



Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council AGENDA

POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday September 20, 2023
1:30 PM

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Conference number: (253) 372-2181 ID: 56502492#

1. Call to Order Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
2. Roll Call Andrea Grantham, EFSEC Staff
3. Proposed Agenda Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
4. Minutes
Meeting Minutes..... Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair
 - August 16, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes
5. Projects
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 - Operational Updates..... Eric Melbardis, EDP Renewables
 - b. Wild Horse Wind Power Project
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 - Operational Updates..... Felicia Najera-Paxton, Energy Northwest
 - g. WNP – 1/4
 - Non-Operational Updates..... Felicia Najera-Paxton, Energy Northwest
 - h. Goose Prairie Solar
 - Project Updates..... Jacob Christ, Brookfield Renewable
 - i. High Top & Ostrea
 - Project Updates..... Sara Randolph, EFSEC Staff
 - j. Whistling Ridge
 - Project Updates..... Lance Caputo, EFSEC Staff
 - k. Desert Claim
 - Project Updates..... Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
 - Resolution Motion..... Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff

The Council may take action on whether to direct staff to prepare a resolution on the extension request.
 - l. Horse Heaven Wind Farm
 - Project Updates..... Amy Moon, EFSEC Staff
 - m. Badger Mountain
 - Project Updates..... Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
 - Extension Request..... Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff

EFSEC staff and the applicant will provide information and the Council may take FINAL ACTION on granting the extension request.
 - n. Wautoma Solar
 - Project Updates..... Lance Caputo, EFSEC Staff
 - o. Hop Hill Solar
 - Project Updates..... John Barnes, EFSEC Staff
 - p. Carriger Solar
 - Project Updates..... Joanne Snarski, EFSEC Staff
7. Adjourn..... Kathleen Drew, EFSEC Chair

Note: "FINAL ACTION" means a collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a governing body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance. RCW 42.30.020

