitas coroner, the FAA and the NTSB conducted their  
20 investigation.

21 It appears the pilot encountered a fast moving storm  
22 that was traversing from west to east across Wild Horse.  
23 Wind gusts were documented at over 40 miles per hour, the  
24 sleet and snow reducing visibility to less than one mile.

25 However, as the NTSB investigation is ongoing and we

1 hope to learn about the cause when their investigation is  
2 complete. There were no impacts to wind farm  
3 infrastructure or facilities from either the storm or the  
4 plane crash.

5 On Friday, March 7th, the NTSB dispatched Interstate  
6 Aviation to remove the plane wreckage from the crash  
7 site. PSE contacted the Department of Ecology, and  
8 following removal of the wreckage PSE dispatched a geo  
9 engineer to evaluate the site for any spilled fuel or  
10 fluids. And based on visual and field screening  
11 observations, the spill from the plane crash impacted an  
12 area of approximately 550 yards and was mostly contained  
13 onto the three feet of snow and ice.

14 On Tuesday, March 11th, geo engineers, US Ecology,  
15 the spill cleanup contractor, and a cultural resource  
16 monitor from Puget Sound Energy arrived on site to  
17 further evaluate the extent of the spill and clean up  
18 what they could.

19 **A total of 47 bags of contaminated snow and ice was**  
20 **removed for transport and off site disposal. Work**  
21 **efforts were conducted by hand to minimize the potential**  
22 **for ground disturbances. To further reduce the potential**  
23 **for soil disturbances, the soil was not excavated or**  
24 **removed from the site.**

25 **Based on observations and field screening results,**

1 it appears the soil immediately below the plane wreckage  
2 is impacted and will require additional action. In  
3 coordination with the Department of Ecology, geo  
4 engineers will be on site again when weather conditions  
5 improve to complete sampling for the delineations of  
6 impacted soil. At that time, erosion and sediment  
7 control measures will be installed to prevent any soil  
8 migration via stormwater from the impacted area, and a  
9 bioremediation solution will be applied to the impacted  
10 soil to aid in the breakdown of the petroleum.

11 Approximately, four to six months following the  
12 application of the solution performance soil samples will  
13 be obtained from the remediation area. These samples  
14 will be compared to state cleanup levels and the need for  
15 further action will be evaluated.

16 The cleanup plan has been communicated with the  
17 Department of Ecology of an independent remedial action  
18 to treat the petroleum contaminated soil at the crash  
19 site. The plan verification sampling will evaluate the  
20 effectiveness of the actions to meet the cleanup  
21 standards under MTCA for unrestricted land use.

22 Additionally, the plan takes into consideration the  
23 need to minimize disturbance to the local environment, as  
24 well as state requirements for mitigating threats to  
25 human health and the environment.

1           **And I would be happy to answer any questions that**  
2 **the Council may have.**

3                           CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms.  
4 Galbraith, for the very thorough update, and under the  
5 terrible circumstances our condolences certainly to the  
6 family of the pilot and others involved. There's a list  
7 of details that go with any operating event of any kind,  
8 so we appreciate your thoroughness.

9           Are there other questions or comments from the  
10 Council? Okay. Hearing none, thank you, Ms. Galbraith.

11                           MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you.

12                           CHAIR BECKETT: Moving on to Chehalis  
13 Generation.

14                           MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair  
15 Beckett and Council members, EFSEC staff, this is Jeremy  
16 Smith, the operations manager representing the Chehalis  
17 Generation Facility. There are no nonroutine items to  
18 report to today.

19                           CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on  
20 to Grays Harbor Energy Center.

21                           MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair  
22 Beckett, Council members, and EFSEC staff, Chris Sherin,  
23 plant manager of Grays Harbor Energy Center, I also have  
24 no nonroutine items to report for the month of February.

25                           CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much.

1 Moving on to Columbia Solar.

2 MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair  
3 Beckett, EFSEC staff, this is Thomas Cushing with  
4 Columbia Solar. There are no nonroutine updates to  
5 report.

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Moving on  
7 to Columbia Generating station and WNP-1/4, not sure if  
8 our Energy Northwest representative is with us.

9 MS. HALL: I am here. I apologize for  
10 any technical difficulties. Good afternoon, Chair  
11 Beckett and EFSEC Council, this is Katie Hall on behalf  
12 of Energy Northwest, Columiba Generating Station and  
13 Washington Nuclear Project 1/4 for March 2025.

