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AGENDA

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday May 21, 2025

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1. Call to OrderKurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
2. Roll CallAdrienne Barker, EFSEC Staff
3. Proposed AgendaKurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
4. Minutes
Meeting Minutes.....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair
 - April 16, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
5. Projects
 - a. Kittitas Valley Wind Project
 - Operational Updates.....Jarred Caseday, EDP Renewables
 - b. Wild Horse Wind Power Project
 - Operational Updates.....Jennifer Galbraith, Puget Sound Energy
 - c. Chehalis Generation Facility
 - Operational Updates.....Jeremy Smith, Chehalis Generation
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 - Operational Updates.....Chris Sherin, Grays Harbor Energy
 - e. Columbia Solar
 - Operational Updates.....Elizabeth Drachenberg, Greenbacker Capital
 - f. Columbia Generating Station
 - Operational Updates.....Josh LaPorte, Energy Northwest
 - g. WNP - 1/4
 - Non-Operational Updates.....Josh LaPorte, Energy Northwest
 - h. Goose Prairie Solar
 - Operational Updates.....Nelson Jia, Brookfield Renewable
 - i. Ostrea Solar
 - Project Updates.....Ryan Keeney, Cypress Creek Renewables
 - j. Carriger Solar
 - Project Updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
 - Council deliberation.....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

The Council may take action on direction to staff.
 - k. Horse Heaven Wind Farm
 - Project Updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
 - l. Hop Hill Solar
 - Project Updates.....John Barnes, EFSEC Staff
 - m. Wallula Gap
 - Project Updates.....John Barnes, EFSEC Staff
 - n. Goldeneye BESS
 - Project Updates.....Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
 - o. Transmission PEIS
 - Project Updates.....Sean Greene, EFSEC Staff
 - p. Desert Claim
 - Project Updates.....Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff

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6. Other

- Rulemaking Update.....Dave Walker, EFSEC Staff
The Council may take FINAL ACTION on a final rulemaking order to apply housekeeping changes to the EFSEC current rules.