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Lacey, Washington

Reporter: John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, 2 August 16, 2023, at 621 Woodland Square Loop 3 Southeast, Lacey, Washington, at 1:30 p.m., the 4 following Monthly Meeting of the Washington State 5 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, to 6 wit: 7 8 <<<<<< >>>>>> 9 10 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This 11 is Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site 12 Evaluation Council, calling our August meeting to 13 order. 14 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly. 16 Department of Commerce. 17 Department of Ecology. 18 Department of Fish and Wildlife. 19 COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON: Mike 20 Livingston, present. 21 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of 22 Natural Resources. 23 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Lenny Young, 24 present. 25 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 MS. GRANTHAM: Jenna Slocum. 2 MS. SLOCUM: Present. 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Administrative law 4 judges. 5 Adam Torem. 6 JUDGE TOREM: I'm here. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Laura Bradley. 8 Dan Gerard. 9 Joni Derifield. 10 For Council staff: Sonia Bumpus. 11 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, present. 12 MS. GRANTHAM: Ami Hafkemeyer. 13 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present. 14 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon. 15 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present. 16 MS. GRANTHAM: Stew Henderson. 17 MR. HENDERSON: Stew Henderson here. 18 MS. GRANTHAM: Joan Owens. 19 MS. OWENS: Present. 20 MS. GRANTHAM: Dave Walker. 21 MR. WALKER: Present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Sonja Skavland. 23 MS. SKAVLAND: Present. 24 MS. GRANTHAM: Lisa Masengale. 25 Sara Randolph.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Transportation Commission. 2 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWSTER: Stacey 3 Brewster, present. 4 MS. GRANTHAM: For local government 5 and optional State agencies: 6 For the Horse Heaven project: Department of 7 Agricultural. 8 Benton County, Ed Brost. 9 For the Badger Mountain project: For Douglas 10 County, Jordyn Guilio. 11 MS. GUILIO: Jordyn Guilio, Douglas 12 County, present. 13 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Wautoma Solar 14 Project: For Benton County, Dave Sharp. 15 For the Department of Transportation, Paul 16 Gonseth. 17 For the Hop Hill Solar Project: For Benton 18 County, Paul Krupin. 19 For the Carriger Solar: For Klickitat County, 20 Matt Chiles. 21 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles, present. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: Assistant attorney 23 generals. 24 Jon Thompson. 25 MR. THOMPSON: Present.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 MS. RANDOLPH: Present. 2 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene. 3 MR. GREENE: Present. 4 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo. 5 John Barnes. 6 MR. BARNES: Present. 7 MS. GRANTHAM: Osta Davis. 8 Joanne Snarski. 9 MS. SNARSKI: Present. 10 MS. GRANTHAM: Alex Shiley. 11 Ali Smith. 12 CHAIR DREW: Please mute your -- 13 MS. SMITH: Ali Smith, present. 14 CHAIR DREW: -- microphone. 15 MS. GRANTHAM: And we are hearing 16 some feedback. If you can please mute your microphone 17 if you are not called on. 18 Karl Holappa. 19 MR. HOLAPPA: Karl Holappa, present. 20 MS. GRANTHAM: For the operational 21 updates: For Kittitas Valley wind project. 22 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, 23 present. 24 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse wind power 25 project.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith, 2 present. 3 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy 4 Center. 5 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present. 6 MS. GRANTHAM: Chehalis Generation 7 Facility. 8 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present. 9 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating 10 Station. 11 Columbia Solar. 12 Goose Prairie Solar. 13 And do we have someone present for the counsel for 14 the environment? 15 Chair, there is a quorum for the regular Council 16 and for Badger Mountain and Carriger Solar councils. 17 Thank you. 18 CHAIR DREW: I did also see that 19 Mr. Eli Levitt from the Department of Ecology is 20 present, although I think he missed the roll call by a 21 few seconds. 22 MS. GRANTHAM: That is probably 23 correct. 24 I just want to confirm: Is Eli Levitt there? 25 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITT: Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 find it, Ms. Grantham? 2 I can see it over here. There should be a period 3 after "Department." Let me see. 16 to 18. Wait. 4 Page 20. We're looking at Page 20. We're on -- 5 oh, that is Page 20. Okay. Let me look through my 6 notes here. Line 16 to 18. Add a period after 7 "Department." 8 Oh, yes. So after "the Military Department," a 9 period. And then we start the next sentence with, "For 10 the review of an application amendment." Apparently my 11 notes aren't very good here. 12 Yes, it's a period after "Military Department." 13 "For the review of an application amendment, this is 14 not part of the process." 15 So there's no period after "amendment." That's a 16 continuation of a sentence. And this is important. So 17 that next sentence would read, starting with "for": 18 "For the review of an application amendment, this is 19 not a part of the process," period. "The standing 20 council oversees those requests." Okay? 21 And then on Page 21, Line 15, add the word "go" 22 after the word "will." "Will go through." 23 That's all. 24 Are there any other proposed changes to these 25 amendments, corrections?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 Present. 2 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you. 3 CHAIR DREW: Okay. We will begin 4 by -- with a motion to adopt our proposed agenda. 