

Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

AGENDA

	<u>MONTHLY MEETING</u> Wednesday April 16, 2025 <u>1:30 PM</u>	HYBRID MEETING Click here to join the meeting Conference number: 564-999-2000 ID: 141231937#
1. Call to Order		Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
2. Roll Call		Andrea Grantham, EFSEC Staff
3. Proposed Agenda		Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
4. Minutes	Meeting Minutes	Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
	March 19, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minute	
5. Projects	a. Kittitas Valley Wind Project	
		Jarred Caseday, EDP Renewables
	b. Wild Horse Wind Power Project	
	-	Jennifer Galbraith, Puget Sound Energy
	c. Chehalis Generation Facility	
	-	Jeremy Smith, Chehalis Generation
	d. Grays Harbor Energy Center	
		Chris Sherin, Grays Harbor Energy
	e. Columbia Solar	
	Operational Updates	Thomas Cushing, Greenbacker Capital
	f. Columbia Generating Station	с, т Т
	_	Josh LaPorte, Energy Northwest
	g. WNP – 1/4	
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	h. Goose Prairie Solar	
	Project Updates	Nelson Jia, Brookfield Renewable
	i. Ostrea Solar	
	Project Updates	Ryan Keeney, Cypress Creek Renewables
	j. Badger Mountain	
	• •	Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
	The Council may take FINAL ACTION on the	extension request for the Badger Mountain project.
	k. Carriger Solar	
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	I. Horse Heaven Wind Farm	
	Project Updates	Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
	m. Hop Hill Solar	
	Project Updates	John Barnes, EFSEC Staff
	n. Wallula Gap	
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	o. Goldeneye BESS	
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	•	Project Updates	Sean Greene, EFSEC Staff
6. Other	•	Cost Allocation	
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7. Adjourn			Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

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3	Wildlife.	3	MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,
4	MR. PAMPLIN: Nate Pamplin, present.	4	present.
5	MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural	5	MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy
6	Resources.	6	Center.
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9	Transportation Commission.	9	Facility.
10	MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster,	10	y v
11	present.	11	5
12	MS. GRANTHAM: For Local Government		Station.
13	and Optional State Agencies, for Hop Hill Solar project	13	•
14	for Benton County, Paul Krupin.	14	•
15	For Carriger Solar, Klickitat County, Matt Chiles?	15	
16	MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present.	16	MR. CUSHING: Cushing, present.
17	MS. GRANTHAM: For Wallula Gap for	17	MS. GRANTHAM: Goose Prairie Solar.
18	Benton County, Adam Fyall.	18	MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present.
19	MR. FYALL: Adam Fyall is here.	19	MS. GRANTHAM: And Ostrea Solar.
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21	Skagit County, Robby Eckroth.	21	
22	MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth, here.		present for the Counsel for the Environment?
23	MS. GRANTHAM: For Assistant Attorney	23	•
24	General, Jon Thompson.		Reyneveld, present.
25	MR. THOMPSON: I'm here.	25	• •
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1	Page 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer.	1	Page 9 there is a quorum for all councils.
2	MR. PACKER: Present.	2	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. We have
3	MS. GRANTHAM: And Talia Thuet.		the proposed agenda in front of us. Is there a motion to
4	MS. THUET: Present.		adopt the proposed agenda?
5	MS. GRANTHAM: Do we have any	5	MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.
1			CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Is there a
6	Administrative Law Judges present?	6	-
7	Hearing none, Council Staff, I will call those that		second?
8	are anticipated to speak today.		
-		8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
9	Sonia Bumpus.	9	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council.
9 10	MS. BUMPUS: Present.	9 10	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Council. All those in favor of adopting the agenda please say
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1	any. MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, no edit. I	1	hope to learn about the cause when their investigation is complete. There were no impacts to wind farm
3	will just be abstaining because I missed that meeting.	3	infrastructure or facilities from either the storm or the
4	CHAIR BECKETT: Very well.	4	plane crash.
5	Okay. With no corrections then and a motion on the	5	On Friday, March 7th, the NTSB dispatched Interstate
6	table to approve the minutes, all those in favor say	6	Aviation to remove the plane wreckage from the crash
7	"aye."	7	site. PSE contacted the Department of Ecology, and
8	MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.	8	following removal of the wreckage PSE dispatched a geo
9	CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Okay. The	9	engineer to evaluate the site for any spilled fuel or
10		10	fluids. And based on visual and field screening
11	Moving on to our Operational Updates, I believe	11	observations, the spill from the plane crash impacted an
12		12	area of approximately 550 yards and was mostly contained
13		13	
14		14	On Tuesday, March 11th, geo engineers, US Ecology,
15	-		the spill cleanup contractor, and a cultural resource
16	-	16	
17		17	further evaluate the extent of the spill and clean up
18	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Wild Horse	18	what they could.
19	Wind.	19	A total of 47 bags of contaminated snow and ice was
20	MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair	20	removed for transport and off site disposal. Work
21	Beckett, Council members and staff, for the month of	21	efforts were conducted by hand to minimize the potential
22	February, I do not have any nonroutine updates.	22	for ground disturbances. To further reduce the potential
23	However, I would like to update the Council on the	23	for soil disturbances, the soil was not excavated or
24	recent plane crash that occurred at Wild Horse on March	24	removed from the site.
25	4th. On the evening of Tuesday, March 4th, a small	25	Based on observations and field screening results,
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1	private plane was reported missing to the Grant County	1	it appears the soil immediately below the plane wreckage
2	and Kittitas County Sheriff Departments, who began	2	is impacted and will require additional action. In
3	searching for the plane along the Grant County side of	3	coordination with the Department of Ecology, geo
4	the Columbia River.	4	engineers will be on site again when weather conditions
5	At 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th, the Kittitas	5	improve to complete sampling for the delineations of
6	County Sheriff and Search & Rescue arrived at Wild Horse	6	impacted soil. At that time, erosion and sediment
	to search for the missing plane in the area of the wind	7 8	control measures will be installed to prevent any soil
	farm.		migration via stormwater from the impacted area, and a bioremediation solution will be applied to the impacted
9	PSE opened the Renewable Energy Center for the	9 10	
11	incident command staging area, and shortly after 9:00 a.m. the Wild Horse plant manager located the crashed	11	Approximately, four to six months following the
12	plane on PSE owned property on the north slope of Whiskey	12	
13	Dick mountain at about 3800 feet and approximately half a	13	
14	mile southwest of the Wild Horse substation, a quarter	14	
15	mile east of the Wild Horse solar facility.	15	
16	-	16	The cleanup plan has been communicated with the
17		17	Department of Ecology of an independent remedial action
18	the remainder of the day the Kittitas County Sheriff, the	18	to treat the petroleum contaminated soil at the crash
19	Kittitas coroner, the FAA and the NTSB conducted their	19	site. The plan verification sampling will evaluate the
20	investigation.	20	effectiveness of the actions to meet the cleanup
21	It appears the pilot encountered a fast moving storm	21	standards under MTCA for unrestricted land use.
22	that was traversing from west to east across Wild Horse.	22	Additionally, the plan takes into consideration the
23	Wind gusts were documented at over 40 miles per hour, the	23	need to minimize disturbance to the local environment, as
24	sleet and snow reducing visibility to less than one mile.	24	well as state requirements for mitigating threats to
105	However, as the NTSB investigation is ongoing and we	25	human health and the environment.
25	nowever, as the NTOD investigation is ongoing and we	20	