7. Adjourn.....Kurt Beckett, EFSEC Chair

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Hill Solar for Benton County, Paul Krupin? 2 For Carriger Solar for Klickitat County, Matt 3 Chiles? 4 For the Wallula Gap project for Benton County, Adam 5 Fyall? 6 MR. FYALL: Adam is here. Thank you. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Goldeneye 8 BESS for Skagit County -- 9 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present. 10 MS. GRANTHAM: Who was that? Was that 11 Matt Chiles? 12 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles for Carriger, 13 yes, Klickitat County. 14 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to Goldeneye 15 BESS for Skagit County, Robby Eckroth? 16 MR. ECKROTH: Robby Eckroth, here. 17 MS. GRANTHAM: Moving on to Assistant 18 Attorney General, Jon Thompson? 19 MR. THOMPSON: Present. 20 MS. GRANTHAM: Zack Packer? 21 MR. PACKER: Present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: And Talia Thuet? 23 For EFSEC staff, I'm going to call those anticipated 24 to speak today. Sonia Bumpus? 25 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, present.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 Generation Facility? Columbia Generating Station? 2 MR. LAPORTE: Josh LaPorte, present. 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar? 4 MS. DRACHENBERG: Columbia Solar, 5 present. 6 MS. GRANTHAM: And is that Kelsey 7 Wood? 8 MR. DRACHENBERG: This is Liz 9 Drachenberg. 10 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Moving on 11 to Goose Prairie Solar? 12 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia, present. 13 MS. GRANTHAM: And then Ostrea Solar? 14 MR. STAKEM: Trip Stakem, present. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have anyone 16 present for the Counsel for the Environment? 17 MS. REYNEVELD: Yes, Sarah Reyneveld 18 and Yuriy Korol are present. 19 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. Chair, 20 there is a quorum for all councils. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Ms. 22 Grantham. Counsel members, we have a proposed agenda in 23 front of you. Is there a motion to adopt the proposed 24 agenda? 25 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, so moved.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Second?</p> <p>2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.</p> <p>3 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any</p> <p>4 discussion from the Council on the agenda? Hearing none,</p> <p>5 if you have a vote in favor of adopting the agenda please</p> <p>6 say yes or aye.</p> <p>7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Ayes.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BECKETT: And opposed? Agenda</p> <p>9 is adopted.</p> <p>10 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have are March</p> <p>11 19 meeting minutes in front of you, which I have</p> <p>12 reviewed. Are there other -- excuse me, can we have a</p> <p>13 motion to adopt the minutes first?</p> <p>14 MS. OSBORNE: Elizabeth Osborne, so</p> <p>15 moved.</p> <p>16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Second?</p> <p>17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.</p> <p>18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any</p> <p>19 discussion or edits that you would like to add to the</p> <p>20 record? I do not have any to add. Last call for any</p> <p>21 edits or additions. Okay, hearing none, may I have all</p> <p>22 those in support of adopting the minutes as recorded,</p> <p>23 please say aye.</p> <p>24 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.</p> <p>25 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Thank you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>2 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center, Chris Sherin.</p> <p>3 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>4 Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, for the month of March</p> <p>5 I also have nothing to report nonroutine.</p> <p>6 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>7 Moving on to Columbia Solar, Ms. Christian.</p> <p>8 MS. DRACHENBERG: Good afternoon,</p> <p>9 Chair Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, this is Elizabeth</p> <p>10 Drachenberg for Columbia Solar and there are no</p> <p>11 nonroutine updates to report.</p> <p>12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Elizabeth,</p> <p>13 and apologies for using the wrong name.</p> <p>14 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.</p> <p>15 MR. LAPORTE: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>16 Beckett, EFSEC Council and Staff, this is Josh LaPorte</p> <p>17 for Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station and</p> <p>18 Washington Nuclear Project 1/4, there were no nonroutine</p> <p>19 matters to report. The additional information is</p> <p>20 included in the packet.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>22 I'm sorry, that covered both operations just clarified</p> <p>23 that. Any further updates for WNP 1/4?</p> <p>24 MR. LAPORTE: Thank you for the</p> <p>25 clarification. That is correct. That covers both sites.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 very much. The minutes are adopted.</p> <p>2 Moving on to the operating updates, if you have the</p> <p>3 Kittitas Valley Wind project update, Jarred Caseday.</p> <p>4 MR. CASEDAY: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>5 Beckett, Council, and Staff. This is Jarred Caseday with</p> <p>6 the EDP Renewables Kittitas Valley Wind Power project, we</p> <p>7 have nothing nonroutine to report for the period.</p> <p>8 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Moving on</p> <p>9 to Wild Horse Wind project.</p> <p>10 MS. GALBRAITH: Thank you, Chair</p> <p>11 Beckett, Council members and Staff, this is Jennifer</p> <p>12 Galbraith representing the Wild Horse Wind facility for</p> <p>13 Puget Sound Energy, and I have nothing nonroutine to</p> <p>14 report for the month of March.</p> <p>15 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>16 Moving on to the Chehalis Generating Facility. I'm not</p> <p>17 certain if we have a member present for that.</p> <p>18 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Beckett, this is</p> <p>19 Sara Randolph site specialist. I didn't hear Jeremy on</p> <p>20 the line.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BECKETT: Oh, go ahead.</p> <p>22 MS. RANDOLPH: For the record, this is</p> <p>23 Sara Randolph, site specialist for Chehalis. The</p> <p>24 facility update is provided in your packet. There were</p> <p>25 no nonroutine updates to report.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Thank you.</p> <p>2 Moving on to Goose Prairie.</p> <p>3 MR. JIA: Nelson Jia here. For the</p> <p>4 month of March we did have some issues with our inverters</p> <p>5 again. This is a continuation from previous months, but</p> <p>6 Sungrow is expected to install new firmware at our site</p> <p>7 this month. Hopefully that resolves a lot of our issues</p> <p>8 with inverters.</p> <p>9 On top of that, we did have one I guess you could</p> <p>10 say major failure. Our rack system that was holding our</p> <p>11 modules failed allowing some of the modules to detach and</p> <p>12 break through the post, so that caused about one megawatt</p> <p>13 worth of modules to go down, but that has since been</p> <p>14 resolved.</p> <p>15 Otherwise, no other nonroutine operation or</p> <p>16 environmental updates. I did want to make a note on our</p> <p>17 staffing, Carson Stewart, who was our lead technician</p> <p>18 before has now been promoted to our operations manager at</p> <p>19 site, and I have provided his contact information there</p> <p>20 as well, if needed. Thank you.</p> <p>21 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the</p> <p>22 added detail. Moving on to Ostrea Solar, Mr. Stakem.</p> <p>23 MR. STAKEM: Yeah, hi, good afternoon.</p> <p>24 I will do a quick construction update. Everything so far</p> <p>25 is on schedule. We have got road construction over 50</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 percent complete, both laydown yards are installed, and 2 site entrance is complete. We are not under operation 3 yet so nothing to report there. 4 And, for environmental compliance, everything is 5 checking out so far. We are installing or have installed 6 all the bump lines and silt fence. The BMP installation 7 onsite are continuing. We have had SWPP inspections 8 performed and everything is -- no issues to report there. 9 Previously reported on 3/7 was a buried 55-gallon 10 drum containing an unknown substance. That has since 11 been cleared, although we are awaiting the final report 12 which will be shared upon receipt. 13 Additionally, we had two previously unknown water 14 wells that were discovered onsite. The plan is to cap 15 these water wells. We are currently doing some 16 additional evaluation of those wells to determine the 17 depth and overall size of them and confirm they are not 18 in conflict with any of the project facilities. We do 19 not believe that's going to be an issue, but once we have 20 a final plan that will be shared as well. 21 Otherwise, we've had weekly site inspections 22 performed by Lynn Bell and she noted weekly that we have 23 no noncompliant elements being discovered. 24 Otherwise, we do have a revised IFC drawing that is 25 currently being reviewed by EFSEC staff, as well as the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 provide an extension to the applicant through July 2025. 2 We posted the Badger Mountain extension request for 3 comments between April 8th and 13th, 2025. We received 4 19 comments, which were posted to the Council SharePoint 5 for your review, including the Confederated Tribes of the 6 Colville Reservation and local residents. All comments 7 were against providing an extension. Comments primarily 8 focused on the environmental impacts from the project. 9 That's all I have. Can I answer any questions? 10 CHAIR BECKETT: I may have a couple, 11 but I believe Staff may have a couple of supplemental 12 comments or am I mistaken? 13 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. This is Sonia 14 Bumpus, for the record. Good afternoon Chair Beckett and 15 Council members. I just wanted to comment on the request 16 of the applicant for the pause and expenditures. The RCW 17 80.50.071 discusses that each applicant is responsible 18 for expenditures for the processing of their application, 19 and so to not request for that part of the request and 20 the extension letter the expenditures would continue to 21 be billed for nondirect costs, but direct billing would 22 cease during this pause. I just wanted to provide that 23 information in case the Council had questions about that. 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you. And 25 just to clarify, that latter topic is not a subject of</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 seed mix has been approved for vegetation management 2 plan, and that's the update for the current construction. 3 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Lots going 4 on, so thanks again for the detail and update. 5 Moving on to Badger Mountain. Joanne Snarski with 6 the EFSEC team will provide the update. 7 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Beckett 8 and Council members. For the record -- I just let my 9 notes. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Take your time. They 11 will pop back up, I'm sure. 12 MS. SNARSKI: For the record, this is 13 Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for the Badger 14 Mountain solar facility. This is my first update to the 15 Council on this project since July 2024. At that time, 16 the applicant requested a formal four-month pause on the 17 project while they evaluated the future liability of the 18 project. They have extended this request and hope to 19 have a formal confirmation on the project status by June 20 2025. 21 In the interim, they have had an application review 22 period that expired on April 7th, 2025. On April 2nd, 23 2025, Avangrid sent a request for an extension to the 24 application. Although they did not request a specific 25 time line for the extension, Staff recommends the Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 the current proposed action before the Council, but we 2 did want to acknowledge that topic that was contained in 3 the letter so they are part of the record, the extension 4 of the actual agreement between EFSEC and the applicant 5 and then the other second topic for the record was 6 spoken. 7 Let me ask a process question of our Council or Ms. 8 Grantham. So does the discussion covering the update 9 here we are next going to take up an action, is it best 10 to have discussion before that motion is on the table or 11 is discussion on the motion, or other Council members 12 have their own Robert's Rules perspective on that? I 13 would appreciate any feedback on that. I'm happy to take 14 discussion in both if that's the desire. I just want to 15 acknowledge the process. 16 MR. PAMPLIN: I still have a few 17 questions so maybe we can have -- 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Let's go ahead and do 19 it now and we will take any others specific to the 20 action. 21 MR. PAMPLIN: The Staff update here on 22 this project, in reviewing the comments it was noted that 23 perhaps some of those landowners may have changed as far 24 as having agreement with the project applicant, and so 25 wanted to know how that necessarily affects this. Is the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 project still viable, and what would be the consequences 2 of not extending or granting this extension? What would 3 the applicant have to do as far as to reset? 4 MS. SNARSKI: I can take a stab at 5 sort of that, but I may need a little bit of help on the 6 other part. As far as the extension of the existing 7 leases on those, I -- we don't get that information 8 specifically provided to us. It has been discussed with 9 us earlier on that they were seeking some renewals, and 10 that was part of the reason I think that they asked for 11 the pause. They cited other reasons in their original 12 letter that were included, as far as their evaluation. I 13 can't speak to where do they stand with all of those 14 agreements or not. 15 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you. And then the 16 consequence of not granting an extension, what would the 17 project applicant have to do, or what would be the 18 implication for the project applicant if they had to 19 submit a new project? 20 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you for the 21 questions. For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus. So if 22 the extension is not approved then work would cease on 23 the application, and so we would not continue to do any 24 work to move the application through its process. 25 MR. PAMPLIN: So the project applicant</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 going through the process and something has occurred 2 that, you know, sort of warrants pause of the work or 3 EFSEC is unable to move forward, typically those 4 applications have stayed on the books, if you will, and 5 they continue to pay nondirect costs so that when they 6 are ready to resume EFSEC has the capacity and has the 7 contract and things it needs to be able to resume the 8 processing of the application when the applicant 9 indicates they are ready. 10 So, in the past, there have been cases where an 11 applicant -- something happens that is not related to 12 EFSEC's process, something they need to work out on their 13 end in order to move forward, and EFSEC has paused direct 14 billing on that project, and then when they are ready to 15 proceed they come back and let us know and we can resume 16 processing at that time. 17 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks for indulging me 18 here, Mr. Chair, and thank Mr. Thompson and Ms. Bumpus 19 for their responses. 20 By no means please interpret any of my questions 21 associated with the substance of the -- or the merits of 22 the project, it was more about learning the process. And 23 when I reviewed the letter indicating indefinite request 24 of the extension, I just wanted to know what were the 25 tradeoffs for EFSEC, and for the applicant to understand</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 would still be able to resubmit when they determine that 2 the project is viable? 3 MR. THOMPSON: Jon Thompson, legal 4 adviser to the Council. Yeah, there really is no 5 precedent that I'm aware of for not granting an extension 6 request, so I think if you were to not grant it, you 7 know, probably the best thing to do would be to spell out 8 your intention as to whether what you are doing is to 9 basically dismiss the application, you know. In other 10 words, say we are not processing this any further and you 11 are going to need to -- and it should be considered 12 terminated, and you will need to refile, or even, I 13 suppose, if you are granting a leave to refile the same 14 project again. 15 I mean, you would want to be careful to spell out, I 16 think, exactly what your intention is with regard to the 17 processing of the application because there's not an 18 automatic -- there's no -- the statute doesn't spell out 19 any kind of specific consequences or, you know, what 20 happens if an extension is not granted. 21 We do have -- I will note for those that have their 22 hands up we have -- throw their hands up and I will start 23 sharing my screen in just a moment. 24 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you. I was just 25 going to add that in the past when an applicant has been</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 is it a pause or an extension or a withdrawal and then 2 resubmit when they feel like the project is viable, so 3 thanks for the information. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the 5 added context and a couple questions I had in the back of 6 my mind here too, so appreciate you sliding in there. 7 Mr. Young first and then Ms. Guilio from our Douglas 8 County representative. Mr. Young, go ahead. 9 MR. YOUNG: Thank you. I also noticed 10 in the comments that we were forwarded the statements 11 that some of the leases that were originally in place 12 were no longer in place, and it raised the question for 13 me without that knowing whether that's true or not, it 14 raised the question for me in terms of is the -- are we 15 certain that the application is still valid if 16 theoretically an applicant no longer controls the land 17 that makes up the project site, does EFSEC have any type 18 of an ongoing duty to ascertain whether an applicant 19 still controls the land? Where does that stand? 20 MS. BUMPUS: So this is Sonia Bumpus 21 for the record. Thank you for the question, and our 22 legal counsel, Jon Thompson, may want to add to this. 23 So the application for site certification, EFSEC 24 establishes the rules that apply there to the AFC does 25 not require that that applicant have site control, so the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 status of leases and things of this nature are not a 2 requirement for the filing of an application for site 3 certification with EFSEC. 4 That being said, a lot of the studies and things 5 like that that need to be done on the ground and in the 6 field oftentimes site control is imperative for that, but 7 it's not a requirement for the process in the 8 application. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. I just 10 want to double check, Councilman Young, it sounds like 11 that covered your question, but I want to confirm with 12 you first? 13 MR. YOUNG: Yes, it did. I appreciate 14 that answer. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. And I 16 believe Councilwoman Guilio, pardon me on my 17 pronunciation, and you may have had your question 18 answered as I see your hand down, but, again, out of 19 respect to you I will double check. 20 MS. GUILIO: Yes, that did answer my 21 question. Thank you. 22 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you. 23 Other comments, or questions, discussions of the update? 24 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, Joanne, would 25 you mind indicating -- your recommendation was to extend</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 elsewhere enclosed in their letter there was an intent to 2 provide some additional feedback and content to both the 3 Staff and, of course, the Council on their path ahead and 4 will do so in June, so that's good to learn. And, in 5 this case, I expect that the sooner that we can get some 6 clarity here for all parties would be for the better of 7 all involved, so I will leave it at that. 8 Okay. So with that, could I have a motion for the 9 extension request to the end of July 31, so 7/31/25 for 10 the Badger Mountain project? Is there a motion? 11 MR. PAMPLIN: Mr. Chair, this is Nate. 12 I will make that motion to extend Badger Mountain -- or 13 grant the extension request for Badger Mountain through 14 July 31st, 2025. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Is there a 16 second? 17 MS. BREWSTER: Stacy Brewster, second. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any 19 further discussion on the action now before the Council 20 to provide an extension to the Badger Mountain project 21 through the end of July 2025? 22 Let me double check on the screen. Okay. Hearing 23 none, then all in favor of providing that extension 24 please signify by saying aye. 25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 it through July, so is that July 1st? July 31? What do 2 you have in mind. 3 MS. SNARSKI: The end of July, July 4 31st. 5 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you. 6 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. This is 7 Chair Beckett, let me just make a comment, I guess, here 8 in the updates and then we will move on with Council's 9 support to the proposed action here and get with the 10 Council on their intent. 11 I will say my observations from what I read, as well 12 as appreciate some of the other context from the 13 discussions is that I think the confusion at times can 14 come from the public comments that I read, and I want to 15 make sure, you know, that that was part of what raised my 16 questions was from the comments, which I appreciate, is 17 that while the process takes a long time there's a lot of 18 complexity and all those aspects, at the same time when 19 they do get elongated and certain issues, like was there 20 a lease, isn't there a lease, ultimately that can create 21 confusion, if you will, as to where we are at and where 22 we are going, and although I don't know by any means the 23 intent here, I think that's the effect, and that 24 ultimately affects all the parties involved. And so I 25 appreciate hearing that somebody already had stated</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: That's an extra aye. 2 And those opposed? I don't believe there is any 3 abstentions. Okay, motion passed and the extension has 4 been contacted upon. 5 Moving on to -- let me double check, is there 6 anything else on that item? 7 Okay. Moving on then to Carriger Solar, Joanne 8 Snarski. Double duty today. 9 MS. SNARSKI: Yes, again, this is 10 Joanne Snarski, for the record, the siting specialist for 11 Carriger Solar in Klickitat County. 12 To restate, for the record, on August 8th, 2023, the 13 EFSEC, State Environmental Policy Act, responsible 14 official, Director Bumpus, issued a letter under RCW 15 80.50.090(3) stating that the SEPA determination of 16 significance was anticipated to the impact of visual 17 resources and cultural and historic resources. This was 18 based on EFSEC's internal review, as well as input from 19 the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program staff. 20 Under this RCW the applicant is given the option of 21 withdrawing or revising its application to mitigate 22 impacts that were the basis of the determination of 23 significance. 24 In discussions with the applicant responding to this 25 letter, Cypress Creek Renewables, I will refer to them as</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 CCR, agreed to the completion of a traditional cultural 2 places study to be conducted by the Yakama Nation's staff 3 in support of EFSEC SEPA review. 4 EFSEC and the Yakama Nation attorneys worked to 5 develop our first interagency agreement with the Yakama 6 Nation staff for the completion of the study, scheduled 7 to be conducted between December 2023 and December 2024. 8 Yakama Nation staff completed the study ahead of 9 schedule and submitted a copy of it to EFSEC on October 10 28th, 2024. During an initial discussion on the TCP 11 study, Traditional Cultural Property study results, due 12 to the highly confidential nature of this study, EFSEC 13 staff requested a summary letter which was developed by 14 Yakama staff and received on December 19th 2024. This 15 was provided to CCR for the purpose of informing 16 mitigation discussions. CCR provided mitigation measures 17 for discussion purposes on January 23rd, 2025, which 18 EFSEC provided to Yakama Nation staff and discussed 19 during the phone call on February 7th, 2025. 20 Following additional discussion CCR provided further 21 mitigation for EFSEC's consideration on March 12th, 2024. 22 While the TCP study was underway, EFSEC continued 23 coordination with the CCR on concerns related to impact 24 to visual resources. Staff received a revised visual 25 impact analysis on March 1st, 2024 and further revisions</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 If expedited process is granted, a public meeting 2 would be held to take comments on the project. Staff are 3 also working to schedule a Council site visit on May 6th. 4 Public notices of these activities will be provided at 5 the conclusion of the SEPA determination comment period. 6 This will be a good time to break to ask questions 7 before I continue, if there is more. 8 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. I 9 appreciate the opportunity to break it up a bit. 10 Members of Council, are there questions or 11 discussion at this time on the update so far? 12 MS. SNARSKI: That was a lot of dates 13 but I think there was a summary table that was provided 14 last week that may be helpful to reflect on as well. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Part of the project 16 update on the website. And I don't see any hands raised 17 online. Nate? 18 MR. PAMPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. 19 Thanks again for the staff report, Ms. Snarski. 20 So just kind of again understand there's a lot of 21 process questions here. So grant the extension, complete 22 the public comment period, but the public meeting on the 23 evening of May 5th is contingent on Council action at the 24 special meeting on May 5th, so it sounds like that's 25 going to be publicly notified, but just if you are a</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 on July 18th, of 2024. 2 Additionally, EFSEC continued coordination with CCR 3 to resolve the questions associated with the original 4 wetlands and water resources study. Washington 5 Department of Ecology indicated additional information 6 was needed in a letter to EFSEC dated August 28th, 2023. 7 After a site visit an additional review and field work by 8 both CCR and Ecology, an updated report was provided on 9 October 1st -- excuse me, August 1st, 2024. EFSEC staff 10 received Ecology's concurrence with the updated report on 11 November 8th, 2024. 12 As a result of this work and coordination, on April 13 7th, 2025 Staff posted a mitigated determination of 14 nonsignificance for the proposed Carriger project. The 15 public comment period will end at 11:59 p.m. on April 16 20th, 2025. 17 The next steps following the closure of the SEPA 18 comment period will be to evaluate any comments received 19 to determine if any updates or revisions should be made 20 to the mitigated determination of nonsignificance. Once 21 finalized, Council will be asked to take up the 22 applicant's request for expedited review of the 23 application. At this time, Staff anticipates that a 24 special meeting will be held on May 5th, 2025 for the 25 Council to take up the question of expedited process.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 member of the public how do you know if you show up or 2 not? 3 MS. SNARSKI: Through the formal 4 notice process. And we also have a running list of folks 5 online that also get a direct notice into their email as 6 well, so there's the public aspect of it through the 7 newspapers, of course, through our website and the email. 8 Did I leave anything out? 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer? 10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I would just like to 11 add to Ms. Snarski's statement. This is Ami Hafkemeyer 12 for the record. When the public notice goes out for 13 these activities the -- for date that the Council will be 14 gathering the items up for discussion, even potentially, 15 will be included in those notices so that the public may 16 evaluate if they would like to attend something. So, for 17 example, the notice for the Council to take up the 18 question of expedited process will also include 19 information that if expedited process is granted that 20 there will also be this additional informational meeting 21 so that the public is aware that that is scheduled, and 22 they would like to attend that secondary public comment 23 meeting to prepare to speak to that. 24 MR. PAMPLIN: Thanks for the response. 25 Just trying to learn and it sounds like this is going to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 be front loaded as much as we can to give the public 2 notice. Thank you. 3 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks. I think great 4 questions, especially the overall appearance of 5 transparency making it clear. I think today's update, 6 part of that is a cumulative effort, I think, in this 7 regard. Can Staff remind Council again in terms of the 8 format of the meeting on the 5th, all hybrid or is it in 9 person? 10 MR. HAFKEMEYER: We are doing a site 11 visit the next day on the 6th, which will also be a 12 public meeting given that there will be a quorum of 13 Council members in attendance, so that will also be 14 publicly noticed for those interested in attending the 15 site visit. 16 The meeting proposed for the evening of May 5th will 17 be hybrid. We are still working on the final details of 18 the venue, so we are not ready to issue that public 19 notice just yet, but the information on how to attend in 20 perp or virtually will be in the notice. 21 CHAIR BECKETT: Very good. Thank you. 22 I guess that's -- I'm sorry. Other questions or comments 23 from the Council first and then we will go back to Ms. 24 Snarski to pick up the back half of that, whatever 25 percentage, but any other questions before we turn it</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: I think that's a 2 question to Staff. 3 MS. SNARSKI: So go ahead, Ami. 4 MS. HAFKEMEYER: The timeline that 5 Staff has worked out the remaining steps for the request 6 for expedited process, Council deliberations and so 7 forth, review of the SEPA comments received, when taking 8 a look at the schedule for all of those activities, 9 allowing for Council deliberations in May and June, we 10 project that if the Council so moves a recommendation 11 could be made to the governor within that timeline. 12 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Does that 13 cover your question, Mr. Chiles, or any others from you? 14 MR. CHILES: No other questions right 15 now. Thank you. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. Thank you. 17 Other questions? Discussion? Okay. With that we will 18 conclude the actual project update, and then we would 19 move the extension request, which would necessitate me 20 asking for a motion to extend the Carriger Solar project 21 agreement to June 25th, 2025. You will have opportunity 22 for any further discussion on this agreement with the 23 motion on the table. Is there any motion by Council to 24 extend the Carriger Solar project. 25 MR. YOUNG: So moved.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 back to Staff? Okay. Ms. Snarski. 2 MS. SNARSKI: As a reminder, at the 3 March 19th Council meeting the Council granted an 4 extension of one month, from April 1st to May 1st, 2025, 5 to allow the Staff and the applicant to develop a 6 timeline for the remaining work. Since that meeting, 7 Staff and the applicant have agreed to an extension of 8 application review through June 25th, 2025. We believe 9 this extension will provide sufficient time for the 10 Council to complete the remaining process steps, 11 including developing a recommendation to the governor on 12 whether or not to approve the project. 13 The extension request was posted for public comment 14 from April 9th through April 13th, 2025. We received no 15 comments. That's all I have. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Discussion 17 on both the extension date and any other additional 18 topics that were just covered by Ms. Snarski? 19 MR. CHILES: Yes. This is Matt Chiles 20 from Klickitat County. So the proposed extension into -- 21 towards the end of June, at the end of that extension the 22 Council will be making the decision to the recommendation 23 of the governor; is that correct at that point? 24 MS. SNARSKI: I'm not sure if that's 25 to me or to --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thanks, Mr. Young. Is 2 there a second? 3 MR. PAMPLIN: Second. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: We have a motion on 5 the second. Is there discussion on the proposed 6 extension? 7 MR. CHILES: I have another question. 8 This is Matt Chiles again from Klickitat County. 9 CHAIR BECKETT: Go ahead, Mr. Chiles. 10 MR. CHILES: So if the extension is 11 approved and the decision is made to not go with the 12 expedited processing, would there then need to be another 13 extension or what would that process be? 14 It sounds like this extension is designed for 15 expedited processing, and I just want to clarify should 16 the decision be made to not go to expedite, will we then 17 need another extension or should we be pushing this out a 18 little longer right now? Thank you. 19 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Mr. Chiles. 20 I believe Director Bumpus indicates she would like to 21 field that one. 22 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair Beckett 23 and Council. For the record, this is Sonia Bumpus. This 24 proposed schedule that's pretty high level at this point, 25 it does assume that there really isn't any substantial</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 comment on the MDNS so it doesn't contemplate any 2 substantial revisions to the MDNS. And it also assumes 3 that expedited process is granted. So if we do get 4 substantial -- substantive comments on the MDNS and 5 there's rework that needs to be done that could throw the 6 milestones off. 7 If we also see the expedited process is not granted, 8 the two criteria aren't met, then, again, we would be 9 needing to go back and talk with the applicant about 10 another timeline. 11 So there are some robust assumptions that are baked 12 in here, but we have talked with the applicant about this 13 and we would go back with them and talk about where we 14 are at that point and what would be a reasonable schedule 15 moving forward from there. 16 CHAIR BECKETT: Mr. Chiles, any 17 follow-up from your original question or comments from 18 you? 19 MR. CHILES: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. 20 Chairman. That, I think, answers the question for now. 21 Klickitat County would like the opportunity to add a few 22 more comments. Would the May 5th meeting be a good 23 opportunity to do that, or should I just get those to 24 Staff? 25 MS. BUMPUS: Well, there is a comment</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 you know, all parties, general public in particular, so 2 they can provide timely input for EFSEC's consideration, 3 both Staff and the Council, so I believe that's in part 4 why we have dedicated campaigns and periods, and 5 ultimately EFSEC is always able to take comments at any 6 time, it's just that many times it can get lost in the 7 mix and we don't want that to happen as much as I think 8 Staff does a good job of capturing input really at any 9 time, so appreciate that as well. 10 I believe we have a motion on the table to extend to 11 June 25th -- I guess I should -- I will add a comment of 12 while for those who maybe says one word, or thinking the 13 extension time might feel a little tight due to the work 14 to be done, ultimately done considering the work that's 15 been done by Staff and others, including the applicant on 16 why that particular phase has been brought forward to the 17 recommendation of the Council, I guess I would ask 18 ultimately the Council's will on how they want to 19 proceed, but perhaps a little indulgence on might feel a 20 little tight on a particular date, but ultimately there 21 will be a lot happening between now and the June regular 22 meeting of the EFSEC Council, by which we would really 23 probably inform the general path ahead, whether that was 24 a day later or a month later or whatever that path may 25 be, including the public comment that would accompany</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 period that's ongoing now, which that's an opportunity 2 that's available right now. And then, of course, 3 certainly the County can provide comments at the meeting 4 that we discussed a little while ago. 5 MR. CHILES: Thank you very much. 6 CHAIR BECKETT: Ms. Hafkemeyer, 7 anything to add? 8 MS. HAFKEMEYER: I was just made aware 9 of one small change to the report that Ms. Snarski gave 10 earlier. We did receive comments on the extension 11 primarily in opposition to the extension and primarily 12 citing environmental impacts as the reason, with several 13 indicating concerns about the proposed battery storage 14 portion of the project. 15 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. And ultimately 16 those concerns would inherently be taken up as part of 17 the meeting on the 5th as well really the ongoing 18 process. While they are posted around the extension, 19 ultimately the basis of those comments will be part of 20 the decision on consideration, as well as the eventual -- 21 MS. HAFKEMEYER: As well as Council's 22 overall deliberation. 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Okay. We appreciate 24 you brining that forward in terms of public comments. 25 Ultimately, EFSEC does try to channel places visibly for,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 that guidance, if you will, for a broader time frame 2 forward. I am certainly a believer in trying to achieve 3 more time certain outcomes as long as they are done 4 thoughtfully and objectively and with enough time the 5 parties can obviously adjust and provide further comments 6 they need, but at the same time, obviously, however -- 7 many -- someone might want to remind us, if need be, how 8 many years the project has been in process, so I think we 9 should acknowledge that as well as I look forward to 10 continue to hear the comments, especially from those -- 11 you know, in our host communities, and Klickitat County 12 will be doing that in particular again on the 5th of May. 13 So happy to take any questions or comments on mine first, 14 and then if not, then we will -- I will call for a vote. 15 Other comments or final questions? Okay. 16 Then there is a motion on the table to extend the 17 Carriger Solar project to June 25th, 2025, all those in 18 favor say aye? 19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 20 CHAIR BECKETT: Opposed? Abstention? 21 Okay, motion carries unanimous. Thank you, Council, for 22 the discussion and input and action. And with that, 23 unless there's any closing comments from Staff on the 24 Carriger project, then we will advance to the Horse 25 Heaven project. Ms. Moon?</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council 2 Chair Beckett and EFSEC Council members. For the record, 3 this is Amy Moon reporting on the Horse Heaven Wind 4 project. 5 The Preauthorization Technical Advisory Group or 6 PTAG, continued to meet in March to review and provide 7 technical advice on wildlife and wildlife habitat 8 management, mitigation, and project design plans. EFSEC 9 staff have been working closely with the Washington 10 Department of Natural Resources regarding a proposed new 11 water supply that was not evaluated in the final 12 environmental impact statement under the SEPA 13 Environmental Policy Act or SEPA. 14 This work is being doing to address the Horse Heaven 15 site certification agreement that requires the 16 certificate holder to provide certification of water 17 availability for process waters, for site construction 18 and operations, to include all project actions, including 19 vegetation management and solar panel washing per the SCA 20 Articles 4 and 7. 21 The coordination and SEPA analysis are ongoing, and 22 Staff will continue to update the Council on this effort. 23 Does the Council have any questions? 24 CHAIR BECKETT: Council members? Mr. 25 Young.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 proposed areas. We continue to coordinate with and 2 review their application with our contractor, contracted 3 agencies, and tribal governments. There are no further 4 updates at this time. Are there any questions? 5 CHAIR BECKETT: Council, questions on 6 the Hop Hill Solar project? Hearing none, we will move 7 on to Wallula Gap. John, again. 8 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett 9 and Council members. For the record, this is John 10 Barnes, EFSEC staff for the Wallula Gap application. 11 EFSEC met April 15th, 2025 with the applicant and the 12 Department of Ecology to conduct a wetland and water 13 verification for the project area. It was determined 14 during this meeting that an additional verification visit 15 would be needed to confirm an area that was unable to be 16 verified during the April visit, and still of interest by 17 the Department of Ecology. EFSEC anticipates the meeting 18 with Department of Ecology in May 2025 to conduct this 19 site verification. We continue to coordinate, review 20 with application with our contractor, contracted 21 agencies, and tribal governments. Are there any 22 question? 23 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Council, 24 any questions or discussion? Hearing none, we will move 25 on to Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage project, Joanne</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 MR. YOUNG: Is there any active 2 litigation around this project? 3 MR. THOMPSON: Council Member Young, 4 this is Jon Thompson. Yes, there are pending petitions 5 for judicial review of the governor's decision and the 6 EFSEC process currently pending. However, there's not 7 the -- there hasn't been any legal action to prevent 8 implementation of this site certification agreement, so 9 hopefully that will answer your question. 10 MR. YOUNG: Yes, it does. Thank you. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Are there other 12 questions and comments from the Council? Okay. Hearing 13 none, we will move on then to Hop Hill Solar. Mr. 14 Barnes. 15 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Beckett 16 and Council members. For the record, this is John 17 Barnes, EFSEC staff for the Hop Hill application. EFSEC 18 staff have had discussions with the applicant about their 19 interest in expanding the project in both acreage and 20 megawatts. Based on ongoing discussions with the 21 applicant, EFSEC anticipates receiving an official 22 application by the end of May 2025. In anticipation of 23 receiving this material, EFSEC has scheduled with the 24 Department of Ecology to conduct a wetland and water 25 certification site visit for May 2025 for the new</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Snarski. 2 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair 3 Beckett. Again, this is Joanne Snarski, the siting 4 specialist for the proposed Goldeneye Battery Energy 5 Storage facility in Skagit County. 6 Staff are continuing to work with our partnering 7 agencies to review and seek information on the 8 application for site certification. Staff are also 9 working with the Washington Department of Ecology and the 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop policies 11 to ensure that the project will comply with the National 12 Flood Insurance Program. I have no additional updates. 13 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you. Any 14 questions or discussions from the Council on Goldeneye? 15 Okay. Hearing none, we will then move on to the -- 16 MS. GRANTHAM: Chair Beckett, this is 17 Ms. Grantham. I see Robby Eckroth has his hand up. 18 CHAIR BECKETT: Oh, thank you. Please 19 go ahead. 20 MR. ECKROTH: Thank you, Chair. I'm 21 just wondering if Staff has an anticipated time frame as 22 to when the Council can expect a SEPA determination? 23 MS. SNARSKI: I do not believe we have 24 that at this time, no. 25 MR. ECKROTH: Okay. Thank you.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you for the 2 question. Did I miss anyone else? Okay. Thank you for 3 flagging that. And with that we will move on to the 4 EFSEC Transition Programmatic Environmental Impact 5 Statement, and Sean Greene has the update from the EFSEC 6 staff. Sean. 7 MR. GREENE: Thank you. Good 8 afternoon, Chair Beckett, and Council members. For the 9 record, this is Sean Greene, SEPA specialist for EFSEC. 10 I'm here to give you all an update on our progress on the 11 Transmission Programmatic EIS. This is a non project 12 environmental review of electrical transmission 13 facilities with the nominal voltage of 230 kilovolts or 14 greater that was assigned to EFSEC by Washington State 15 Senate Bill 5165 in 2023. 16 We have been working steadily on this programmatic 17 EIS since the middle of last year. We published the EIS 18 scoping memo on June 28th of 2024, and produced a draft 19 EES based on input from members of the public, staff from 20 other state agencies, tribes, and subject matter experts 21 and our consultant, WSE, among others. 22 The draft programmatic EIS was distributed for 23 public comment on March 31st of this year, and we are 24 currently within a public comment period that is 25 scheduled to end on April 30th. EFSEC held a public</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 meetings if someone wanted to bring a written record they 2 can submit it then as well as really any time throughout 3 the public comment period through the end of April; is 4 that correct? 5 MR. GREENE: That is correct. If a 6 member of the public wishes to submit a written comment 7 at that meeting, we would preferentially direct them 8 either towards our online comment database on the EFSEC 9 website, or emailing that written comment directly to 10 EFSEC rather than placing it in the Teams chat. It would 11 just be more effectively captured by our Staff, but they 12 can submit a written comment during any point during the 13 comment period. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Great. Thank you. 15 And I would fully agree let's avoid Teams chat posting of 16 public comments. 17 And, Mr. Greene, having input before the 18 following -- having labored under the next comment I will 19 make, please know that going in, but from the written 20 update that is in the packet on the regular operating 21 updates, the milestones stop at March 31st and just given 22 the importance of the public meetings that we had, it 23 would be good to make sure that that regular update just 24 captures that activity for the record as well. I just 25 wanted a quick feedback I had upon reading that</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 informational meeting on April 8th, which included a 2 presentation providing information on the programmatic 3 EIS and a public comment process. The recording of this 4 meeting and presentation is available on the EFSEC 5 website. EFSEC will hold two public comment hearings on 6 April 22nd and April 24th to provide members of the public 7 the opportunity to submit verbal comments on the draft 8 programmatic EIS. 9 Once the public comment period closes, we will 10 assess the comments received to identify those that are 11 substantive, respond to those comments, and further 12 develop and refine the draft programmatic EIS as we 13 prepare the final programmatic EIS. 14 We currently anticipate publishing the final 15 programmatic EIS on June 30th of 2025. Are there any 16 questions? 17 CHAIR BECKETT: Are there questions or 18 discussion, Council? Seeing none, I will add one quickly 19 for the record and a little observation. So I want to 20 thank you to the Staff and others, including those that 21 participated in the first public meeting, for bringing 22 this forward. Mr. Greene, you had noted that at the, I 23 believe, both public meetings we would take verbal 24 comments, meaning if someone wanted to come and add their 25 voice to the record and it will be captured, but at those</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 transmission progress update as part of our packet. I 2 know you have many places to make sure all those are 3 recorded, but appreciate that given to Council to 4 document. 5 I think we are almost done, Mr. Greene. I just 6 wanted to make sure we captured that or did we lose you? 7 MR. GREENE: Yes, Chair. Thank you 8 for the note. We will make sure that the milestones are 9 more complete going forward. 10 CHAIR BECKETT: Appreciate it. Thanks 11 so much. Okay. With that we will move on to our other 12 items starting with any updates on cost allocations from 13 Director Bumpus. 14 MS. BUMPUS: Good afternoon, Chair 15 Beckett and Council members. Thank you. For the record, 16 this is Sonia Bumpus. I have the fourth quarter cost 17 allocation update, which covers April 1, 2025 to June 30, 18 2025, and I will just read these off. 19 For the Columbia Generating station, 20 percent. 20 For Horse Heaven, 13 percent. Chehalis, 6 percent. 21 Grays Harbor, 6 percent. Carriger Solar, 5 percent, 22 Goldeneye, 5 percent. Hop Hill, 5 percent. Wallula Gap, 23 5 percent. Wautoma, 5 percent. Columbia Solar, 4 24 percent. Ostrea, 4 percent. Desert Claim Wind, 4 25 percent. Goose Prairie, 4 percent. Kittitas Valley, 4</p>