5 Is there a motion? 6 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Lenny Young. 7 So moved. 8 CHAIR DREW: Second? 9 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWSTER: Stacey 10 Brewster. Second. 11 CHAIR DREW: Stacey Brewster, 12 second. Thank you. 13 Any discussion? 14 All those in favor, please say "aye." 15 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 16 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? 17 The agenda is adopted. 18 Moving on to our meeting minutes. The first that 19 we'll take up is the July 13th, 2023, Desert Claim SCA 20 amendment information meeting minutes. 21 I have a few corrections. 22 On Page 18, Line 16, the word "Iron" should be 23 changed to "Wild." 24 Page 20, and this is Line 16 to 18. 25 Can you make that a little bit bigger, when you</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 Hearing none. All those in -- is there a motion 2 to approve the minutes as amended? 3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWSTER: Stacey 4 Brewster. Motion to approve the minutes as amended. 5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 6 Second? 7 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Lenny Young. 8 Second. 9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 10 All those in favor, please say "aye." 11 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye. 12 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? 13 The minutes are amended. 14 Now moving on to the July 19th, 2023, monthly 15 meeting minutes. 16 I have no changes or corrections. 17 Is there anyone who has changes or corrections 18 to -- well, let's bring it up in front of us, then. 19 Is there a motion to approve the July 19th monthly 20 meeting minutes? 21 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles. So moved. 22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 23 Second? 24 COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON: Mike 25 Livingston. Second.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>2 All those in favor, please say "aye."</p> <p>3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.</p> <p>4 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?</p> <p>5 The meeting minutes are approved.</p> <p>6 Okay. Moving on to the Kittitas Valley wind</p> <p>7 project operational update. Mr. Melbardis.</p> <p>8 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon,</p> <p>9 Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. For the record,</p> <p>10 this is Eric Melbardis with EDP Renewables representing</p> <p>11 the Kittitas Valley wind power project.</p> <p>12 We had nothing nonroutine to report for the</p> <p>13 period.</p> <p>14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>15 Wild Horse wind power project. Ms. Galbraith.</p> <p>16 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,</p> <p>17 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. This is</p> <p>18 Jennifer Galbraith representing Puget Sound Energy for</p> <p>19 the Wild Horse wind facility.</p> <p>20 And I also have no nonroutine updates for the</p> <p>21 month of July. Thank you.</p> <p>22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>23 Chehalis Generation Facility. Mr. Smith.</p> <p>24 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>25 Drew, Council members, and staff. This is Jeremy</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 Columbia Generating Station.</p> <p>2 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Good afternoon,</p> <p>3 Chair Drew, EFSEC Council members, and staff. For the</p> <p>4 record, this is Felicia Najera-Paxton with Energy</p> <p>5 Northwest.</p> <p>6 I have only one item to report for Columbia</p> <p>7 Generating Station. And that was that on July 13th,</p> <p>8 the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau</p> <p>9 completed a fire alarm acceptance inspection at CGS</p> <p>10 buildings, the 76, 77, 78, and 79 and 80. Those are</p> <p>11 our warehouse buildings. And no violations were noted.</p> <p>12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>13 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Thank you.</p> <p>14 CHAIR DREW: Goose Prairie Solar,</p> <p>15 project update.</p> <p>16 MR. BURTTSCHELL: Good afternoon,</p> <p>17 everyone. This is Cody Burttshell with Brookfield.</p> <p>18 Project is currently on schedule. Right now the</p> <p>19 laydown yards are under construction. The substation</p> <p>20 grading and foundations are under construction as well.</p> <p>21 And frequent monitoring is occurring through WSP.</p> <p>22 Those are occurring weekly on behalf of EFSEC.</p> <p>23 CHAIR DREW: And WSP is the on-site</p> <p>24 con...</p> <p>25 MR. BURTTSCHELL: Yeah, that's our</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 Smith, the maintenance manager, representing the</p> <p>2 Chehalis Generation Facility.</p> <p>3 I have no nonroutine items to note for the month</p> <p>4 of July.</p> <p>5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>6 Grays Harbor Energy Center. Mr. Sherin.</p> <p>7 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>8 Drew, Council members, staff. This is Chris Sherin, a</p> <p>9 plant manager from Grays Harbor Energy Center.</p> <p>10 And I'm also joining the "no nonroutine items"</p> <p>11 party for the month of July.</p> <p>12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Quiet</p> <p>13 month.</p> <p>14 Moving on to Columbia Solar.</p> <p>15 MS. RANDOLPH: Good afternoon, Chair</p> <p>16 Drew, Council members, and staff. For the record, this</p> <p>17 is Sara Randolph, site specialist for Columbia Solar.</p> <p>18 The facility update is provided in your packet.</p> <p>19 There were no nonroutine updates to report.</p> <p>20 Any questions?</p> <p>21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>22 MS. RANDOLPH: Thank you.</p> <p>23 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to the</p> <p>24 Columbia Solar -- oh, no. We just did the Columbia</p> <p>25 Solar.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 environmental consultant.