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1	And I would be happy to answer any questions that	1	any questions? Hearing none, thank you, Ms. Hall.
	the Council may have.	2	MS. HALL: Thank you.
3	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms.	3	CHAIR BECKETT: Goose Prairie Solar.
	Galbraith, for the very thorough update, and under the	4	MR. JIA: Good afternoon everybody.
	terrible circumstances our condolences certainly to the	5	For the month of February the site experienced
	family of the pilot and others involved. There's a list	6	approximately six and a half gigawatts of energy. In
	of details that go with any operating event of any kind,	7	terms of other operation and maintenance activity, we did
8	so we appreciate your thoroughness.	8	have four inverter units that we did a breaker swap on to
9	Are there other questions or comments from the	9	get them back up and running.
10	Council? Okay. Hearing none, thank you, Ms. Galbraith.	10	
11	MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you.	11	are experiencing several faults requiring a power cycle
12	CHAIR BECKETT: Moving on to Chehalis	12	to clear. It's unsure at this time what's causing the
13	Generation.	13	faults. We have expressed this concern with Sungrow an
14	MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair	14	they have informed us it is likely due to our firmware
15	Beckett and Council members, EFSEC staff, this is Jeremy	15	issue, so we are waiting on them to provide an update on
16	Smith, the operations manager representing the Chehalis	16	
17	Generation Facility. There are no nonroutine items to	17	On top of that, the site completed a series of
18	report to today.	18	voltage tests, frequency tests, and reactive power tests
19	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on	19	at the site.
20	to Grays Harbor Energy Center.	20	From the environmental and safety compliance, no
21	MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair	21	major items to report there. Thank you.
22	Beckett, Council members, and EFSEC staff, Chris Sherin,	22	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. For the
23	plant manager of Grays Harbor Energy Center, I also have	23	record, I believe, again, that was Nelson Jia; is that
24	no nonroutine items to report for the month of February.	24	correct, providing that
25	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, very much.	25	MR. JIA: Yes. That's correct.
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1	Moving on to Columbia Solar.	1	CHAIR BECKETT: Okay.
2	MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair	2	MR. JIA: Sorry.
3	Beckett, EFSEC staff, this is Thomas Cushing with	3	CHAIR BECKETT: No worries. All
4	Columbia Solar. There are no nonroutine updates to	4	right. Moving on to Ostrea Solar, Mr. Keeney.
5	report.	5	MR. KEENEY: Good afternoon everybody.
6	CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Moving on	6	Quick update on construction status of the lines.
7	to Columbia Generating station and WNP-1/4, not sure if	7	February 24th started the installation for our storm
8	our Energy Northwest representative is with us.	8	maintenance and our BMPs and kicked off the dirt work.
9	MS. HALL: I am here. I apologize for	9	And then March 7th we discovered that a 55-gallon drum
10	any technical difficulties. Good afternoon, Chair	10	with roughly two gallons of liquid in it. We called a
11	Beckett and EFSEC Council, this is Katie Hall on behalf	11	remediation company out to investigate and they have
12	of Energy Northwest, Columiba Generating Station and	12	since remediated all the dirt impacted by that and then
13	Washington Nuclear Project 1/4 for March 2025.	13	everything was reported to EFSEC.
14	We are currently gearing up for our biannual our	14	I had a kickoff meeting with EFSEC on February 19th,
15	biannual outage to perform refueling and maintenance at	15	and have since had inspection performed by WSP. Other
16	Columbia Generating Station. The start date will be	16	than that, we are on track to finish construction as
17	April 11th and our target end date is June 6th. If you	17	planned.
18	would like some additional information the following	18	CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.
19	slide has our fact sheet for the outage, very useful.	19	Moving on to Wautoma Solar, Mr. Caputo.
20	That is all to report for the Columbia Generating	20	MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Beckett
21	Station.	21	and Council members. For the record, this is Lance
22	For WNP-1/4 the Industrial Development Complex	22	Caputo, siting specialist assigned to the Wautoma Solar
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1	Page 18 site certification agreement. We do not anticipate any	1	Page 20 MR. CHILES: This is Matt Chiles from
2	further activities until 90 days prior to construction.	2	Klickitat County. Just a clarification, so we are
3	This project will be removed from the Council's agenda	3	expecting this is a one-month extension, but there
4	until activity resumes.	4	will be another extension request coming up soon to
5	May I answer any questions?	5	better figure out the timetable of how much extension
6	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Hearing	6	they are really going to need to figure things out; is
7	none, moving on to Carriger Solar.	7	that correct?
8	MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett	8	MS. SNARSKI: Yes. That's correct.
9	and Council members. For the record, this is Joanne	9	MR. CHILES: Okay. Thank you.
10	Snarski, the siting specialist for the proposed Carriger	10	CHAIR BECKETT: Other questions or
11	Solar facility in Klickitat County.	11	comments? Okay, hearing none, may I ask then from our
12	Staff has been working with the applicant to develop	12	Council a motion to approve an extended processing time
13	potential mitigation strategies to minimize impact to	13	of the Carriger Solar, LLC application for site
14	traditional cultural properties, or TCPs, identified to	14	certification from April 1st to May 1st, 2025?
15	us by the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program.	15	MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.
16	As a reminder, in February 2024 Cypress Creek	16	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you.
17	Renewables submitted an extension request where they	17	MR. PAMPLIN: Nate, second.
18	acknowledged the need to allow for the additional time	18	CHAIR BECKETT: There's been a motion
19	needed by the Yakama Nation to complete the TCP study and	19	and a second to approve the site certification extension.
20	review outstanding SEPA threshold items.	20	All those in favor or any discussion? Hearing none,
21	Now that the study has been completed, we are	21	all those in favor please signify by saying "aye."
22	working through potential options for mitigation. Staff	22	MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.
23	plans to discuss the SEPA threshold determination at the	23	CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Motion is
24	April Council meeting. The SEPA threshold determination,	24	approved.
25	once made, will require a public comment period, and	25	Moving on then to our other updates. Thank you, Ms.
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25 further comments or questions by the Council?