<p>Page 46</p> <p>1 percent. Wild Horse, 4 percent. Badger Mountain, 2 2 percent. High Top, 2 percent. WNP 1, 2 percent. And 3 that concludes my update on the cost allocation. 4 CHAIR BECKETT: Thank you, Director 5 Bumpus. Are there questions from the Council on the 6 current cost allocation information that's been provided? 7 Okay. Hearing none, we will then move on to, I believe, 8 our final item, which is our rulemaking update, and Dave 9 Walker will provide that update for us. Mr. Walker. 10 MR. WALKER: Good afternoon, Chair and 11 Council members. For the record, my name is David 12 Walker, interim director of Administrative Services. 13 On the agenda today is a Staff proposal for the 14 Council to consider rulemaking. Council action will need 15 to be held during the May Council meeting as it wasn't 16 clearly listed as a Council action on today's agenda. 17 Staff is recommending to file a final rulemaking order, 18 or a CR 103, to make a host of housekeeping changes to 19 EFSEC's current rules. 20 As the proposal in your packets notes, this 21 rulemaking began July 23rd of last year as an expedited 22 change of rules. It introduces nonsubstantive amendments 23 only across 24 of the 26 chapters in Title 463 of the 24 Washington Administrative Code or WACs as we refer to 25 them.</p> <p>Page 47</p> <p>1 The primary intent of these rule changes is to bring 2 the WACs up to date with current statutes and 3 regulations. With few exceptions, EFSEC's rules have not 4 changed since 2004 or earlier even though EFSEC became an 5 independent state agency in 2022. 6 The WAC chapters for Council action are quite 7 outdated in terms of the agency's physical address, 8 telephone number, reference to an old public records act, 9 outdated details about obtaining public records, 10 reference to the agency that EFSEC was part of many years 11 ago, an umbrella agency that no longer exists by name. 12 Those are all just examples of what the team has 13 corrected in these WACs. 14 Finally, in housekeeping review Staff found some 15 basic typographical errors that were corrected and 16 language was adjusted for clarity. 17 EFSEC originally filed the changes in housekeeping 18 under RCW 34.05.353, which covers expedited rulemaking. 19 Pursuant to that statute, EFSEC received an objection to 20 the expedited rulemaking. Given the objection, EFSEC 21 turned the notice to a proposed expedited rulemaking into 22 a prenotice inquiry as dictated by statute and filed a CR 23 102, lengthening the time for public comment and 24 scheduling a formal public hearing that was noticed in 25 advance and held on November 7th of last year.</p>	<p>Page 48</p> <p>1 In addition to the public hearing, formal public 2 comment periods took place from August 5th through 3 September 24th, and from October 16 to November 7th, all 4 of last year. And the rulemaking has been open for 5 public comment on the website since August 5th until now. 6 Since the -- we are going to be asking the Council 7 to take action on this next month. We are certainly 8 available for any questions, or if there's a need for a 9 definition of -- I'm sorry. Let me back up here -- 10 nonsubstantive rulemaking. 11 CHAIR BECKETT: Very well. Does that 12 complete -- 13 MR. WALKER: I'm done. 14 CHAIR BECKETT: Good update. 15 Appreciate that. 16 MR. WALKER: Thank you. 17 CHAIR BECKETT: We appreciate the 18 detail. Let me make a quick comment and I will open this 19 up to the Council for their questions and further 20 comments. 21 The public may be able to see, as I do on my screen, 22 the document that's in a couple places on our website for 23 your reference and there's a hyperlink in the middle of 24 the document that says "See all amended chapters," in the 25 hyperlink, which essentially is the actual rule changes</p> <p>Page 49</p> <p>1 themselves red lined or strike through, I guess, as it 2 were in the world of rules in RCWs. So for those who may 3 wish to see the actual changes that is there. And as Mr. 4 Walker has explained certainly it's been a little bit 5 since this rule has been before the public, as well as it 6 has an elongated kind of path with the list of questions 7 earlier that led to not using the expedited process. We 8 wanted to, again, put this into the public record today 9 with an intent to bring it forward for action next month 10 at the regular meeting. 11 Having looked at this, it is important but 12 nonetheless administrative and pretty perfunctory. So 13 certainly I'm pleased to see it come forward as it is, 14 and I think agree there's other strengths that we have 15 within the rulemaking process within EFSEC that can help 16 continue to clarify and improve some of our activities 17 like preapplication was the one example, whatever we do 18 in any future rulemaking like that certainly would, 19 again, have the same public process associated with it. 20 But I do think those are important activities and I just 21 wanted to acknowledge that, I guess, here to fellow 22 Council members as well as the public, and really 23 appreciate the support coming forward, so thanks for the 24 update. 25 And with that I will turn this to Council for their</p>
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<p>Page 50</p> <p>1 comments or questions. All right. Hearing none, I 2 would, I guess, turn to Director Bumpus to see if there's 3 any closing comments she has, or if other Council members 4 have closing comments we can take those as well. 5 Okay. I do want to thank Mr. Fyall for having -- I 6 see in the chat here noted that the Wautoma project 7 wasn't on the agenda today, and I believe that has been 8 just -- it's dormant and as a result it's not on the 9 agenda, so I just wanted to acknowledge his attention to 10 detail, which I'm certainly appreciative of. In case 11 there's other questions as to the project that come on or 12 off the agenda I would just like flag that for Staff as 13 something we could do in case citizens and other 14 especially Council members have questions about that so I 15 wanted to highlight that in respect to Mr. Fyall, who is 16 a member of Council -- or excuse me on Wallula Gap. 17 With that acknowledgment, unless there's any other 18 comments, I will do us the favor of adjourning the 19 meeting at 2:35. Any questions? Okay. Meeting is 20 hereby adjourned. 21 (Proceedings concluded 22 at 2:35 p.m.) 23 24 25</p>	
<p>Page 51</p> <p>1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR, 2) ss a certified court reporter 3 County of Pierce) in the State of Washington, do 4 hereby certify: 5 6 That the foregoing Monthly Meeting of the Washington State 7 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted in my 8 presence and adjourned on April 16, 2025, and thereafter was 9 transcribed under my direction; that the transcript is a 10 full, true and complete transcript of the said meeting, 11 transcribed to the best of my ability; 12 That I a not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel 13 of any party to this matter or relative or employee of any 14 such attorney or counsel, and that I am not financially 15 interested in the said matter or the outcome thereof; 16 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature on 18 April 2nd, 2025. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 _____ /s/Christy Sheppard, CCR, RPR Certified Court Reporter No. 1932 (Certification expires 05/06/26.)</p>	