14 We are currently gearing up for our biannual -- our  
15 biannual outage to perform refueling and maintenance at  
16 Columbia Generating Station. The start date will be  
17 April 11th and our target end date is June 6th. If you  
18 would like some additional information the following  
19 slide has our fact sheet for the outage, very useful.  
20 That is all to report for the Columbia Generating  
21 Station.

22 For WNP-1/4 the Industrial Development Complex  
23 Landfill closure bid is closed, and a contract has been  
24 awarded.

25 CHAIR BECKETT: Excellent. Are there



1 any questions? Hearing none, thank you, Ms. Hall.

2 MS. HALL: Thank you.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: Goose Prairie Solar.

4 MR. JIA: Good afternoon everybody.

5 For the month of February the site experienced  
6 approximately six and a half gigawatts of energy. In  
7 terms of other operation and maintenance activity, we did  
8 have four inverter units that we did a breaker swap on to  
9 get them back up and running.

10 In addition to that, several of our inverter units  
11 are experiencing several faults requiring a power cycle  
12 to clear. It's unsure at this time what's causing the  
13 faults. We have expressed this concern with Sungrow and  
14 they have informed us it is likely due to our firmware  
15 issue, so we are waiting on them to provide an update on  
16 the firmware. Hopefully that solves our issues there.

17 On top of that, the site completed a series of  
18 voltage tests, frequency tests, and reactive power tests  
19 at the site.

20 From the environmental and safety compliance, no  
21 major items to report there. Thank you.

22 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. For the  
23 record, I believe, again, that was Nelson Jia; is that  
24 correct, providing that --

25 MR. JIA: Yes. That's correct.

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay.

2 MR. JIA: Sorry.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: No worries. All  
4 right. Moving on to Ostrea Solar, Mr. Keeney.

5 MR. KEENEY: Good afternoon everybody.  
6 Quick update on construction status of the lines.  
7 February 24th started the installation for our storm  
8 maintenance and our BMPs and kicked off the dirt work.  
9 And then March 7th we discovered that a 55-gallon drum  
10 with roughly two gallons of liquid in it. We called a  
11 remediation company out to investigate and they have  
12 since remediated all the dirt impacted by that and then  
13 everything was reported to EFSEC.

14 I had a kickoff meeting with EFSEC on February 19th,  
15 and have since had inspection performed by WSP. Other  
16 than that, we are on track to finish construction as  
17 planned.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.

19 Moving on to Wautoma Solar, Mr. Caputo.

20 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Beckett  
21 and Council members. For the record, this is Lance  
22 Caputo, siting specialist assigned to the Wautoma Solar  
23 Energy project. Innergex Renewable Development USA, the  
24 certificate holder of the Wautoma Solar project, has  
25 completed its 30-day requirements stipulated under our

1 site certification agreement. We do not anticipate any  
2 further activities until 90 days prior to construction.  
3 This project will be removed from the Council's agenda  
4 until activity resumes.

5 May I answer any questions?

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Hearing  
7 none, moving on to Carriger Solar.

8 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett  
9 and Council members. For the record, this is Joanne  
10 Snarski, the siting specialist for the proposed Carriger  
11 Solar facility in Klickitat County.

12 Staff has been working with the applicant to develop  
13 potential mitigation strategies to minimize impact to  
14 traditional cultural properties, or TCPs, identified to  
15 us by the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program.

16 As a reminder, in February 2024 Cypress Creek  
17 Renewables submitted an extension request where they  
18 acknowledged the need to allow for the additional time  
19 needed by the Yakama Nation to complete the TCP study and  
20 review outstanding SEPA threshold items.

21 Now that the study has been completed, we are  
22 working through potential options for mitigation. Staff  
23 plans to discuss the SEPA threshold determination at the  
24 April Council meeting. The SEPA threshold determination,  
25 once made, will require a public comment period, and

1 discussions with the Yakama Nation are also ongoing.

2 Currently, the applicant has requested to extend the  
3 application review period from April 1st, 2025 to May  
4 21st, 2025. Staff do not believe all the necessary SEPA  
5 work can be completed within an additional month, and  
6 will continue to work with the applicant to develop a  
7 more appropriate extension timeline.