25 an Council members. For the record, this is John Barnes,



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1	Page 22	1	Let me just first say I would like to persona	Page 24
	EFSEC Staff for the Hop Hill application. We continue to			-
	coordinate the review and application with our		thank Chair Drew for her very dedicated and	
	contractor, contracted agencies, and Tribal governments.	3	service to the people of Washington, including	•
4	There are no further updates at this time. Are there any	4	EFSEC, but certainly in many other capacities	sandim
5	questions?	5	confident will certainly only continue.	
6 7	CHAIR BECKETT: Questions? Hearing	6	So with that may I have a motion from the	
7	none. Thank you. Let's move then to the Wallula Gap	7	put the resolution honoring Chair Drew and he	er service at
8	project also.	8	EFSEC into the record?	
9	MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett	9	MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewste	r, so
10	and Council members. For the record, this is John	10		
11	Barnes, EFSEC Staff for the Wallula Gap application.	11	MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, second.	
12		12	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. V	
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14	site and further wetland review and determination. EFSEC	14		
15		15		n going to
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17		17	And then if Council wishes to make other of	
18		18	after we have read this before we go we will	take that
19	governments. Are there any questions?	19	up, and with that I will begin.	
20	CHAIR BECKETT: Questions? No	20	"Commending Services of EFSEC Chair K	
21	questions. Thank you, Mr. Barnes.	21	Whereas, Kathleen Drew was appointed by C	
22	Moving on then to Goldeneye BESS project, Ms.	22	to serve on the Washington State Energy Fa	
23		23	Evaluation Council, presiding as Chair effect	ive January
24	MS. SNARSKI: Yes. Thank you, Chair	24	16, 2018,	
25	Beckett. Is that me?	25	Whereas, Kathleen Drew served her term	with great
1	Page 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Evidently not. I	1	distinction a the first official EFSEC Chair unti	Page 25
2	saved the day.	2	January 16, 2025,	
2	MS. SNARSKI: Okay. I will continue.	3	Whereas, Kathleen Drew brought her leade	ershin and
4	Again, this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for	4	political acumen to the development of HB 18	-
5	the proposed Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage facility in	5	established EFSEC as an independent agend	
6	Skagit County.	6	Whereas, Kathleen Drew testified regarding	-
7	Staff are continuing to work with our partnering	-	several occasions before the House and Sena	-
8	agencies to review and seek further information on the		multiple legislative sessions,	
9	application for site certification. We held a meting	9	Whereas, Kathleen Drew expertly guided C	Council
	with staff from WDFW and agreed to schedule in a site	10	members in gathering information and balance	
10	visit. We are currently scheduled for April 9th for our		various impacts and mitigation measures and	
11 12		11	clear decisions and recommendations for the	
	Skagit River Cooperative and the Upper Skagit Indian			e Governor on a
13		13 14	number of projects, Whereas, Kathleen Drew led approximatel	ly 120 regular
14			and special council meetings as an active list	
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16		16	thoughtfully and carefully reviewed thousand	
17	our SEPA threshold determination. I have no further	17	documents related to SEPA environmental re	eviews and
18	updates.	18	associated public comments,	(ch)
19	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any	19	Whereas, Kathleen Drew ably and objectiv	-
20	comments or questions from the Council on the Goldeneye	20	represented the interests of the people of the	
21	BESS project? Okay. Hearing none, we will move on to	21	Washington on the Council, providing clear a	-
22	our final action an most important I would say. We have	22	leadership to the Council and the EFSEC sta	
23	a very special person, as well as welcome today for Chair	23	Whereas, Kathleen Drew demonstrated he	=
24		24	leadership skills during the review of applicat	
25	moment to read a resolution into the record.	25	preparation of Site Certification Agreements	TOT SIX
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Page 26 Page 28 clean energy projects, including Columbia Solar, Goose MS. GRANTHAM: Chair, Lenny Young has 1 1 2 Prairie Solar, High Top Solar, Ostrea Solar, Horse Heaven 2 his hand raised. 3 Wind, and Wautoma Solar, CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Mr. Young. 4 Whereas, Kathleen Drew's service as chair marked 4 MR. YOUNG: Yeah, Kathleen, I just 5 several significant Council milestones, including EFSEC's 5 want to express how much I have appreciated over the years your wise, considerate and always positive approach separation from the Utilities and Transportation 6 6 7 Commission and establishment as an independent agency, 7 to the Council's deliberations and decision making. I 8 the first expedited processing of an application for the 8 have learned a lot form you, and I wish you many 9 Columbia Solar project, and consideration of the largest 9 successes and much enjoyment going forward, both with 10 clean energy project, wind, solar, and battery storage, 10 your career and in life. Thank you. in the Council's history and within the State of CHAIR BECKETT: Very well said. Thank 11 11 12 you, Mr. Young. Are there any other comments? I don't Washington with the Horse Heaven Wind project, 12 13 Whereas, Kathleen Drew's leadership was always 13 think there's any questions for you, Chair Drew, 14 characterized by outstanding preparation, thoughtful 14 considering your solid record. questions and attention to detail in adjudicative MS. BREWSTER: Ms. Young's comments 15 15 16 processes and Council deliberations, 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 Whereas, Kathleen Drew provided exemplary service on 17 18 the Council and meaningfully engaged with EFSEC staff and 18 on the Council and the services you provided. fellow Council members on all Council decision making 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms. 19 20 20 Brewster. Any others? processes, 21 Whereas, Kathleen Drew provided leadership through 21 MS. OSBORNE: This is Elizabeth 22 22 Osborne. I just want to say thank you, Chair Drew, for the Transmission Corridor Workgroup resulting in the 23 passage of SB 5165 that will help lead to expanding 23 your leadership. 24 transmission capacity in the state helping to meet urgent CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. All right. 24 The last call, but getting there. Any other comments? 25 clean energy goals, 25 Page 27 Page 29 They are most welcome. Take as much time as needed. 1 Whereas, Kathleen Drew presided over the Council's 1 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, I don't know 2 first adjudication limited to Land Use consistency and 2 3 the formality of this, but I'm wondering if we don't do 3 preemption, Whereas, Kathleen Drew engaged in EFSEC's first our approval through a round of applause. 4 4 5 formal Government-to-Government consultation meetings 5 CHAIR BECKETT: I believe that voting 6 with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama 6 is applause. 7 7 Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville MR. PAMPLIN: Yeah, that's what I Reservation, 8 8 meant. 9 Whereas, Kathleen Drew able represented the Council 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Well, as a member of the Governor's Natural Resources, Climate hearing no further comments and discussion, with all 10 10 11 & Energy Subcabinet, 11 those in favor please say -- Resolution No. 355 as read 12 Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Energy 12 into the record, please signify by saying "aye." Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes 13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Ave. 13 14 Kathleen Drew's outstanding, unwavering, and faithful 14 CHAIR BECKETT: I don't think I'm 15 contribution to the Council's siting and regulatory 15 calling opposed but I have to, opposed? 16 activities, and gratefully expresses its sincere 16 Hearing none, okay the resolution is approved and 17 gratitude for the commitment, dedication, and effort she 17 let's signify by celebrating. 18 has shown over the past seven years. 18 Thank you all, and thank you, Chair Drew, for 19 Dated this 19th day of March 2025." Signed by the 19 honoring us with your presence today. It's our honor to 20 Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council. 20 have you here, and, of course, most importantly honor 21 So, again, it's my honor to read this into the 21 your distinguished service. Thanks again. record on behalf of the EFSEC Council and the Staff. 22 22 Are there any other comments before the Council. 23 With that, let me turn this to my fellow Council 23 Ms. Bumpus. 24 members and see if there is further comments before we 24 MS. BUMPUS: Chair Beckett and Council