</p> <p>2 CHAIR DREW: Environmental</p> <p>3 consultant. Thank you.</p> <p>4 I always think that sounds like "Washington State</p> <p>5 Patrol" to me, so I always have to take a second look</p> <p>6 at it.</p> <p>7 MR. BURTTSCHELL: Yeah --</p> <p>8 CHAIR DREW: Okay.</p> <p>9 MR. BURTTSCHELL: -- no, they're</p> <p>10 definitely not on-site every week.</p> <p>11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>12 Moving on to High Top and Ostrea. Ms. Randolph.</p> <p>13 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Drew, Council</p> <p>14 members, and staff. For the record, this is Sara</p> <p>15 Randolph, site specialist for High Top and Ostrea.</p> <p>16 EFSEC staff are coordinating with a certificate</p> <p>17 holder on preconstruction plans and schedules.</p> <p>18 Any questions?</p> <p>19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>20 Moving on to Whistling Ridge. Mr. Caputo.</p> <p>21 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Chair Drew, if I</p> <p>22 may, Mr. Caputo is out today, so this is Ami</p> <p>23 Hafkemeyer --</p> <p>24 CHAIR DREW: Okay.</p> <p>25 MS. HAFKEMEYER: -- providing the</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 Whistling Ridge update.</p> <p>2 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Go ahead,</p> <p>3 Ms. Hafkemeyer.</p> <p>4 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.</p> <p>5 Good afternoon, Chair Drew and Council members.</p> <p>6 EFSEC staff recently met with representatives from the</p> <p>7 Whistling Ridge Energy facility to discuss their</p> <p>8 requests for amending the site certification agreement.</p> <p>9 The certificate holders are making minor revisions to</p> <p>10 their requests for clarity and will submit them after</p> <p>11 the Council concludes its adjudication hearings on the</p> <p>12 Horse Heaven project.</p> <p>13 Staff are also working on finalizing the details</p> <p>14 of the public informational meeting, and those will be</p> <p>15 made available to the Council and the public when they</p> <p>16 are available.</p> <p>17 Are there any questions?</p> <p>18 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions</p> <p>19 for Ms. Hafkemeyer?</p> <p>20 Thank you.</p> <p>21 Desert Claim project update. Ms. Moon.</p> <p>22 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council</p> <p>23 Chair Drew and Council members. For the record, this</p> <p>24 is Amy Moon providing a project update on Desert Claim.</p> <p>25 In July, the Desert Claim site certificate holder,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 mitigation opportunities to incorporate it into the</p> <p>2 final environmental impact statement. Staff have been</p> <p>3 working hard reviewing the updated "affected</p> <p>4 environment" and "analysis of potential impact"</p> <p>5 sections prepared by our consultant, also WSP. The</p> <p>6 updates reflect public comments, agency input, and</p> <p>7 current information.</p> <p>8 Does the Council have any questions?</p> <p>9 CHAIR DREW: Does the Council -- do</p> <p>10 Council members have any questions for Ms. Moon on the</p> <p>11 project update?</p> <p>12 Thank you.</p> <p>13 I also want to note that we are in the midst of an</p> <p>14 adjudication. Just started this week. And I know some</p> <p>15 Council members would like some additional training on</p> <p>16 our SharePoint site in finding the -- the documents for</p> <p>17 the daily work that we are doing.</p> <p>18 So you have received, Council members, a --</p> <p>19 invitation to a training for after this meeting. So</p> <p>20 just heads-up on that.</p> <p>21 Moving on to Badger Mountain project update.</p> <p>22 Ms. Snarski.</p> <p>23 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair Drew.</p> <p>24 And good afternoon, Council members. For the record,</p> <p>25 this is Joanne Snarski, the siting specialist for</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 EDF Renewables, presented their proposed amendment to</p> <p>2 the site certification agreement, or SCA, at a public</p> <p>3 informational meeting. The request is to extend the</p> <p>4 substantial completion date from November 13th of 2023</p> <p>5 to November 13th of 2028. The EFSEC assistant attorney</p> <p>6 general's office is preparing a legal brief for the</p> <p>7 Council's consideration regarding the extension</p> <p>8 request. EFSEC staff anticipate the legal brief will</p> <p>9 be issued for your review ahead of the September</p> <p>10 Council meeting.</p> <p>11 I have no other updates on Desert Claim at this</p> <p>12 time. Are there any questions?</p> <p>13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>14 Are there any questions?</p> <p>15 Okay. Horse Heaven Wind Farm project updates.</p> <p>16 Ms. Moon.</p> <p>17 MS. MOON: Again, this is Amy Moon.</p> <p>18 For the record, I'm providing an update on the Horse</p> <p>19 Heaven wind project.</p> <p>20 EFSEC staff continued working on the preparation</p> <p>21 of the final environmental impact statement, or final</p> <p>22 EIS, by incorporating public comments and responses</p> <p>23 received on the draft EIS. This effort includes</p> <p>24 working with Washington State agency subject matter</p> <p>25 experts on remaining impact analysis and recommended</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 Badger Mountain.</p> <p>2 Progress continues to be made on the development</p> <p>3 of the draft environmental impact statement. Staff are</p> <p>4 also continuing to coordinate external review with our</p> <p>5 contracted agency partners on the natural resources</p> <p>6 chapters of the environmental impact statement. This</p> <p>7 currently includes Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and the</p> <p>8 Department of Natural Resources.</p> <p>9 Staff are also working with the Department of</p> <p>10 Archaeological and Historic Preservation, Department</p> <p>11 of -- Department of Natural Resources, the Yakama</p> <p>12 Nation technical staff, and Colville Confederated Tribe</p> <p>13 technical staff on review of the revised draft of the</p> <p>14 cultural resources survey report.