8 However, currently, Staff requests the Council  
9 approve this extension for the Carriger Solar, LLC  
10 application for one additional month to May 1st, 2025, to  
11 allow Staff and the applicant to develop a schedule for  
12 the remaining work.

13 Finally, for the record, we posted the extension  
14 request on our website to allow for public comment  
15 between March 12th and 16th, and received seven comments.  
16 All comments expressed their opposition to the project.  
17 Some expressed safety concerns with the proposed battery  
18 storage system, the loss of rural and agricultural nature  
19 of the area, and the use of unsustainable materials. May  
20 I answer any questions?

21 CHAIR BECKETT: I thank you for the  
22 update. I would just make one comment just confirming  
23 that the public comments have been certainly distributed  
24 to the Council as part of our agenda packet. Are there  
25 further comments or questions by the Council?

1 MR. CHILES: This is Matt Chiles from  
2 Klickitat County. Just a clarification, so we are  
3 expecting -- this is a one-month extension, but there  
4 will be another extension request coming up soon to  
5 better figure out the timetable of how much extension  
6 they are really going to need to figure things out; is  
7 that correct?

8 MS. SNARSKI: Yes. That's correct.

9 MR. CHILES: Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIR BECKETT: Other questions or  
11 comments? Okay, hearing none, may I ask then from our  
12 Council a motion to approve an extended processing time  
13 of the Carriger Solar, LLC application for site  
14 certification from April 1st to May 1st, 2025?

15 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.

16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.

17 MR. PAMPLIN: Nate, second.

18 CHAIR BECKETT: There's been a motion  
19 and a second to approve the site certification extension.  
20 All those in favor -- or any discussion? Hearing none,  
21 all those in favor please signify by saying "aye."

22 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

23 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Motion is  
24 approved.

25 Moving on then to our other updates. Thank you, Ms.

1 Snarski. For Horse Heaven Wind Farm, Amy Moon.

2 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Chair  
3 Beckett and EFSEC Council members. For the record, this  
4 is Amy Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind project.  
5 The Preoperational Technical Advisory Group or PTAG, has  
6 been established and have begun meeting regularly to  
7 review and provide technical advice on wildlife, and  
8 wildlife habitat management, mitigation, and project  
9 design plans. The PTAG attended a site tour of the Horse  
10 Heaven Wind project to better understand the project,  
11 wildlife habitat, and the surrounding Horse Heaven Hill.  
12 The site tour was led by the certificate holder on March  
13 13th.

14 The PTAG will continue to meet regularly to review  
15 and provide technical advice on the development and  
16 implementation of preconstruction compliance activities  
17 and documents produced by the certificate holder related  
18 to wildlife and habitat.

19 Does the Council have any questions?

20 CHAIR BECKETT: Hearing none. Thank  
21 you, Ms. Moon.

22 Moving then on to the Hop Hill Solar project, John  
23 Barnes.

24 MR. BARNES: Thank you Chair Beckett  
25 an Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes,

1 EFSEC Staff for the Hop Hill application. We continue to  
2 coordinate the review and application with our  
3 contractor, contracted agencies, and Tribal governments.  
4 There are no further updates at this time. Are there any  
5 questions?

6 CHAIR BECKETT: Questions? Hearing  
7 none. Thank you. Let's move then to the Wallula Gap  
8 project also.

9 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett  
10 and Council members. For the record, this is John  
11 Barnes, EFSEC Staff for the Wallula Gap application.  
12 EFSEC received on March 4th, 2025 a project review letter  
13 from the Department of Ecology requesting access to the  
14 site and further wetland review and determination. EFSEC  
15 has coordinated with the applicant and Ecology to conduct  
16 the site review scheduled for April 15, 2025.

17 We continue to coordinate and review the application  
18 with our contractor, contract agencies, and Tribal  
19 governments. Are there any questions?

20 CHAIR BECKETT: Questions? No  
21 questions. Thank you, Mr. Barnes.

22 Moving on then to Goldeneye BESS project, Ms.  
23 Snarski.

24 MS. SNARSKI: Yes. Thank you, Chair  
25 Beckett. Is that me?

1 CHAIR BECKETT: Evidently not. I  
2 saved the day.

3 MS. SNARSKI: Okay. I will continue.  
4 Again, this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for  
5 the proposed Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage facility in  
6 Skagit County.