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act upon this resolution.



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members. Thank you. For the record, this is Sonia

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1	Page 30 Bumpus. I echo all the Council member comments of	1	STATE OF WASHINGTON)	Page 32 I, Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR,
2	wishing Kathleen Drew well and lots of joy and success in			s a certified court reporter
3	her future endeavors. And she will be greatly missed.	2	County of Pierce)	in the State of Washington, do hereby certify:
4	She is greatly missed.	3		
5	The other announcement I wanted to make is that	4	That the foresting	Menthly Masting of the Mashington
6	among the EFSEC staff Stewart Henderson is retiring this	5		Monthly Meeting of the Washington ite Evaluation Council was
7	month, so we wanted to let Council members know if you			e and adjourned on March 19, 2025,
8	would like to wish him well. He's here today in the	6		scribed under my direction; that 1, true and complete transcript of
9	office, and Staff celebrated his retirement from the	7		cribed to the best of my ability;
10	State earlier today. So Stewart has been with us for	8		ative, employee, attorney, or this matter or relative or
11	many years, and one of the things I wanted to acknowledge	9		torney or counsel, and that I am
12	is that Stew was here and really was a leading character			ted in the said matter or the
13	in the development of the preapplication process that we	10 11	outcome thereof;	
14	utilize now. And while it's still evolving and we are		IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	, I have hereunto set my signature
15	still realizing all of the things that come with it in	12	on April 2nd, 2025.	
16	finalizing it, Stew was really key in leading the	13 14		
17	development of that and helping us find ways to	15		
18	streamline the application review process. So I know I'm	16		/s/Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR
19	not alone in that I will miss Stew and all of the	17		Certified Court Reporter No. 1932
20	contributions that he brings to EFSEC. Thank you.	18		(Certification expires 05/06/25.)
21	CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Director	19		
22	Bumpus. And on behalf of the Council, Stew thank you as	20		
23	she said and I just want to acknowledge that.	21 22		
24	Are there other comments from the Council? Okay.	23		
25	Well, thank you, again, Stew, very much for your	24 25		
1	Page 31 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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EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project Operator: EDP Renewables Report Date: April 07, 2025 Reporting Period: March 2025 Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 19,489.28 MWH.
- Wind speed: 6.16 m/s.
- Capacity Factor: 24.74%.

Environmental Compliance

- No incidents

Safety Compliance

- Nothing to report

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Nothing to report

Other

- No sound complaints
- No shadow flicker complaints

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name:Wild Horse Wind FacilityOperator:Puget Sound EnergyReport Date:April 4, 2025Report Period:March 2025Site Contact:Jennifer GalbraithSCA Status:Operational

Operations & Maintenance

March generation totaled 62,699 MWh for an average capacity factor of 30.91%.

Environmental Compliance Nothing to report.

Safety Compliance Nothing to report.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Nothing to report.

Other

Nothing to report.



EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Chehalis Generation Facility Operator: PacifiCorp Report Date: April 2, 2025 Reporting Period: March 2025 Site Contact: Jeremy Smith, Operations Manager Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-Relevant energy generation information, such as wind speed, number of windy or sunny days, gas line supply updates, etc.

• 193,469 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 52.06%

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

-Monthly Water Usage: 1,895,432 gallons

• No changes

-Monthly Wastewater Returned: 892,978 gallons

- -Permit status if any changes.
 - No changes.

-Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

- Nothing to report
- -Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.
 - Nothing to report.

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

• Nothing to report

-Brief list of reports submitted to EFSEC during the monthly reporting period.

• Nothing to report

Safety Compliance

-Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.

• Zero injuries this reporting period for a total of 3,531 days without a Lost Time Accident.



Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

• No planned changes.

-Upcoming permit renewals.

• Nothing to report.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

• Nothing to report.

Other

-Current events of note (e.g., Covid response updates, seasonal concerns due to inclement weather, etc.).

• Nothing to report.

-Personnel changes as they may relate to EFSEC facility contacts (e.g., introducing a new staff member who may provide facility updates to the Council).

• Nothing to report.

-Public outreach of interest (e.g., schools, public, facility outreach).

• Nothing to report.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Smith Gas Plant Operations Manager Chehalis Generation Facility

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC Report Date April 16, 2025 Reporting Period: March 2025 Site Contact: Chris Sherin Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 248,363MWh during the month and 968,076MWh YTD.

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

-There were no emissions, outfall, or storm water deviations, during the month. -Routine monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting submissions to EFSEC Staff.

- Monthly Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).
- Quarterly Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).

Safety Compliance

- None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Submitting the application to renew the Air Operating Permit (AOP) for Grays Harbor Energy Center (GHEC) that is currently authorized to operate under PSD Permit EFSEC/2001-01, Amendment 5 and Federal Operating Permit EFSEC/94-1 AOP Modification 1.

-Submitted the Acid Rain Permit Application for permit renewal in accordance with Permit Requirements 1(i) of Acid Rain Permit No. EFSEC/10-01-AR.

-NPDES permit renewal application submitted to EFSEC in December 2023 in accordance with Section S6.A of NPDES Permit No. WA0024961.

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting Facility Update

Facility Name: Columbia Solar Projects (Penstemon, Camas and Urtica) Operator: Tuusso Energy, LLC Report Date: April 4, 2025 Reporting Period: 31 Days ending March 31, 2025 Site Contact: Kelsey Wood Facility SCA Status: Operation

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of March was 770 Megawatt hours
- Camas
 - Currently operational
 - o Total Generation during the month of March was 762 Megawatt hours
- Urtica
 - Currently operational
 - o Total Generation during the month of March was 862 Megawatt hours

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting

Facility Name: Columbia Generating Station and Washington Nuclear Project 1 and 4 (WNP-1/4) Operator: Energy Northwest Report Date: April 8th, 2025 Reporting Period: March 2025 Site Contact: Josh LaPorte Facility SCA Status: Operational

CGS Net Electrical Generation for January 2025: 765,214.80 Mega Watt-Hours.

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance: No update.

Safety Compliance No update.

Current or Upcoming Projects

Industrial Development Complex Landfill Closure construction is underway.

Other

Columbia Generating Station enters Refueling Outage 27 on 4/11/2025. Per EFSEC's direction, EN continues to follow Washington Administrative Code 173-400-035 requirements and submitted a notice of intent to operate nonroad engines for the Columbia Generating Station R-27 refueling and maintenance outage. EN received approval to operate nonroad engines up to 3,314 horsepower cumulative engine size.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar Operator: Brookfield Renewable US Report Date: 4/10/2025 Reporting Period: 3/1/2025 to 3/31/2025 Asset Manager: Nelson Jia Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

Construction Status

• N/A

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of March-2025 was 12,504 MWh
- AC-Breaker swaps took place for two inverter units
- Many inverter-units faulting requiring a power cycle to clear. Sungrow suspects a firmware issue, waiting for Sungrow to develop a patch and install
- Rack system holding modules failed, allowing modules to detach and break through post. Has been resolved since
- Completed follow-up voltage drop testing at site
- Substation inspection completed

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

Permit status if any changes.

None

Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

• No Discharge on the site reported in March

Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

• WSP inspections are re-occurring on behalf of EFSEC

Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

None

Brief list of reports submitted to EFSEC during the monthly reporting period.

None

Safety Compliance

• There were no non-routine events to report during this period.

Current or Upcoming Projects

• None

<u>Other</u>

Current events of note (e.g., Covid response updates, seasonal concerns due to inclement weather, etc.).

None

Personnel changes as they may relate to EFSEC facility contacts (e.g., introducing a new staff member who may provide facility updates to the Council).

 Carson Stewart new Operations Manager of Goose Prairie Solar carson.stewart@brookfieldrenewable.com

Public outreach of interest (e.g., schools, public, facility outreach).

• None

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Ostrea Solar Operator: Cypress Creek Renewables Report Date: 4/8/2025 Reporting Period: 3/1/2025-3/31/2025 Site Contact: Fred Hageman Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- On schedule.
- Road construction over 50% complete
- Laydown yards installed
- Site entrance complete

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

• Not yet operational.

The following information must be reported to the Council if applicable to the facility:

Environmental Compliance

-Permit status if any changes.

• N/A

-Update on progress or completion of any mitigation measures identified.

- Bump lines and straw waddles installed at cultural area and ephemeral streams throughout site.
- Silt fence, straw blankets installed throughout the site
- WSP weekly SWPPP inspections performed.
- BMP installations per Exhibits continuing.
- On 3/7 a buried 55-gallon drum containing an unknown substance was uncovered.
 - The immediate area around the spill has been vacated and has been roped off for no access.
 - Only 2 gallons of liquid were in the drum.
 - Patriot Environmental (remediation company) has been contacted and is working on dispatching a crew to investigate.
 - No work will continue in the area until proper remediation efforts are completed.
 - Update 3/10 -
 - Patriot Environmental remediated the material and cleared the site. (tracking #25-0841)
 - WA Military Department, EPA, DOE and Ecology Spill Response were notified.
 - Site is currently roped off awaiting sign off from Ecology.
- Two unlabled wells were discovered. The current plan is to cap and abandon these wells. The landowner will coordinate with the state to insure proper compliance.

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

• Site inspection performed by Lynn Bell on a weekly basis without any non-compliant elements being discovered

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

• On 3/7 a buried 55-gallon drum containing an unknown substance was uncovered as mentioned above

-Brief list of reports submitted to EFSEC during the monthly reporting period.