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Operator: EDP Renewables

Report Date: May 07, 2025

Reporting Period: April 2025

Site Contact: Jarred Caseday, Operations Manager

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 29,514.10 MWH.
 - Wind speed: 7.93 m/s.
 - Capacity Factor: 40.81%.
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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 Facility
Operator: Puget Sound Energy
Report Date: May 8, 2025
Report Period: April 2025
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

April generation totaled 56,859 MWh for an average capacity factor of 28.97%.

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: May 1, 2025
Reporting Period: April 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.

- 58,432 net MWhrs generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 16.40%

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

Environmental Compliance

- Monthly Water Usage: 1,665,796 gallons
 - No changes
- Monthly Wastewater Returned: 963,126 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 3,561 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 May 21, 2025

Reporting Period: Apr 2025

Site Contact: Chris Sherin

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 393,571MWh during the month and 1,361,647MWh YTD.

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

Environmental Compliance

-There were no, outfall, or storm water deviations, during the month.

-Routine monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting submissions to EFSEC Staff.

- Monthly Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).
- Quarterly Q1 EDR

-20250403 GHEC experienced a combined-cycle gas turbine #1 (GTG1) NOx emission event on April 3rd, 2025, during hours 13 and 14, due to a combustion dynamics control malfunction. NOx emissions during hours 13 and 14 exceeded the limits identified in Applicable Requirement (AR) 2.4 of Air Operating Permit (AOP) #EFSEC/94-1 AOP-1st Modification. Reference Transmittal GHE551 submitted to EFSEC Staff for additional details.

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: May 5, 2025

Reporting Period: 30 Days ending April 30, 2025

Site Contact: Liz Drachenberg & Brendan Clemente

Facility SCA Status: Operation

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of April was 1,353 Megawatt hours
 - Camas
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of April was 1,281 Megawatt hours
 - Urtica
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of April was 1,427 Megawatt hours
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EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting

Facility Name: **Columbia Generating Station and Washington Nuclear Project 1 and 4 (WNP-1/4)**

Operator: **Energy Northwest**

Report Date: **May 12th, 2025**

Reporting Period: **April 2025**

Site Contact: **Josh LaPorte**

Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation for January 2025: **232,919.76 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

The Industrial Development Complex Landfill gas collection system has been installed, and the installation of the liner is underway. The liner membrane will be fully installed with a soil cap by May 15, 2025. Monitoring-well drilling will begin May 27th.

Other

Columbia Generating Station began Refueling Outage 27 on 4/11/2025 and will end the outage on 6/8/2025.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar

Operator: Brookfield Renewable US

Report Date: 4/30/2025

Reporting Period: 4/1/2025 to 4/30/2025

Asset Manager: Nelson Jia

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Construction Status

- N/A

Operations & Maintenance

- Total generation for the month of March-2025 was approximately 19,700 MWh
 - Fan power supply replacement occurred on inverter unit, but ultimately failed/faulted again
 - Many inverter-units continue to experience sampling faults and neutral point shift errors. Still waiting for Sungrow to implement firmware patch and to send more ac breakers to replace
 - 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

Other

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).

- None

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: 5/8/2025

Reporting Period: 4/1/2025-4/30/2025

Site Contact: Fred Hageman

Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

- On schedule.
- Road construction over 70% complete
- Laydown yards installed
- Site entrance complete with permanent gate.
- Array Piles and Inverter Pile Installation started
 - Array Pile Installation started on East portion of the project.
- Security Fence installation has begun on East portion of the project.
- AC Cable installation ongoing from East blocks to Substation with 9,000LF complete.
- T-line Post hole drilling ongoing
- Substation Civil in continuing progress.

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.

- WSP weekly SWPPP inspections performed.
- BMP installations per Exhibits continue.
- 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 5/1 –
 - Patriot Environmental remediated the material and cleared the site. (tracking #25-0841)
 - WA Military Department, EPA, DOE and Ecology Spill Response were notified.

- Plant receiving manifest received for oil drum and provided to EFSEC

-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.

- Nothing in the month of April

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

1. Revised IFC drawings incorporating module change – Approved by EFSEC
2. Seed mix in line with previously approved vegetation management plan – Approved by EFSEC

Safety Compliance

- Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.
- No issues to note for April.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

- Current:
 - Fence Installation
 - Inverter and Array Pile deliveries
 - Inverter and Array pile installation
 - East Property AC cable installation
- Upcoming Projects
 - West property Array cut and fill activities
 - Array Racking install
 - DC cable installation
 - West Property AC cable installation

-Upcoming permit renewals.

- None.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

- Completion of the road installation
- East property Basin and Swells complete
- Low Water Crossings brought to grade

Other

-Current events of note.