7 Staff are continuing to work with our partnering  
8 agencies to review and seek further information on the  
9 application for site certification. We held a meeting  
10 with staff from WDFW and agreed to schedule in a site  
11 visit. We are currently scheduled for April 9th for our  
12 site visit. Also attending will be representatives from  
13 Skagit River Cooperative and the Upper Skagit Indian  
14 Tribe.

15 Finally, we are preparing a third data request for  
16 the applicant. This information is necessary to support  
17 our SEPA threshold determination. I have no further  
18 updates.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any  
20 comments or questions from the Council on the Goldeneye  
21 BESS project? Okay. Hearing none, we will move on to  
22 our final action and most important I would say. We have  
23 a very special person, as well as welcome today for Chair  
24 Drew, and it's my pleasure to ask for a motion in a  
25 moment to read a resolution into the record.



1           Let me just first say I would like to personally  
2           thank Chair Drew for her very dedicated and longstanding  
3           service to the people of Washington, including while at  
4           EFSEC, but certainly in many other capacities and I'm  
5           confident will certainly only continue.

6           So with that may I have a motion from the Council to  
7           put the resolution honoring Chair Drew and her service at  
8           EFSEC into the record?

9                           MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, so  
10           moved.

11                           MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, second.

12                           CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. We have a  
13           motion and a second to act upon Resolution No. 355 that I  
14           will read into the record, and so -- because that service  
15           is so impressive it is a couple pages, but I am going to  
16           be pleased to read that into the record.

17           And then if Council wishes to make other comments  
18           after we have read this before we go we will take that  
19           up, and with that I will begin.

20                           "Commending Services of EFSEC Chair Kathleen Drew.  
21           Whereas, Kathleen Drew was appointed by Governor Inslee  
22           to serve on the Washington State Energy Facility Site  
23           Evaluation Council, presiding as Chair effective January  
24           16, 2018,

25           Whereas, Kathleen Drew served her term with great

1 distinction a the first official EFSEC Chair until  
2 January 16, 2025,

3 Whereas, Kathleen Drew brought her leadership and  
4 political acumen to the development of HB 1812, which  
5 established EFSEC as an independent agency,

6 Whereas, Kathleen Drew testified regarding EFSEC on  
7 several occasions before the House and Senate over  
8 multiple legislative sessions,

9 Whereas, Kathleen Drew expertly guided Council  
10 members in gathering information and balancing the  
11 various impacts and mitigation measures and arriving at  
12 clear decisions and recommendations for the Governor on a  
13 number of projects,

14 Whereas, Kathleen Drew led approximately 120 regular  
15 and special council meetings as an active listener, and  
16 thoughtfully and carefully reviewed thousands of pages of  
17 documents related to SEPA environmental reviews and  
18 associated public comments,

19 Whereas, Kathleen Drew ably and objectively  
20 represented the interests of the people of the State of  
21 Washington on the Council, providing clear and thoughtful  
22 leadership to the Council and the EFSEC staff,

23 Whereas, Kathleen Drew demonstrated her expert  
24 leadership skills during the review of applications and  
25 preparation of Site Certification Agreements for six

1 clean energy projects, including Columbia Solar, Goose  
2 Prairie Solar, High Top Solar, Ostrea Solar, Horse Heaven  
3 Wind, and Wautoma Solar,

4 Whereas, Kathleen Drew's service as chair marked  
5 several significant Council milestones, including EFSEC's  
6 separation from the Utilities and Transportation  
7 Commission and establishment as an independent agency,  
8 the first expedited processing of an application for the  
9 Columbia Solar project, and consideration of the largest  
10 clean energy project, wind, solar, and battery storage,  
11 in the Council's history and within the State of  
12 Washington with the Horse Heaven Wind project,

13 Whereas, Kathleen Drew's leadership was always  
14 characterized by outstanding preparation, thoughtful  
15 questions and attention to detail in adjudicative  
16 processes and Council deliberations,

17 Whereas, Kathleen Drew provided exemplary service on  
18 the Council and meaningfully engaged with EFSEC staff and  
19 fellow Council members on all Council decision making  
20 processes,

21 Whereas, Kathleen Drew provided leadership through  
22 the Transmission Corridor Workgroup resulting in the  
23 passage of SB 5165 that will help lead to expanding  
24 transmission capacity in the state helping to meet urgent  
25 clean energy goals,

1           Whereas, Kathleen Drew presided over the Council's  
2 first adjudication limited to Land Use consistency and  
3 preemption,

4           Whereas, Kathleen Drew engaged in EFSEC's first  
5 formal Government-to-Government consultation meetings  
6 with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama  
7 Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville  
8 Reservation,

9           Whereas, Kathleen Drew able represented the Council  
10 as a member of the Governor's Natural Resources, Climate  
11 & Energy Subcabinet,

12           Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Energy  
13 Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes  
14 Kathleen Drew's outstanding, unwavering, and faithful  
15 contribution to the Council's siting and regulatory  
16 activities, and gratefully expresses its sincere  
17 gratitude for the commitment, dedication, and effort she  
18 has shown over the past seven years.