- 1. Revised IFC drawings incorporating module change
- 2. Seed mix in line with previously approved vegetation management plan

Safety Compliance

- Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.
- No issues to note for March.
- EFSEC has access to the safety orientation from the site kick-off meeting.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

- Begin fence installation
- Begin pile deliveries
- Begin pile installation
- Begin cable installation

-Upcoming permit renewals.

• None.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

• Completion of the road installation

Other

-Current events of note.

• N/A

-Personnel changes as they may relate to EFSEC facility contacts:

• Fred Hageman is the site manager for CCR for the remainder of the project, with Edi Garza supporting as Assistant Site Manager

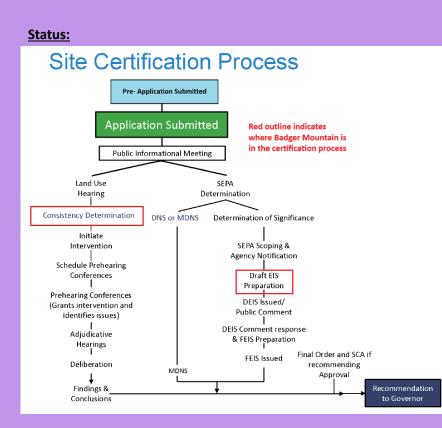
-Public outreach of interest

• Nothing to note

Badger Mountain Solar

General Description:	The project is a proposed 200-megawatt solar photovoltaic generation facility with an optional 200.MW battery energy storage system. The solar array area is approximately 2,274 acres and would include a gen-tie corridor.
Location:	Douglas County, approximately 3.5 miles east of East Wenatchee.
Applicant:	Aurora Solar, LLC.
<u>Milestone Dates:</u>	 September 2021 Application Submitted November 17, 2021 Informational public meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing March 13, 2022 Land Use Inconsistency Determination March 14, 2022 SEPA Determination of Significance June 2024 Applicant requested all work to pause until further notice.

 Remaining application work includes: Cultural Resource Survey and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)







April 2, 2025

Ms. Ami Hafkemeyer, Siting Manager Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council PO BOX 43172 Olympia, WA, 98504-3172

Dear Ms. Hafkemeyer,

Avangrid requests another extension of our permit application review, currently set to expire on April 7, 2025. We request EFSEC to please continue to pause all project activities and expenditures until further notice from Avangrid.

Yours Sincerely,

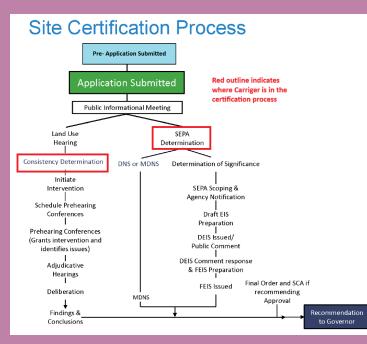
Michael Dekoft

Michael DeRuyter Senior Permitting Manager

Carriger Solar Project

<u>General Description:</u>	A proposed 160 megawatts (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility. Includes a proposed 63 MW of battery energy storage system (BESS). Project area: 2,108- acres of privately owned land.
Location:	Unincorporated Klickitat County. Approximately 2 miles west of Goldendale.
Applicant:	Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC.
Milestone Dates:	February 10, 2023, Original ASC Submitted September 25, 2023, Council issues Order No. 889 Granting a Finding of Land Use

Status:



Consistency.



Cypress Creek

April 9, 2025

Joanne Snarski, Energy Facility Site Specialist Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council P.O. Box 43172 Olympia, Washington 98504

Subject: Extension Request for Carriger Solar, LLC Application for Site Certification

Dear Ms. Snarski,

Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (CCR), on behalf of Carriger Solar, LLC hereby requests that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or the Council) further extend the processing time of the Carriger Solar, LLC Application for Site Certification (ASC) from May 1 to June 25, 2025.

The Carriger Solar Project Application for Site Certification (ASC) was filed with EFSEC on February 10, 2023. The ASC included a request that EFSEC conduct its review using the expedited process authorized by RCW 80.50.075 and WAC Chapter 463-43. WAC 463-43-050 provides for expedited processing to occur within 120 days of receipt of an application "or such later time as is mutually agreed by the applicant and the council." RCW 80.50.100 requires EFSEC to report its recommendations for approval or rejection of an application for certification "within twelve months of receipt by the council of an application deemed complete by the director, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the applicant."

Pursuant to my letter request of April 9, 2025, the due date for completing processing of the ASC most recently was extended by EFSEC to May 1, 2025 to allow time for EFSEC to complete SEPA review and issue its threshold determination for the project, and to act on our pending request for expedited processing. On April 4, 2025, EFSEC issued its SEPA threshold determination in the form of a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS), and invited public comment on that determination through April 20, 2025. EFSEC staff is now seeking a further extension until June 25 in order to allow time for the comment period on the SEPA threshold determination, as well as the comment period regarding our request for expedited processing.

Accordingly, CCR requests a further extension of the statutory ASC processing timeframe in order to allow adequate time for completion of these steps in the application process. CCR appreciates the importance of a thorough review and the continued work of EFSEC throughout this process. We believe the requested extension will facilitate the timely completion of the processing of the Carriger application.

Sincerely, hha

John Hanks Director, Development Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC

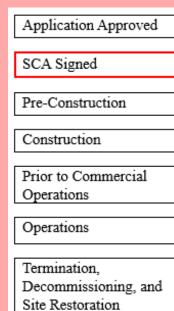
cc: Peter Moritzburke, VP of Development

Horse Heaven Wind Project

<u>General Description:</u>	Proposed construction of a renewable energy facility that would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts (MWs) for a combination of wind and solar facilities as well as battery energy storage systems (BESS). Meteorological Towers (MET), overhead transmission lines, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facilities are also proposed.
	Project area: 72,428 acres, privately owned land in which five DNR parcels are located within.
Location:	Unincorporated Central Benton County south of the Tri-Cities.
Applicant:	Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC.
Milestone Dates: •	 February 8, 2021, Original ASC Submitted May 17, 2022, Council issues Order No. 883 of Land Use Consistency – Finding Proposed Site Consistent with Land Use Regulations. October 31, 2023, Final Environmental Impact Statement Issued. April 17, 2024, Adjudicative Order Resolving Contested Issues.