- N/A

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

- None

-Public outreach of interest

- Nothing to note



Plant Receiving Manifest

Thursday, April 24, 2025 02:39 PM

13514-1

Profile #: 563497 **Manifest ID** 164864
Generator Name: PCL Construction **Address (must enter city/state):** Moxee, Washington

Wash out?: No **Same as Transporter?** No

Billing Firm: PCL Construction 11436

Transportation Company: Patriot Environmental

Waste Description (choose one): Industrial/Metal bearing **Unit:** Drum

Color: Brown

Total Weight (lbs): 0

Oil % 0

Number of Drums/Totes: 2

Odor

Mild

pH:

x

Liquid Phase: 0

Sludge/Solids: 100

Total Gallons: 0

Total Solids (Tons): 0

Total Gallons: 0

Total Solids (Tons): 0

Method of Shipment: Containerized Waste

Weight Ticket:



Receipt_202....pdf

Comments:

1 drum with impacted soil - dg
1 drum crushed, wrapped in plastic - dg

Does this waste stream match the profile?: Yes

Technician: Wesley Krasner

Driver Name: Roderigo

Date Thursday, April 24, 2025

Truck License #: P-34

Acceptance: Approved

Time 2:01 PM



Industrial Profile

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Rep App: DA

Profile: 563497

Exp. Date:

Friday, April 24, 2026

General Information:

Generator Name PCL Construction
(Who is generating the waste):

Generator Contact:

Tim Rippy

Phone Number: (425) 365-6685

Email:

Trippy@pcl.com

Generator Address:

30515-30523 SR 24
Moxee, Washington, 98944

[Click here if this information is the same as the Site/Generator Information](#)

Billing Information:

Waste Water Profile:

Waste Description (choose one):

Industrial

How was the wastewater generated (process)?

liquid impacted Solids(hydraulic oil impacted soil) and Crushed Drum

Transportation Company: Patriot

Is the load co-mingled?

No

Method of Shipment:

Tote/Drum

Transport Frequency

One-Time

Anticipated Volume:

Overpack/Crushed Drum

Analytical Attached:

No

SDS Attached:

No

Has a sample been sent to Patriot?

No

Is this material an EPA Hazardous Waste per RCRA 40 CFR §261 or regulated as hazardous in the state of origin?

No

Color: Brown

Odor:

Mild

% Solids: 40

Flashpoint:

Above 140F

PCBs:

No

pH: 8

Cyanides:

No

Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO):

No

Oils:

Yes <60%

Glycol:

No

Additional Compounds:

None of the above

Grease:

No

Halogens:

N/A

Certification:

Does this waste contain per and/or poly-fluoroalkyl substances?

No

Printed Name: Dave Regnier

Acceptance: Approved

Title: Project Manager

Printed Name: Devon Anderson

Relinquished By:



Title: Plant Manager

Date

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4927 NW Front Ave Portland, OR 97210 OR CCB# 236005

Carriger Solar Project

General Description:

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.

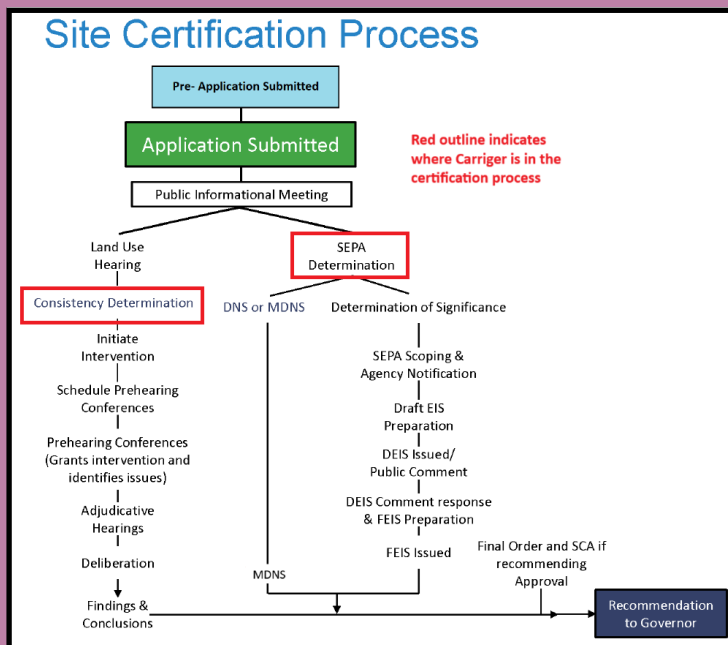
Applicant:

Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC.

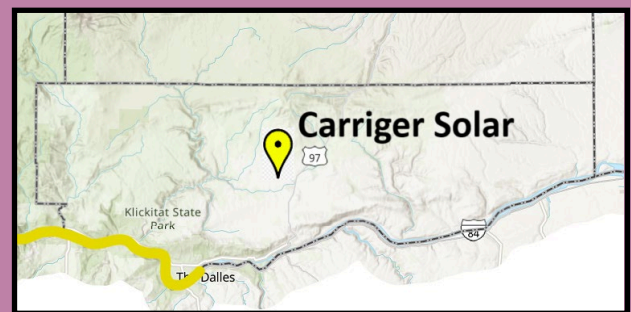
Milestone Dates:

- February 10, 2023, Original ASC Submitted
- September 25, 2023, Council issues Order No. 889 Granting a Finding of Land Use Consistency.

Status:



Location Map:





Carriger Solar

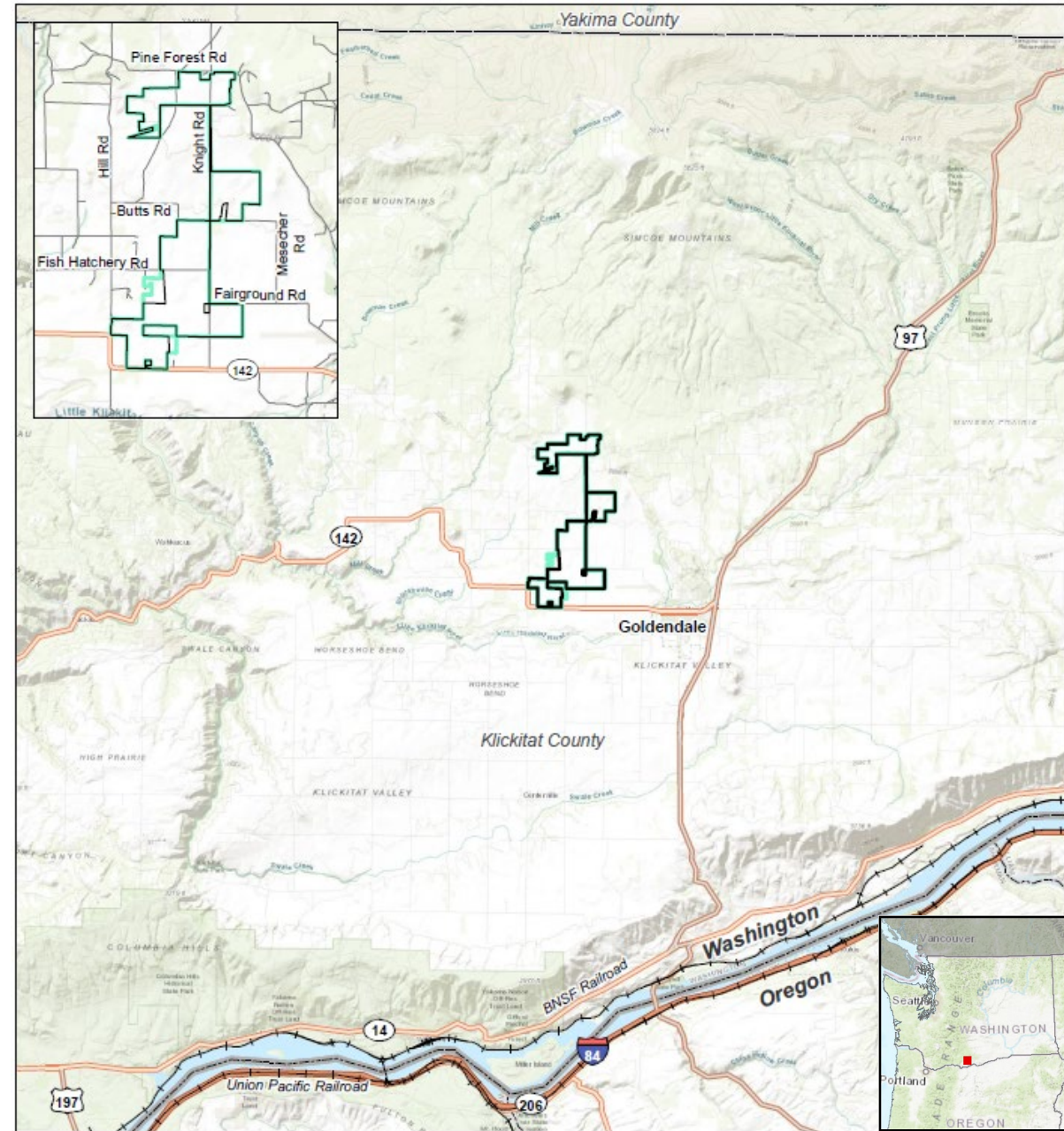
Sean Greene, Environmental Planner

May 21, 2025



Carriger Solar, LLC

- 160 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility
 - 63 MW battery energy storage system (BESS)
- Located on 2,108 acres of privately-owned land in Klickitat County approximately 2 miles west/northwest of the City of Goldendale
 - A maximum of 1,326 acres of the total lease boundary would be occupied by Project components
- Bonneville Power Administration Knight Substation is point of grid interconnection
 - Located adjacent to Project Area
 - 500-foot-long overhead tie-in line





State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review

SEPA Resources (WAC 197-11-444)