</p> <p>15 Along with those parties and the applicant, we are</p> <p>16 working to identify next steps and a schedule for those</p> <p>17 actions in support of the application review.</p> <p>18 Are there any questions?</p> <p>19 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for</p> <p>20 Ms. Snarski?</p> <p>21 Thank you.</p> <p>22 Wautoma Solar project update. I assume that would</p> <p>23 be Ms. Hafkemeyer.</p> <p>24 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Yes. Thank you,</p> <p>25 Chair Drew.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Again, this is Ami Hafkemeyer, for the record.</p> <p>2 The applicants for the Wautoma Solar energy</p> <p>3 project are preparing the final report for the</p> <p>4 additional field survey report -- I'm sorry --</p> <p>5 additional field survey work requested by EFSEC and the</p> <p>6 Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.</p> <p>7 I have no further updates at this time.</p> <p>8 Are there any questions?</p> <p>9 CHAIR DREW: Questions?</p> <p>10 Thank you.</p> <p>11 Hop Hill Solar Project. Mr. Barnes.</p> <p>12 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew</p> <p>13 and Council members. For the record, this is John</p> <p>14 Barnes, EFSEC staff, with the Hop Hill application</p> <p>15 update for July.</p> <p>16 On August 14th, we received the applicant's</p> <p>17 response to Data Request No. 2. As mentioned during</p> <p>18 last month's Council meeting, the applicant,</p> <p>19 BrightNight, has changed their application project</p> <p>20 manager. His name is Kevin Martin, and he is here</p> <p>21 today.</p> <p>22 Kevin, can you please turn on your camera and</p> <p>23 introduce yourself to the Council.</p> <p>24 I guess Kevin did not make it today. So we will</p> <p>25 move on.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington</p> <p>2 80.50.090, Sub 3, Sub a, on August 11th, 2023, the</p> <p>3 EFSEC director notified the applicant of the intent to</p> <p>4 issue a determination of significance under RCW,</p> <p>5 Revised Code of Washington, 43.21C.</p> <p>6 Also, in accordance with Revised Code of</p> <p>7 Washington 880.50.090, Sub 3, Sub a, the applicant is</p> <p>8 allowed to provide clarification or make changes to the</p> <p>9 proposal to mitigate the anticipated environmental</p> <p>10 impacts. To that end, in your Council packet, you will</p> <p>11 find a letter from the applicant requesting the Council</p> <p>12 take no action on the matter of their application</p> <p>13 request for expedited processing while they develop</p> <p>14 their response to our notice and an additional</p> <p>15 extension request.</p> <p>16 Are there any questions?</p> <p>17 CHAIR DREW: Council members, are</p> <p>18 there any questions at this point?</p> <p>19 We had planned for, should the SEPA determination</p> <p>20 have come forward as mitigated determination of</p> <p>21 nonsignificance, that there may be an action on</p> <p>22 expedited processing. But given the information you</p> <p>23 heard from Ms. Snarski about the initial decision that</p> <p>24 now Carriger gets to respond to, we do not have that</p> <p>25 action in front of us for expedited processing.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 I have no further comments, Council members and</p> <p>2 Chair Drew. We are continuing to continue our</p> <p>3 coordinated review application with our contractor and</p> <p>4 contracted agencies along with tribal governments and</p> <p>5 no other updates to report on.</p> <p>6 Are there any questions?</p> <p>7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>8 MR. BARNES: Thank you.</p> <p>9 CHAIR DREW: Now for Carriger Solar</p> <p>10 project update. Ms. Snarski.</p> <p>11 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you again, Chair</p> <p>12 Drew.</p> <p>13 For the record, this is Joanne Snarski, the siting</p> <p>14 specialist for Carriger Solar.</p> <p>15 As you know, for the past six months, we have been</p> <p>16 reviewing the Carriger Solar application for site</p> <p>17 certification in pursuit of making a state</p> <p>18 environmental policy act threshold determination as</p> <p>19 required by Washington Administrative Codes 197-11-330</p> <p>20 and 463-47.</p> <p>21 As you will recall, the extension for the</p> <p>22 expedited processing was granted by the Council at the</p> <p>23 special meeting held on June 9th, 2023. That extension</p> <p>24 request was granted through August 17th, 2023, which is</p> <p>25 tomorrow.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 Are there any questions about that?</p> <p>2 Mr. Livingston.</p> <p>3 COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON: Thanks,</p> <p>4 Chair Drew.</p> <p>5 Can you -- somebody explain to me? So in this</p> <p>6 circumstance with the SEPA determination, the request</p> <p>7 for an extension coming to us, what's the process going</p> <p>8 forward? Just so that we can anticipate this. And</p> <p>9 maybe Ms. Bumpus can help me understand just what to</p> <p>10 anticipate over the next, you know, 60 days or</p> <p>11 whatever. Thank you.</p> <p>12 CHAIR DREW: You're muted.</p> <p>13 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you for the</p> <p>14 question, Council Member Livingston.</p> <p>15 So what we anticipate, given the correspondence we</p> <p>16 recently received from Cypress Creek Renewables, we --</p> <p>17 we are going to be talking with them over the phone</p> <p>18 about their plans to address the impacts that were</p> <p>19 identified and trying to get a better understanding of</p> <p>20 what their -- their plan will be moving forward.</p> <p>21 My understanding is that they -- they plan to do</p> <p>22 some additional work to address some of the -- the, I</p> <p>23 guess you could say, gaps in information. And also</p> <p>24 they are planning to submit another extension request</p> <p>25 to the Council once -- I believe once they've got a</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 better idea of how long that effort's going to take. 2 So I don't know when we will get the extension 3 request, but I think that would be something 4 forthcoming in the next couple of weeks, once we've had 5 a chance to talk with them about what the scope of work 6 is going to be as they work to address the -- the 7 impacts identified in the MDNS. 8 COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON: Thank 9 you. 10 MS. BUMPUS: You're welcome. 