- April 29, 2024, Recommendation to the Governor Submitted. •
- May 25, 2024, Governor Remanded the Council's Recommendation. •
- September 17, 2024, Final Recommendation to the Governor Submitted. •
- October 18, 2024, Received Signed SCA and Final Decision from the Governor. •
- November 21, 2024, Applicant Signed the SCA. •

Status:



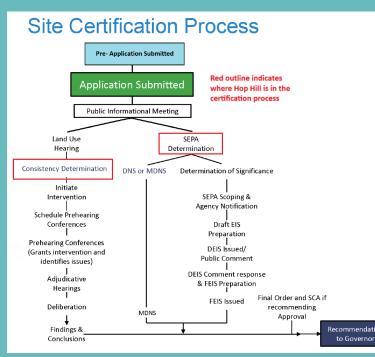


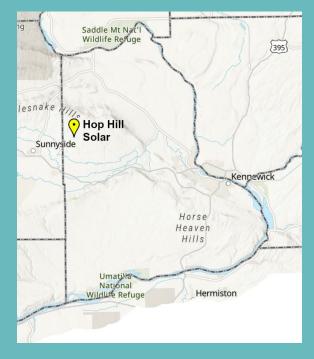
Hop Hill Solar Energy Project

<u>General Description:</u>	HOHI bn, LLC (Applicant), a subsidiary of BNC DEVCO, LLC, which is a joint venture between BrightNight, LLC and Cordelio Power. Hop Hill Solar project is an up to 500- megawatt2 (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) generation facility coupled with an up to 500- MW battery energy storage system (BESS). The Solar Array Siting Area encompasses approximately 11,179 buildable acres and the overhead 230-kV gen-tie line will be developed within a 150-foot-wide corridor and microsited within the approximately 10,841-acre Transmission Line Corridor Siting Area). The final solar array area anticipated to be approximately 6,000 acres.
Location:	Benton County, Washington.
<u>Applicant:</u>	BrightNight, LLC.
<u>Milestone Dates:</u> • •	December 22. 2022, Original ASC Submitted February 23, 2023, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing November 3, 2023, Brightnight requests application review extension (original date:12/22/23 to 12/22/24)

• November 15, 2023, Order finding Project Inconsistent with Land Use (Benton County) Regulations, setting the matter for adjudication.

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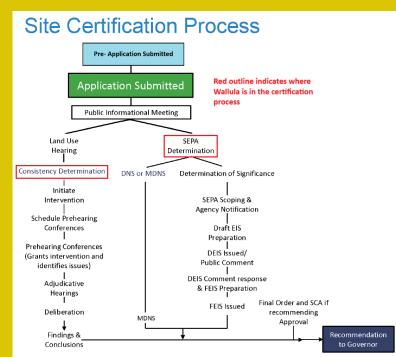


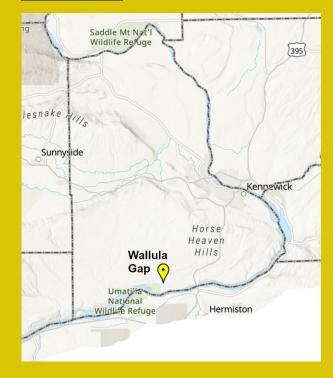


Wallula Gap Solar Energy Project

<u>General Description:</u>	 Wallula Gap Solar, a 60-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) project with an optional battery energy storage system (BESS). The Facility would be located across a portion (approximately 437 acres) of three parcels. The optional BESS would not exceed the nominal 60-MW capacity of the Facility. Facility would interconnect through a line tap to Benton Public Utility District's (PUD) 115-kV line near the Prior #2 substation. The generation would then be connected to the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) facilities at the Plymouth tap (aka Paterson Tap), where Benton PUD and BPA facilities connect at BPA's McNary substation.
Location:	Unincorporated community of Plymouth, Benton County, Washington.
<u>Applicant:</u>	OneEnergy Development LLC
Milestone Dates: •	February 23, 2024, Original ASC Submitted April 23, 2024, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing

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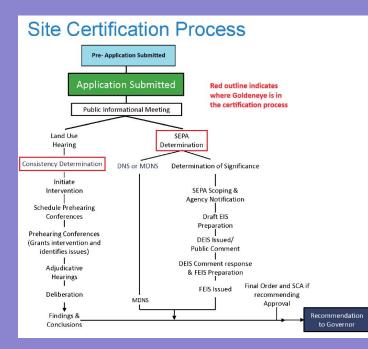




Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage Project

<u>General Description:</u>	A 200-megawatt (MW)/800-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS) project. The Project will not generate electricity, but instead provide a buffer for Skagit County's (County) electrical grid. The Project will accomplish this by receiving energy (charging)from the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) electric transmission system, storing energy on site, and then later delivering energy (discharging) back to the point of interconnection Project area: approximately 16 acres, privately owned land.
Location:	Unincorporated Skagit County, Washington.
<u>Applicant:</u>	GOLDFINCH ENERGY STORAGE, LLC, 412 West 15th Street, 15th Floor. New York, New York 10011
Milestone Dates:	June 27, 2024, Original ASC Submitted August 13, 2024, Public Information Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing

Status:



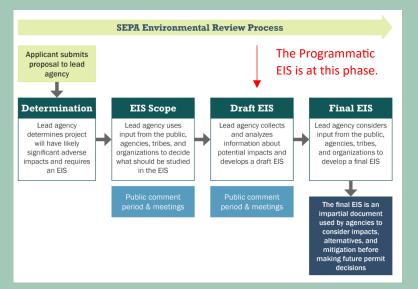


Transmission Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

General Description:	A Programmatic EIS to assess probable significant adverse environmental impacts from electrical transmission facilities with a nominal voltage of 230 kilovolts (kV) or greater at a broad level and identify avoidance, minimization, and other mitigation measures. EFSEC was directed to conduct this nonproject environmental review under RCW Chapter 43.21C.405.
Location:	Statewide
Originating Legislation:	Senate Bill 5165, Chapter 229, Laws of 2023
Milestone Dates:	July 23, 2023, Effective Date of Originating Legislation

- June 28, 2024, EIS Scoping Memo Issued
- March 31, 2025, Draft EIS Issued

Status:





Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Non-Direct Cost Allocation for 4th Quarter FY 2025

April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

The EFSEC Cost Allocation Plan (Plan) was approved by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council in September 2004. The Plan directed review of the past quarter's percentage of EFSEC technical staff's average FTE's, charged to EFSEC projects. This along with anticipated work for the quarter is used as the basis for determining the nondirect cost percentage charge, for each EFSEC project.