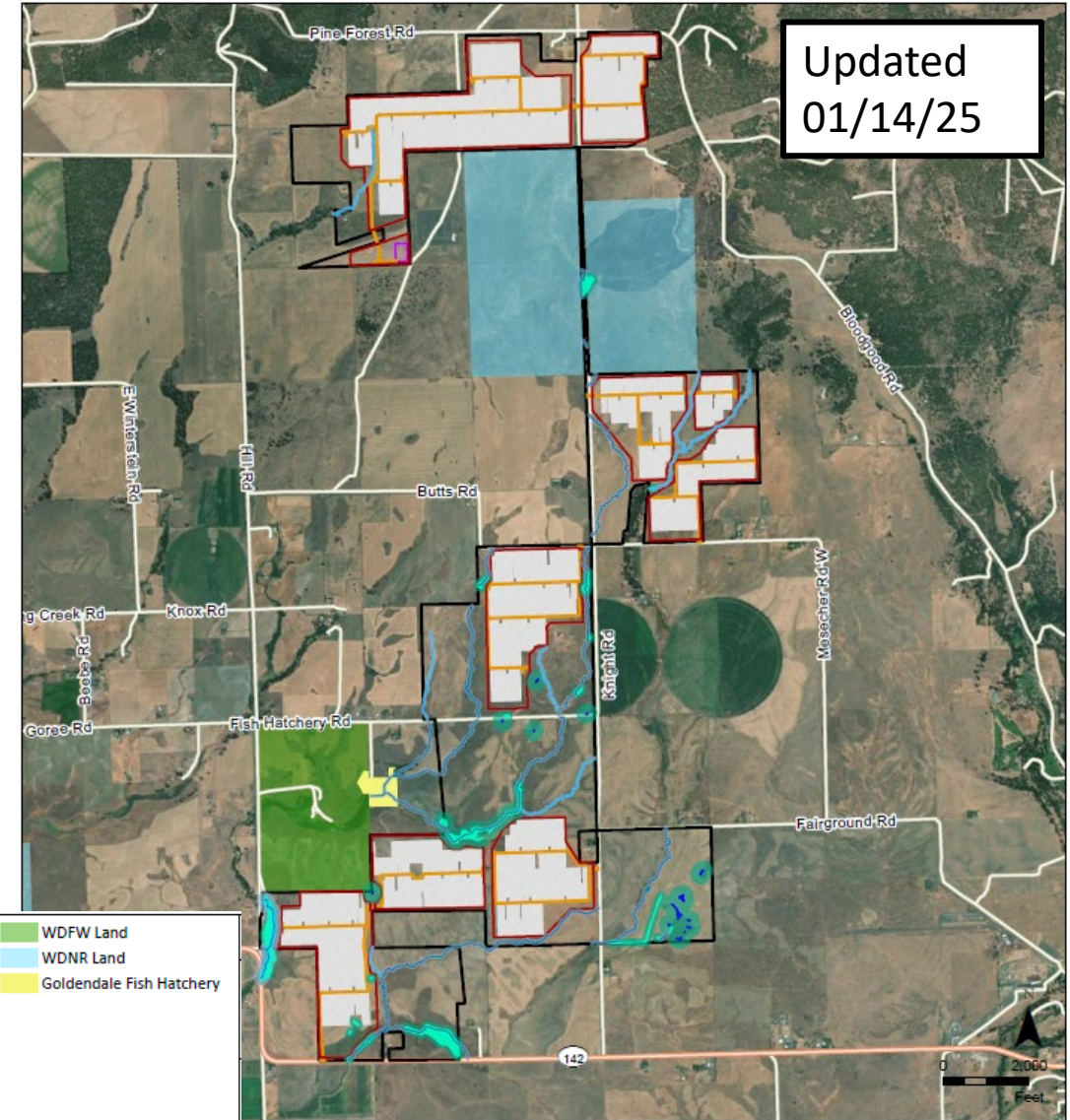
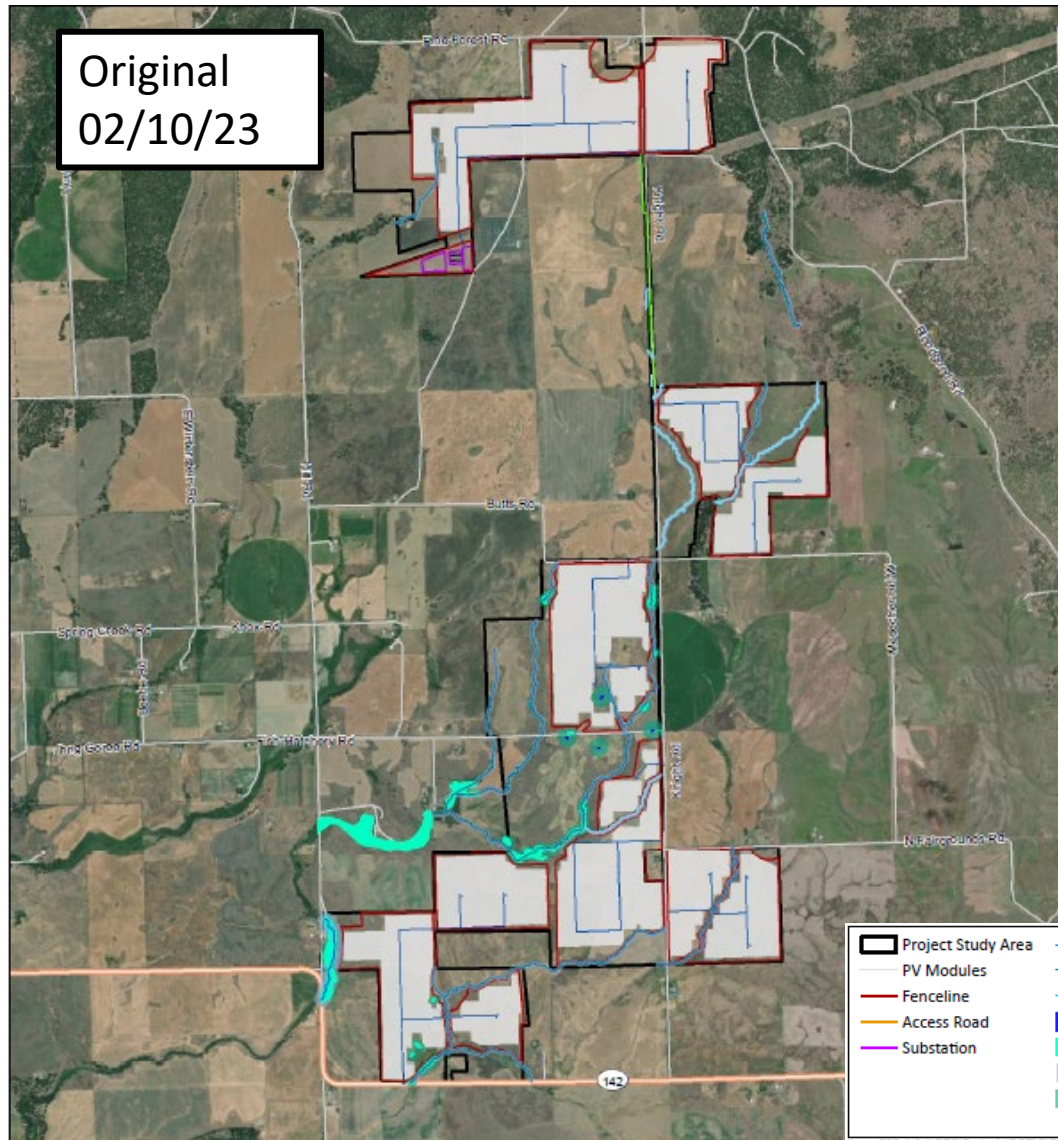
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- Visual & Aesthetics**
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- Public Services*
- Utilities & Waste Management

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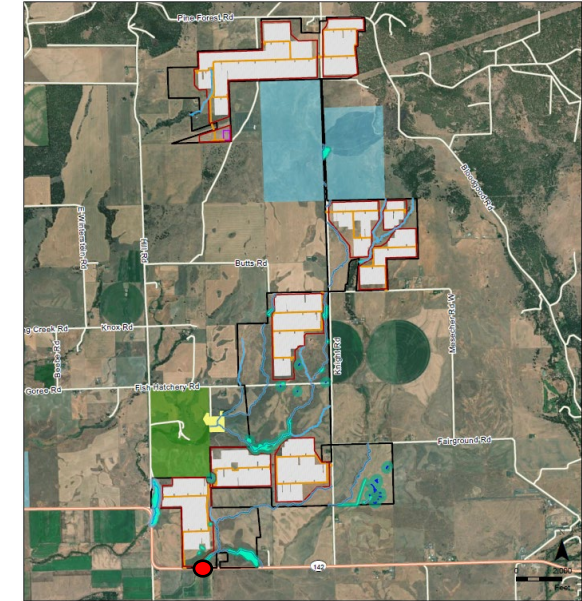
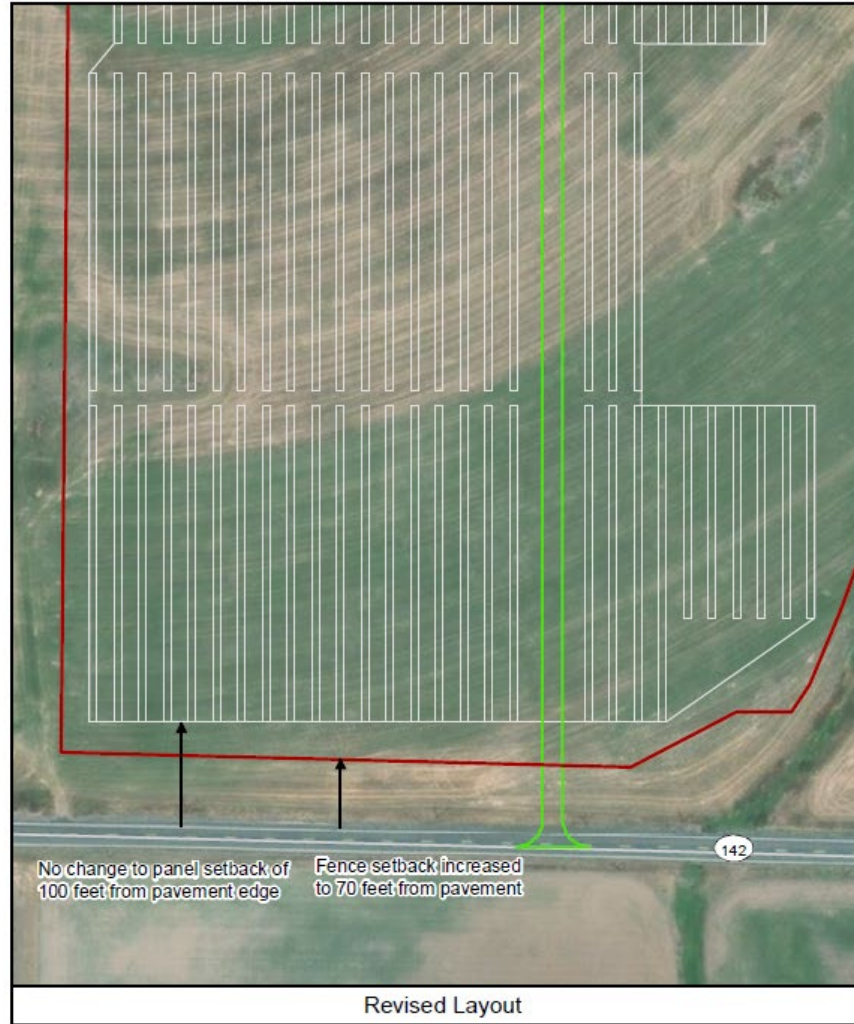
Significant Impacts

- A “significant” impact, per SEPA, is one that would:
 - Have a reasonable likelihood of **more than a moderate adverse impact** on environmental quality, or;
 - Have a **severe adverse impact** on environmental quality, even if its chance of occurrence is not great. (WAC 197-11-794)
- Significance is determined after the application of all relevant Applicant commitments and EFSEC mitigation.

Project Redesign

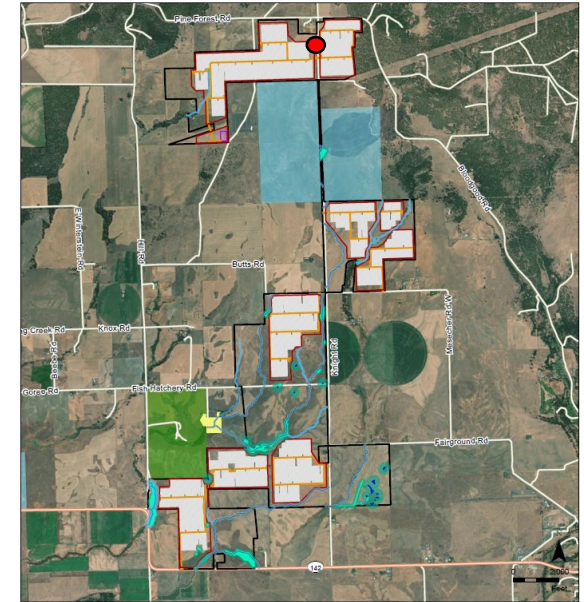


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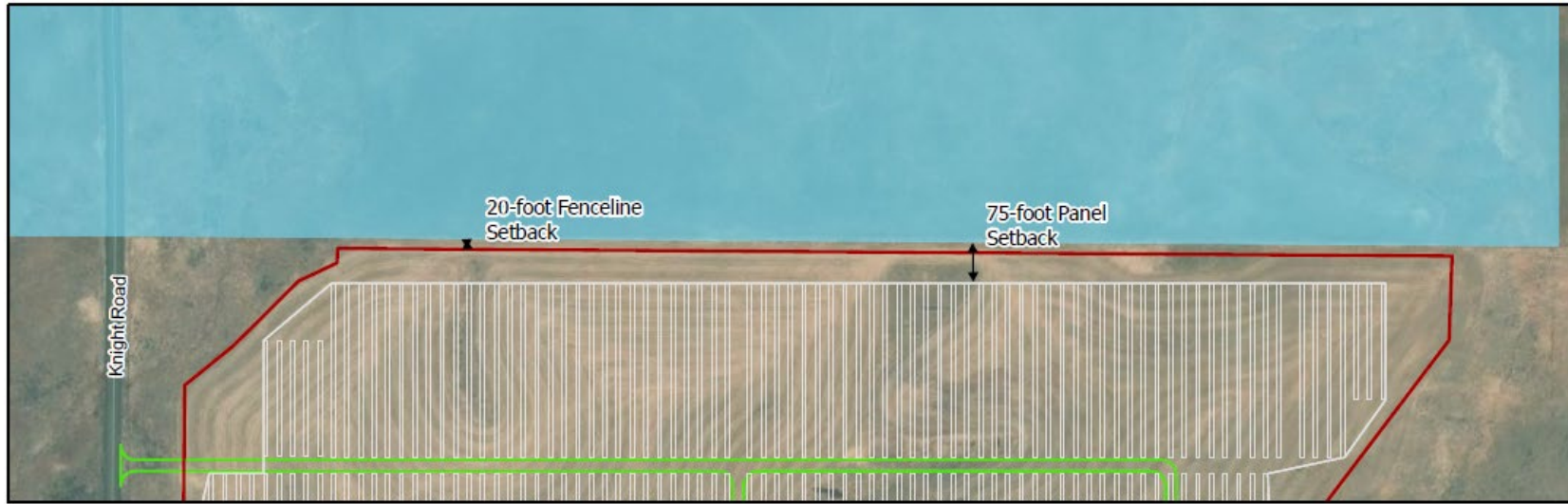
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- Array