11 CHAIR DREW: Other questions? 12 MR. CHILES: This is Matt Chiles. I 13 have a question. Matt Chiles -- 14 CHAIR DREW: Sure. 15 MR. CHILES: -- from -- 16 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead. 17 MR. CHILES: -- Klickitat County, 18 for the record. 19 If it can just be clarified. The applicant is 20 still requesting expedited process, but they want that 21 decision delayed for another 120 days; is that correct? 22 Or is expedited process no longer being requested? 23 MS. BUMPUS: They -- Chair Drew, may 24 I respond? 25 CHAIR DREW: Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 definitely one of the -- one of the -- the major 2 concerns. And the other is, I think, some impacts 3 related to visual, without going into -- into detail. 4 CHAIR DREW: Ms. Hafkemeyer -- 5 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Thank you. 6 CHAIR DREW: -- had her hand raised. 7 Ms. Hafkemeyer. 8 MS. BUMPUS: Oh. Yeah. 9 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Oh. I was just 10 going to say what Director Bumpus said. So I don't 11 have anything else to say now. 12 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thanks. Okay. 13 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles from 14 Klickitat County here again. 15 CHAIR DREW: Yes. 16 MR. CHILES: And I have one other 17 question. 18 With this extension, would there be an opportunity 19 for a Council member such as myself to express concerns 20 that Carriger could potentially address in -- in what 21 they're talking about doing? 22 CHAIR DREW: This -- when the 23 extension request comes before the Council, yes. In 24 terms of the SEPA determination, that's determ- -- 25 determined by our SEPA official, Ms. Bumpus.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 MS. BUMPUS: They are intending on 2 still requesting expedited processing, so that request 3 still stands. They are anticipating submitting a 4 request for an extension to allow them more time to do 5 some additional work. And then at that point, we would 6 be making a decision -- the Council would be making a 7 decision -- about expedited process before that next 8 extension, assuming that the Council grants it. 9 CHAIR DREW: So I'll add something 10 in here, and that is, provided that the additional work 11 or change in application or whatever comes back to us 12 and actually back to Ms. Bumpus results in a mitigated 13 determination of nonsignificance, but that has not 14 yet -- that's not a foregone conclusion. 15 Does that help, Mr. Chiles? 16 MR. CHILES: Yes. Thank you very 17 much. 18 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Mr. Young. 19 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Question for 20 Ms. Bumpus. 21 Are you able to share the reasons leading to the 22 anticipated determination of significance? 23 MS. BUMPUS: Well, basically I think 24 that mainly there was some additional work identified 25 to address cultural resource impacts. That is</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 MR. CHILES: Very good. Thank you. 2 CHAIR DREW: Okay. 3 Okay. So with that, we will move on, then, to the 4 proposed land-use order. The draft has been noticed 5 and available for comments. 6 Are we going to have briefing on the land-use 7 order? Ms. Snarski. 8 MS. SNARSKI: I have some 9 information to begin perhaps the discussion on that. 10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 11 MS. SNARSKI: As you recall -- or I 12 should say, this is Joanne Snarski, Carriger siting 13 specialist, for the record. 14 As you recall, at the June Council meeting, staff 15 were directed to develop a draft order on land-use 16 consistency for Council consideration. You will find 17 that draft order in your packet, along with a figure of 18 the proposed facility with zoning and the EOZ, which is 19 the energy overlay zone, overlying that area. 20 Also included in your personal packets are a 21 write-up prepared by Council Member Chiles discussing 22 his concerns mentioned at the June Council meeting as 23 well as two attorney-client-privileged legal briefs: 24 One of those briefs regarding -- regards the draft 25 order and the other reflecting guidance in response to</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Council Member Chiles' land-use consistency concerns. 2 It's dated July 13th, 2023. 3 The draft land-use order was open for public 4 comment from August 7th through close of business on 5 August 11th. Staff received 14 comment submissions 6 from members of the public. Those comments did not 7 come up -- did not prompt any revisions to the draft 8 order. One commenter, Dana Peck, requested that the 9 order be edited to reflect their comment as in support 10 of the project rather than as against the project. 11 This language is in Item 8 on Page 2. 12 Additionally, the findings of fact, Item 2, on 13 Page 11, within the draft order, speak to the Council 14 making a decision on the expedited process request 15 during today's Council meeting. 16 In light of the project updates given a few 17 moments ago, staff would like to propose revising this 18 statement to reflect that action is not being taken on 19 the expedited process request today. 20 At this time, staff requests your consideration of 21 the draft order and recommended -- recommend the order 22 be approved by the Council with the suggested 23 revisions. 24 Are there any questions? 25 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 land-use consistency order, granting a finding of 2 land-use consistency. 3 Is there a motion? 4 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Lenny Young. 5 So moved. 6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 7 Second? 