Using the procedures for developing cost allocation, and allowance for new projects, the following percentages shall be used to allocate EFSEC's non direct costs for the 4th quarter of FY 2025.

Columbia Generating Station	20%
Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project	13%
Chehalis Generation Project	6%
Grays Harbor 1&2	6%
Carriger Solar	5%
Goldeneye	5%
Hop Hill	5%
Wallula Gap	5%
Wautoma Solar Project	5%
Columbia Solar	4%
CCR Ostrea	4%
Desert Claim Wind Power Project	4%
Goose Prairie Solar Project	4%
Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project	4%
Wild Horse Wind Power Project	4%
Badger Mountain	2%
CCR High Top	2%
WNP-1	2%

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Date: 4/15/2025

Sonia E. Bumpus, EFSEC Manager



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Staff Proposed Rulemaking

WAC 463-06 Agency operations & public records. WAC 463-10 Definitions. WAC 463-14 Policy and interpretation. WAC 463-18 Council meetings and proceedings. WAC 463-22 Potential site studies. WAC 463-26 Public informational meeting & land use hearing. WAC 463-28 State preemption. WAC 463-30 Adjudicative proceedings. WAC 463-34 Petitions for rule making & declaratory orders. WAC 463-43 Expedited processing. WAC 463-47 SEPA rules. WAC 463-58 Charges for independent consultant study, regular & expedited application processing, electrical transmission preapplications, determining compliance potential site study. WAC 463-60 Applications for site certification.

WAC 463-61 Electrical transmission facilities. WAC 463-62 Construction & operation standards for energy facilities. WAC 463-64 Issuance of a site certification agreement. WAC 463-68 Site certification agreement— Start of construction, expiration, and reporting. WAC 463-70 Certification compliance and monitoring & enforcement. WAC 463-72 Site restoration & preservation. WAC 463-74 Dangerous wastes. WAC 463-76 Regulations for compliance with NPDES permit program. WAC 463-78 General & operating permit regulations for air pollution sources. WAC 463-80 Carbon dioxide mitigation program for thermal electric generating facilities. WAC 463-85 Greenhouse gases emissions performance standard & sequestration plans & programs for baseload generating facilities.

See all amended chapters at <u>https://www.efsec.wa.gov/council-information/rulemaking</u> under the Current Rulemaking tab.

Rulemaking Activities through April 16, 2025

- July 23, 2024 Initial Notice of Expedited Rule Making (CR-105) Filed
- August-September 2024 Public Comment Period
- September 12, 2024 Formal objection filed by Benton County
- October 2, 2024 Notice of Proposed Rule Making (CR-102) Filed
- October-November 2024 Public Comment Period
- November 7, 2024 Virtual Public Hearing

Background

These rule changes introduce **non-substantive amendments only**.

EFSEC became an independent agency on June 30, 2022, when the Act modernizing the energy facility site evaluation council to meet the state's clean energy goals (E2SHB 1812) went into effect.

The 2022 law made changes to Chapter 80.50 RCW (the Energy Facility—Site Location Act), necessitating updates to a number of references in the EFSEC WAC (Chapter 463) to align provisions and terms with the revised law.

Examples include: (1) the position of "director" was created to lead staff and replaced the term "council manager"; and, (2) a new paragraph was inserted into RCW 80.50.090 Public hearings— Opportunity for public comment, such that details on holding "a public hearing, conducted as an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 34.05 RCW" was changed from being subsection 3 to being subsection 4.

Similarly, when the Environmental Health Law Reorganization Act (SHB 2246) went into effect in 2020, many legal references in the EFSEC WAC (Chapter 463) needed to be updated to reflect references to the law as revised.

Additionally, a number of the chapters within Title 463 WAC had not been updated in many years to reflect the agency's correct address and contact information; the changes and updates to the Public Records Act (RCW 42.56) since 2004; updates to the current technological practices (e.g., introducing email and website to communication processes); or, updates to the Office of the Code Reviser's style guide.

All proposed changes either:

- 1) only affect internal agency operations not subject to violation by a person;
- 2) adopt or incorporate Washington state statutes or rules of other state agencies;
- 3) correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language without changing its effect; or,
- 4) are content explicitly or specifically dictated by statute.

Stakeholder Feedback

The one oral comment and five written comments that EFSEC received as part of this three-month process of soliciting public input, for the most part, related to objections to pursuing rule changes through expedited rulemaking, which was perceived as not sufficiently seeking meaningful public input. One commentator also believed, without specifying any proposed rule change, that the public records process was being changed to make transparency more difficult; and another comment opposed any rule changes that would reduce public participation in EFSEC's application process.

EFSEC response: As per the provisions in the Administrative Procedures Act (<u>Chapter 34.05</u> RCW), EFSEC originally tried to adopt these basic housekeeping changes to the rules using an expedited process allowed by the APA, lasting 45 days from publication in the Washington State Register. Once EFSEC received an objection to the expedited process, it returned to adoption of the rules via the normal process provided in the APA. The public had a full three months to review and comment on the rule changes, which were posted on its website from August 5 until November 7, 2024. The public was also informed twice through email and through publications in the Washington State Register of the proposed rules changes beginning on August 5, 2024. As a result, the public had 95 days to review and submit their comments. The public also had the opportunity to attend the public hearing held on November 7, 2024.

The only changes made to the public records process were updates to the EFSEC rules to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the current Public Records Act (RCW 42.56). No changes to any of the EFSEC rules were proposed that would reduce the ability of the public to participate in the EFSEC application process.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize filing of the final rulemaking order (CR-103P) to make the rule changes permanent 31 days after date of filing.