Knight Road Setback



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- Fenceline
- Array

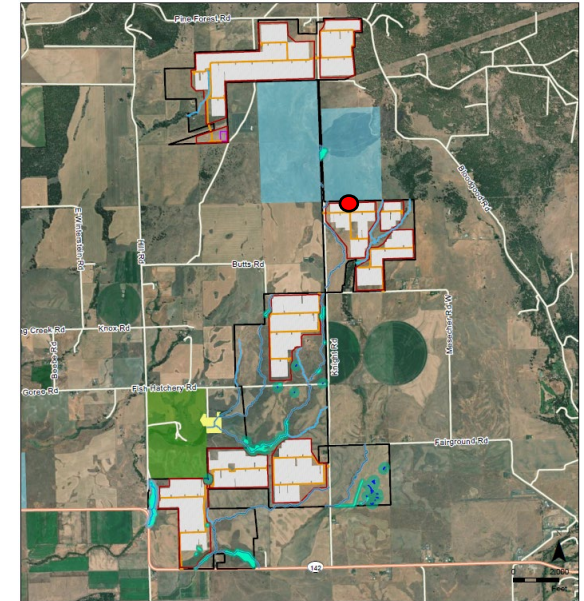
DNR Parcel South Setback



Original Layout

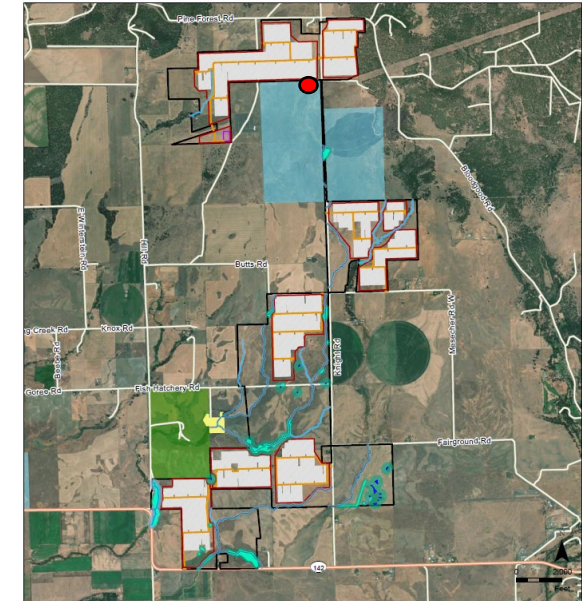
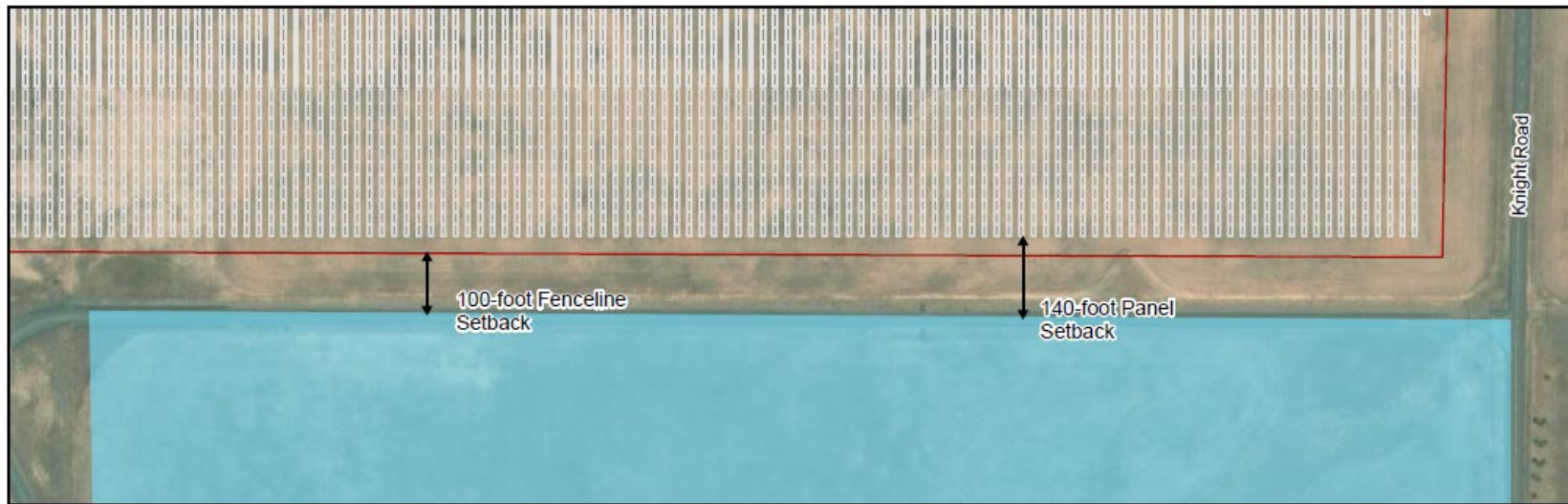
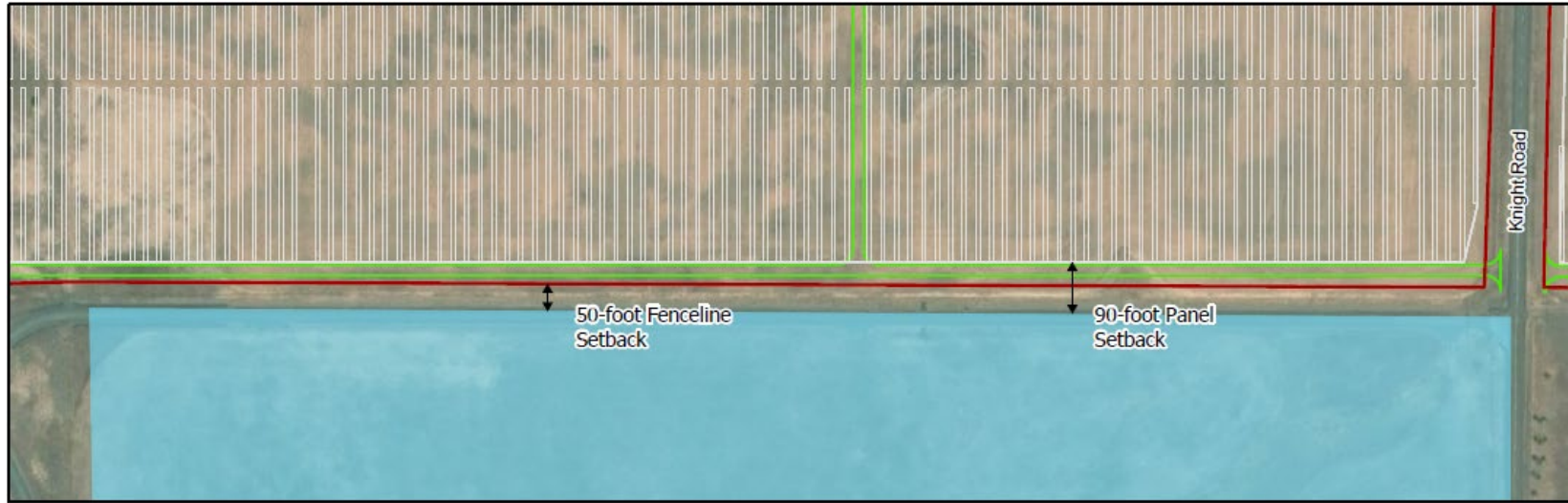


Revised Layout



- Access Road
- Fenceline
- Array
- WDNR Parcel

DNR Parcel North Setback



- Access Road
- Fenceline
- Array
- WDNR Parcel

Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance

- Issued on April 7, 2025
- 14-Day Public Comment Period held from April 7-20, 2025
- 7 Comments Received
 - 1 from a Tribe
 - 3 from government
 - 3 from the public
- Revised MDNS anticipated





Expedited Process

- Project is:
 - Consistent with city, county, or regional land use plans at time of application
 - EFSEC Council Order No. 889 (September 25, 2023)
 - Not anticipated to result in significant environmental impacts after mitigation
 - MDNS (April 7, 2025)
- Defined by RCW 80.50.075 and WAC 463-43
 - No further review by independent consultants, except as needed as part of a recommendation to the governor
 - No adjudicative hearing
 - Recommendation in 60 days, unless extended by agreement between Applicant and Council



Expedited Process Meeting & Comments

- May 5, 2025 – Special Council Meeting on Carriger Expedited Process
- Public Comment Period held prior to the meeting:
 - 5 comments in opposition due to industrial nature and loss of farmland
 - 2 comments in favor due to support for solar development
 - 1 comment from the Yakama Nation requesting that the Council delay decision until after formal Consultation had been held
- Council granted expedited process with a May 5, 2025 effective date
- Recommendation due to the Governor by July 4, 2025.

RMDNS Change 1 of 3

- Comment: The visual and quality of experience impacts to users of the DNR parcel along its northern boundary remain too high.



- Response: Require the Applicant to install periodic earthen berms along the Project's 0.5-mile shared border with the DNR parcel's northern boundary.
- Rationale: Would break up the visibility of the Project from the northern DNR boundary and allow the Project to blend more with existing topography.

RMDNS Change 2 of 3

- Comment: The lack of onsite water and the equipment limitations of the responsible fire-response agency would result in limitations on water dispersal in the event of a site fire.



- Response: Require the Applicant to install a 10,000-gallon water cistern onsite for potential use in the event of a fire.
- Rationale: Would provide local fire response with the ability to constantly disperse water for at least 1.5 hours.

RMDNS Change 3 of 3

- Comment: The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) would pose an environmental health and public safety risk in the event of a fire.



- Response: Require the Applicant to assess alternative battery chemistries when the BESS is replaced and give EFSEC final approval on the chemistry of the replacement BESS.
- Rationale: Would ensure that the most environmentally-friendly BESS chemistry that is widely commercially available is used.

Expedited Process Timeline



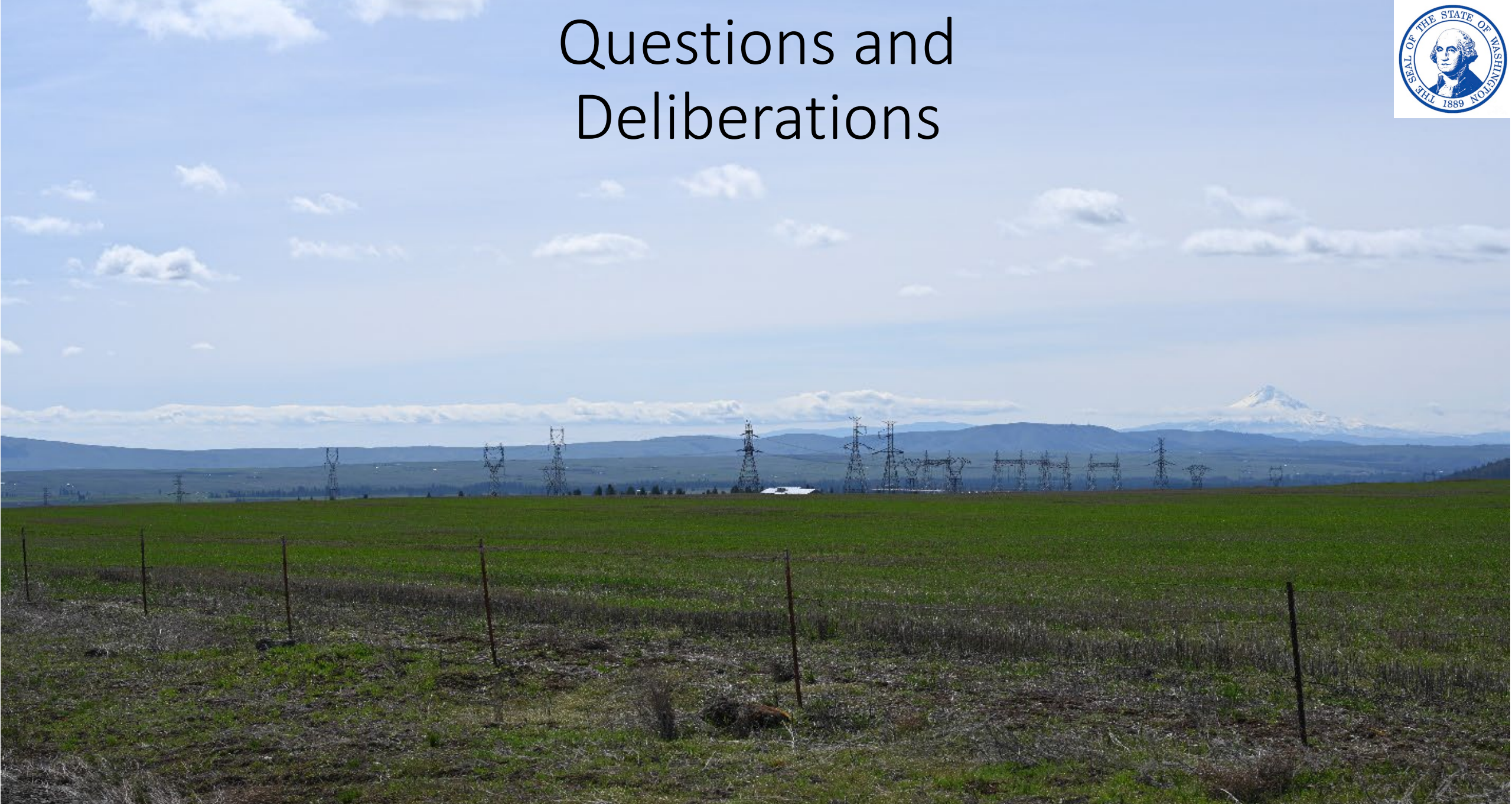
Date	Application Action	Status/Detail
May 5, 2025	Expedited Process Meeting	Council Granted Expedited Process
May 5, 2025	Public Comment Hearing	Held immediately after Expedited Process Meeting
May 6, 2025	Council Site Visit	Completed
May 21, 2025	May Council Meeting	Possible Council Direction on Draft Documents
June 4, 2025	Tentative Yakama Nation Consultation	TBD
June 9, 2025	Draft Recommendation Documents Due	10-day Public Comment Period
June 18, 2025	June Council Meeting	Possible Council Final Decision on Recommendation
June 25, 2025	ASC Extension Expires (Current Deadline)	Can be extended by agreement
July 4, 2025	Recommendation to the Governor Due	Can be extended by agreement



Staff Request on Council Action

- Staff requests that the Council vote to direct staff to prepare DRAFT recommendation documents for approval or denial of the Project.
- If the Council directs staff to prepare draft documents for a recommendation for approval, staff propose the conditions to include:
 - 1) those captured in the MDNS, and those on previous slides to be added to an RMDNS,
 - 2) proposed mitigation following consultation, and
 - 3) any additional measures the Council identifies.
- This is NOT a final Council action for the decision on whether to recommend the Project for approval or denial to the Governor.