8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWSTER: Stacey 9 Brewster. Second. 10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 11 Okay. Let's have discussion now. 12 Mr. Chiles. 13 MR. CHILES: Thank you, Chair Drew. 14 My chief concern is, with the moratorium that 15 Klickitat County has put in place earlier in the year 16 before the application was submitted, it continues to 17 be my belief that a moratorium has essentially the same 18 regulatory force and, thus, is essentially the same 19 as -- as a zoning ordinance in that in this case it is 20 denying solar to the area -- at least part of the area 21 under question. 22 And I know that the Council in the past has chosen 23 to ignore moratoriums in the case -- in the case of 24 Klickitat -- or Kittitas County, to be specific. But I 25 believe that that is a bad precedent to rely on. As we</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 from the Council? 2 MR. CHILES: This is Matt Chiles. I 3 have some comments, but perhaps the time for those is 4 after the motion has been seconded. 5 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Yes. 6 And I'd also like to ask Ms. Grantham. I found 7 myself, with the different overlay zones, to want to 8 have a picture. And that also was in your packet. And 9 I asked her to display it here just for further 10 clarification for Council members, should we need that. 11 I want to first ask Council members if you have 12 questions about the action that is the land-use order 13 for either our legal staff or our project staff. 14 Mr. Young. 15 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Does the 16 anticipated determination of significance that's been 17 communicated to the applicant have any bearing 18 whatsoever on the land-use consistency determination? 19 MS. SNARSKI: No. 20 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Thank you. 21 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Other questions 22 for staff? 23 There's been a substantial amount of material to 24 review in association with this, so let's go ahead and 25 have a motion before the Council to approve the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 saw in the brief from the -- second brief from the 2 attorney general's office, they believe that ignoring 3 the moratorium would expose EFSEC to a more likelihood 4 of this decision being overturned in the future. 5 I think it would be better for all parties 6 concerned if EFSEC starts a new precedent and 7 recognizes that a moratorium is, in fact, a zoning 8 ordinance, a short-term zoning ordinance. It is the 9 only type of ordinance that is available for a county 10 to work with in an emergency situation when emergency 11 zoning needs to be made. 12 Klickitat County, in particular, has a record of 13 using moratoriums in the past. A specific example is 14 when Washington legalized cannabis use, and the County 15 enacted a moratorium on cannabis retail and processing 16 and growing facilities until such time that they could 17 be properly incorporated into the code. That was done. 18 The moratorium was lifted. 19 And this moratorium on industrial site solar is a 20 similar sort of situation. It has the force of law, 21 just on a temporary basis. So it is my belief that we 22 should not find Carriger consistent because of the 23 moratorium, which is, in fact, a local Klickitat County 24 law, even though a short-term law, for a specified 25 period of time.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 Thank you, Chair Drew.</p> <p>2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>3 I do have to say I appreciate your comments, but I</p> <p>4 don't believe that what the Council proposes to do is</p> <p>5 ignore the moratorium. It was not written to affect</p> <p>6 the Council or the work that we do. It was written to</p> <p>7 affect only applications coming to the County. And</p> <p>8 that is the same type of moratorium that was written in</p> <p>9 Kittitas County.</p> <p>10 Other counties have written short-term or</p> <p>11 temporary land-use zoning ordinances, which can be</p> <p>12 treated differently. I did not read as you did that</p> <p>13 the -- that our Council recommended against us or</p> <p>14 recommended that we -- we take up the moratorium in our</p> <p>15 findings. So I would have to ask for perhaps</p> <p>16 Mr. Thompson to comment on that.</p> <p>17 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah, Chair Drew, I</p> <p>18 mean, my -- I think our advice is just address the</p> <p>19 question of whether a moratorium can fit within the</p> <p>20 definition within RCW 80.50 of a zoning ordinance. And</p> <p>21 while there's -- there's certainly room for</p> <p>22 interpretation there, and there are arguments to be</p> <p>23 made on both sides, we think that you have the</p> <p>24 discretion to conclude that a moratorium does not fall</p> <p>25 within that definition and so can't be the basis of a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 CHAIR DREW: Okay. I see blinking</p> <p>2 lights.</p> <p>3 So that would be my proposed -- so can we have an</p> <p>4 amendment to the order, Council members?</p> <p>5 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Lenny Young.</p> <p>6 I propose that the Council approves the order as</p> <p>7 amended as you described, Chair Drew.</p> <p>8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>9 So okay. We have a motion up. And then this</p> <p>10 would be voting to amend the -- the order.</p> <p>11 All those in favor, say "aye."</p> <p>12 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.</p> <p>13 CHAIR DREW: All those opposed --</p> <p>14 okay. All those opposed to the amendment?</p> <p>15 Okay. The order is amended.</p> <p>16 And now for the final action on the order.</p> <p>17 MR. CHILES: Chair Drew, can I</p> <p>18 request a roll-call vote on this?</p> <p>19 CHAIR DREW: Absolutely.</p> <p>20 Absolutely.</p> <p>21 MR. CHILES: That was Matt Chiles,</p> <p>22 for the record.</p> <p>23 CHAIR DREW: Yes. Mr. Chiles.</p> <p>24 Thank you.