19           Dated this 19th day of March 2025." Signed by the  
20 Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

21           So, again, it's my honor to read this into the  
22 record on behalf of the EFSEC Council and the Staff.

23           With that, let me turn this to my fellow Council  
24 members and see if there is further comments before we  
25 act upon this resolution.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Chair, Lenny Young has  
2 his hand raised.

3 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Mr. Young.

4 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, Kathleen, I just  
5 want to express how much I have appreciated over the  
6 years your wise, considerate and always positive approach  
7 to the Council's deliberations and decision making. I  
8 have learned a lot ~~form~~ <sup>from</sup> you, and I wish you many  
9 successes and much enjoyment going forward, both with  
10 your career and in life. Thank you.

11 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well said. Thank  
12 you, Mr. Young. Are there any other comments? I don't  
13 think there's any questions for you, Chair Drew,  
14 considering your solid record.

15 MS. BREWSTER: Ms. Young's comments  
16 were exactly what I would also like to add. Thank you so  
17 much for all that you have shared with me during my time  
18 on the Council and the services you provided.

19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms.  
20 Brewster. Any others?

21 MS. OSBORNE: This is Elizabeth  
22 Osborne. I just want to say thank you, Chair Drew, for  
23 your leadership.

24 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. All right.  
25 The last call, but getting there. Any other comments?

1 They are most welcome. Take as much time as needed.

2 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, I don't know  
3 the formality of this, but I'm wondering if we don't do  
4 our approval through a round of applause.

5 CHAIR BECKETT: I believe that voting  
6 is applause.

7 MR. PAMPLIN: Yeah, that's what I  
8 meant.

9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Well,  
10 hearing no further comments and discussion, with all  
11 those in favor please say -- Resolution No. 355 as read  
12 into the record, please signify by saying "aye."

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 CHAIR BECKETT: I don't think I'm  
15 calling opposed but I have to, opposed?

16 Hearing none, okay the resolution is approved and  
17 let's signify by celebrating.

18 Thank you all, and thank you, Chair Drew, for  
19 honoring us with your presence today. It's our honor to  
20 have you here, and, of course, most importantly honor  
21 your distinguished service. Thanks again.

22 Are there any other comments before the Council.  
23 Ms. Bumpus.

24 MS. BUMPUS: Chair Beckett and Council  
25 members. Thank you. For the record, this is Sonia

1 Bumpus. I echo all the Council member comments of  
2 wishing Kathleen Drew well and lots of joy and success in  
3 her future endeavors. And she will be greatly missed.  
4 She is greatly missed.

5 The other announcement I wanted to make is that  
6 among the EFSEC staff Stewart Henderson is retiring this  
7 month, so we wanted to let Council members know if you  
8 would like to wish him well. He's here today in the  
9 office, and Staff celebrated his retirement from the  
10 State earlier today. So Stewart has been with us for  
11 many years, and one of the things I wanted to acknowledge  
12 is that Stew was here and really was a leading character  
13 in the development of the preapplication process that we  
14 utilize now. And while it's still evolving and we are  
15 still realizing all of the things that come with it in  
16 finalizing it, Stew was really key in leading the  
17 development of that and helping us find ways to  
18 streamline the application review process. So I know I'm  
19 not alone in that I will miss Stew and all of the  
20 contributions that he brings to EFSEC. Thank you.

21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Director  
22 Bumpus. And on behalf of the Council, Stew thank you as  
23 she said and I just want to acknowledge that.

24 Are there other comments from the Council? Okay.  
25 Well, thank you, again, Stew, very much for your

1 dedicated service.

2 Thank you all for participating in today's meeting,  
3 and at 2:03 I will gavel this meeting to conclusion.

4 Thank you.

5 (Meeting adjourned at  
6 2:03 p.m.)

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