Questions and Deliberations



SR 142 Visual Simulations



Knight Road Visual Simulations



DNR Parcel South Visual Simulations

Existing



Original



Revised



DNR Parcel North Visual Simulations



DNR Parcel Center Visual Simulations



Horse Heaven Wind Project

General Description:

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.

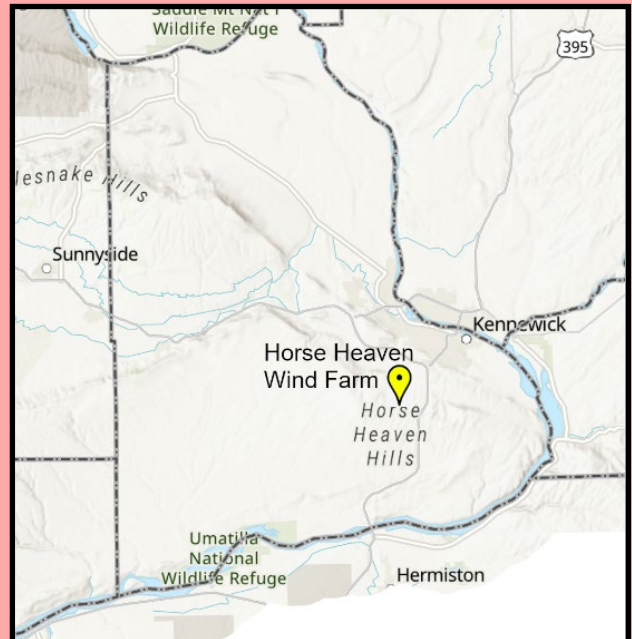
Milestone Dates:

- 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:

Application Approved
SCA Signed
Pre-Construction
Construction
Prior to Commercial Operations
Operations
Termination, Decommissioning, and Site Restoration

Location Map:



Hop Hill Solar Energy Project

General Description:

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 micrositied 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.

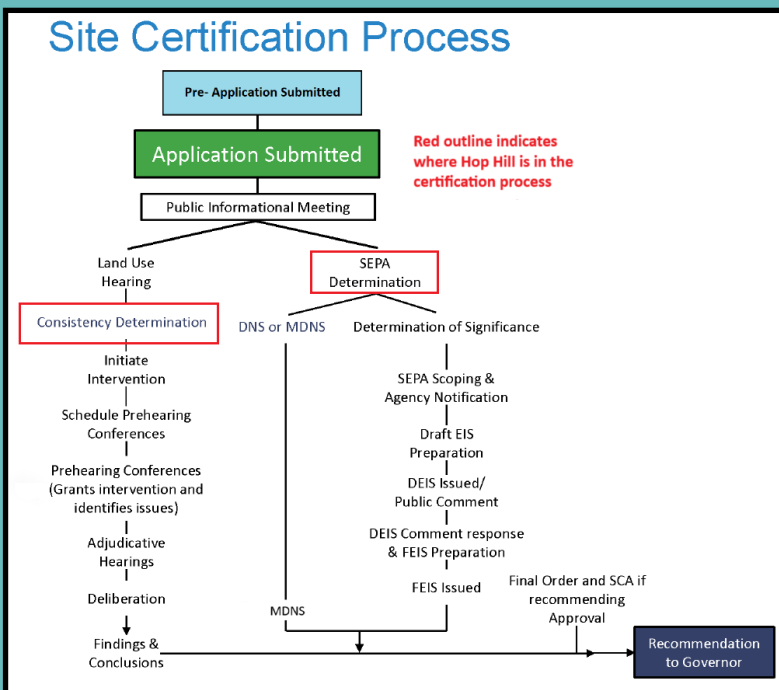
Applicant:

BrightNight, LLC.

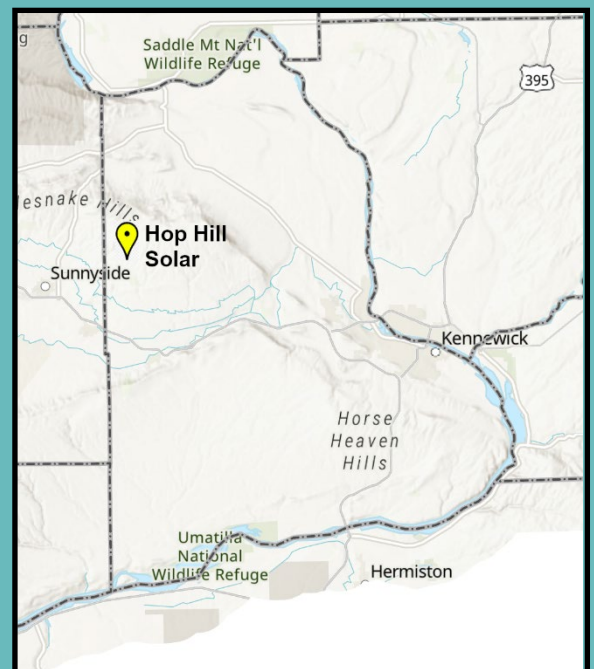
Milestone Dates:

- 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.

Status:



Location Map:



Wallula Gap Solar Energy Project

General Description:

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.

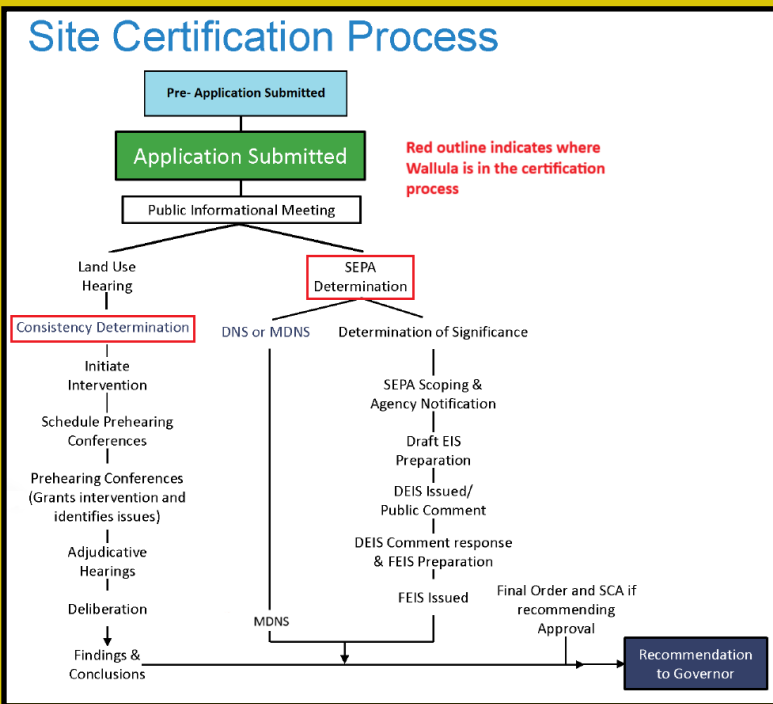
Applicant:

OneEnergy Development LLC

Milestone Dates:

- February 23, 2024, Original ASC Submitted
- April 23, 2024, Public Comment Hearing, Land Use Consistency Hearing

Status:



Location Map:



Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage Project

General Description:

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.

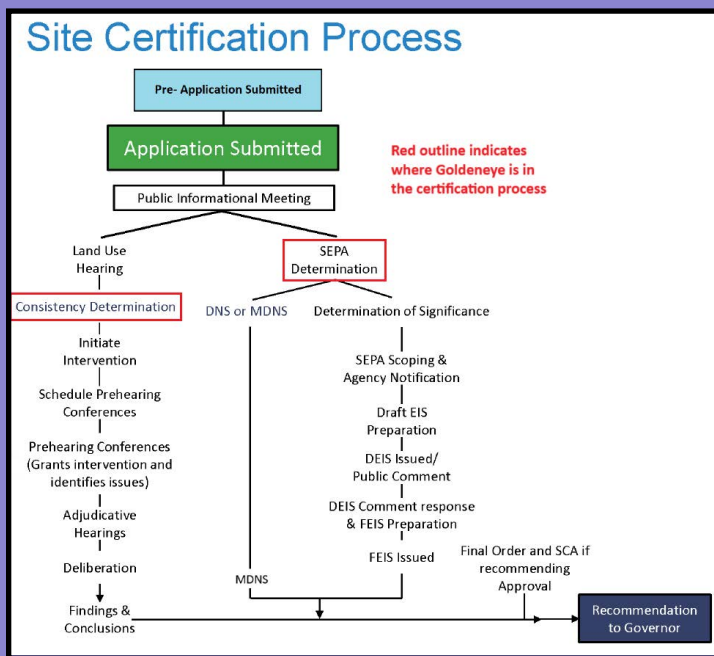
Applicant:

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:



Location Map:



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

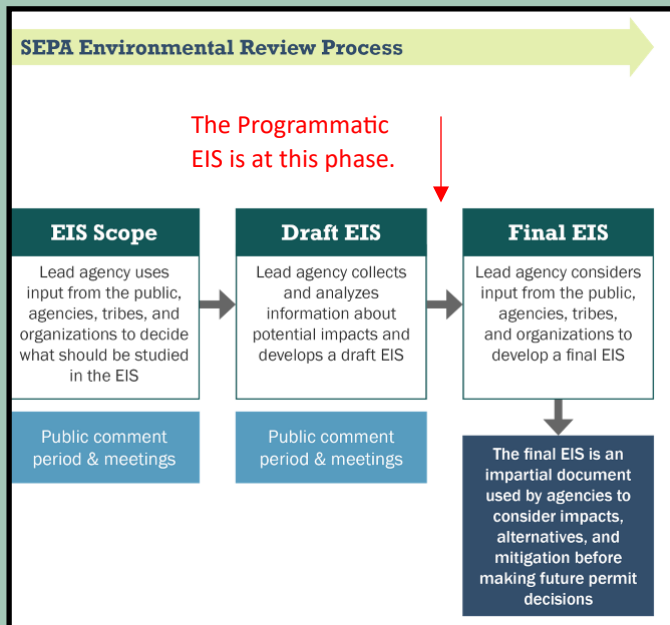
Originating Legislation:

Senate Bill 5165, Chapter 229, Laws of 2023

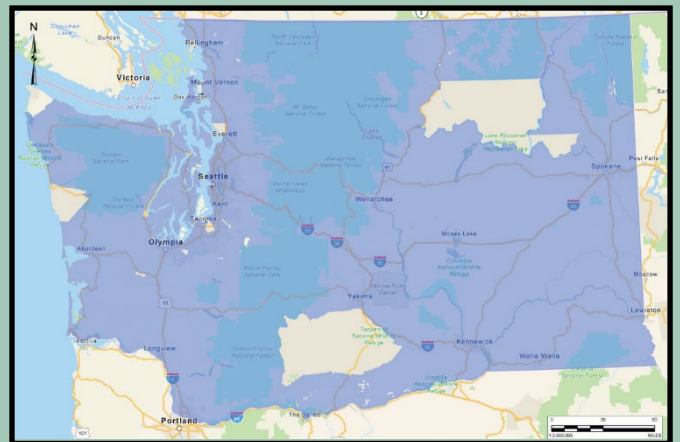
Milestone Dates:

- July 23, 2023, Effective Date of Originating Legislation
- June 28, 2024, EIS Scoping Memo Issued
- March 31, 2025, Draft EIS Issued
- April 8, 2025, Public Informational Meeting
- April 22 & 24, 2025, Public Comment Hearings
- May 15, 2025, End of Draft EIS Public Comment Period
- Late September, 2025, Anticipated Final EIS Issuance

Status:



Location Map:



Desert Claim Wind Power Project

General Description:

Proposed construction of a renewable energy facility that would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 180 megawatts (MWs) from wind facilities. Meteorological Towers (MET), overhead transmission lines, and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facilities are also proposed.

Project area: 4,783 acres, of which 3,191 acres are privately owned land and 1,592 acres are DNR owned parcels.

Location:

Unincorporated Kittitas County, eight miles northwest of the city of Ellensburg.

Applicant:

Desert Claim Wind Power, LLC.

Milestone Dates:

- November 3, 2006, Original Application for Site Certification (SCA) Submitted
- February 1, 2010, SCA signed.
- November 13, 2018, SCA Amendment 1 executed.
- October 18, 2023, SCA Amendment 2 executed.
- May 13, 2025 SCA Termination request received.

Status:

Application Approved
SCA Signed
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Location Map:





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Re: Desert Claim: SCA Termination Request

Dear Chair Beckett and Director Bumpus:

Pursuant to WAC 463-66-030, we are writing on behalf of Certificate Holder Desert Claim Wind Power LLC to request that the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) for the Desert Claim Wind Power Project in Kittitas County, Washington be terminated.

The Desert Claim SCA was originally approved by the Governor in 2010. EFSEC amended the SCA in 2018 to reflect a change in project design. In 2023, EFSEC amended the SCA to extend to 2028 the deadline for substantially completing project construction. At that time, the Council indicated that no further extensions would be granted. Unfortunately, given current market conditions, Desert Claim Wind Power LLC no longer sees an economically feasible path to finance construction and operation of the project. Accordingly, it requests termination of its SCA.

We understand that termination requires an Amendment of the SCA. See WAC 463-66-020; SCA Art. VII.B. Please let us know if you need any further information to proceed with SCA termination.

Sincerely,

Karen M. McGaffey

cc: Levi Cox, Desert Claim