</p> <p>25 So let's take a roll-call vote on the order</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 finding of inconsistency.</p> <p>2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>3 MR. THOMPSON: Did that -- that</p> <p>4 address your question?</p> <p>5 CHAIR DREW: Yes.</p> <p>6 MR. CHILES: Thank you for that</p> <p>7 clarification, Mr. Thompson and Chair Drew. And, yeah,</p> <p>8 I stand by my -- my point that the moratorium is a --</p> <p>9 is a local zoning law. And I appreciate your guys's</p> <p>10 input on that. Thank you.</p> <p>11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.</p> <p>12 Are there other comments from Council members?</p> <p>13 Okay. Hearing none. I would like to, I guess,</p> <p>14 ask for a motion to amend based on the staff's</p> <p>15 recommendation that we correct the references to</p> <p>16 expedited processing -- in fact, remove the references</p> <p>17 to expedited processing in the order; that we correct</p> <p>18 on Page 2, Paragraph 8, that Dana Peck's comments were</p> <p>19 in favor of the project, not -- in favor of land-use</p> <p>20 consistency, not opposed; and that on Page 11, that we</p> <p>21 strike the Finding of Fact No. 2 that includes the</p> <p>22 expedited processing procedure.</p> <p>23 Mr. Thompson, did you have a comment?</p> <p>24 MR. THOMPSON: No. Sorry. I should</p> <p>25 have muted my -- my mike.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 granting a finding of land-use consistency.</p> <p>2 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll.</p> <p>3 MS. GRANTHAM: Yes.</p> <p>4 Chair Drew.</p> <p>5 CHAIR DREW: Aye.</p> <p>6 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of</p> <p>7 Commerce, Elizabeth Osborne.</p> <p>8 Department of Ecology, Eli Levitt.</p> <p>9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITT: Aye.</p> <p>10 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish</p> <p>11 and Wildlife, Mike Livingston.</p> <p>12 COUNCIL MEMBER LIVINGSTON: Aye.</p> <p>13 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Natural</p> <p>14 Resources, Lenny Young.</p> <p>15 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Aye.</p> <p>16 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &</p> <p>17 Transportation Commission, Stacey Brewster.</p> <p>18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWSTER: Aye.</p> <p>19 MS. GRANTHAM: And Carriger Solar:</p> <p>20 Klickitat County, Matt Chiles.</p> <p>21 MR. CHILES: No.</p> <p>22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. The order</p> <p>23 is adopted.</p> <p>24 Okay. I think that that concludes our business</p> <p>25 before the Council today.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Chair Drew --</p> <p>2 CHAIR DREW: Yes.</p> <p>3 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: -- this is</p> <p>4 Lenny Young. Could I do a quick -- go back a single</p> <p>5 question for Ms. Najera-Paxton?</p> <p>6 CHAIR DREW: Yes. Is she --</p> <p>7 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: My</p> <p>8 question --</p> <p>9 CHAIR DREW: -- still on? Let's see</p> <p>10 if she's still on.</p> <p>11 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Okay.</p> <p>12 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: I'm -- I'm still</p> <p>13 here.</p> <p>14 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>15 Go ahead, Mr. Young.</p> <p>16 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: My -- my</p> <p>17 question is simply: Has that matter involving the</p> <p>18 inadvertent release of lubricating oil been completely</p> <p>19 resolved? Is that all in the past now?</p> <p>20 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: I believe so.</p> <p>21 We did actually send a letter out with more information</p> <p>22 to EFSEC. And I'm not sure. I would have to check on</p> <p>23 the status, but I believe it has been resolved.</p> <p>24 Would you mind if I get back with you on the next</p> <p>25 Council meeting?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 STATE OF WASHINGTON) I, John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR,</p> <p>2) ss a certified court reporter</p> <p>3 County of Pierce) in the State of Washington, do</p> <p>4 hereby certify:</p> <p>5 That the foregoing Monthly Meeting of the Washington</p> <p>6 State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was conducted</p> <p>7 in my presence and adjourned on August 16, 2023, and</p> <p>8 thereafter was transcribed under my direction; that the</p> <p>9 transcript is a full, true and complete transcript of the</p> <p>10 said meeting, transcribed to the best of my ability;</p> <p>11 That I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel</p> <p>12 of any party to this matter or relative or employee of any</p> <p>13 such attorney or counsel and that I am not financially</p> <p>14 interested in the said matter or the outcome thereof;</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand</p> <p>17 this 29th day of August, 2023.</p> <p>18</p> <p>19 <i>John M.S. Botelho</i></p> <p>20 John M.S. Botelho, CCR, RPR</p> <p>21 Certified Court Reporter No. 2976</p> <p>22 (Certification expires 5/26/2024.)</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 COUNCIL MEMBER YOUNG: Yep, that's</p> <p>2 just fine. Thank you.</p> <p>3 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Thank you.</p> <p>4 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>5 Anything else for the good of the order?</p> <p>6 Okay. Thank you, Council members. This meeting</p> <p>7 is adjourned.</p> <p>8 (Meeting adjourned at</p> <p>9 2:15 p.m.)</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project

Operator: EDP Renewables

Report Date: September 5, 2023

Reporting Period: August 2023

Site Contact: Eric Melbardis, Sr Operations Manager

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

- Power generated: 32061 MWh
 - Wind speed: 8.4 m/s
 - Capacity Factor: 43.1%
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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: September 7, 2023
Report Period: August 2023
Site Contact: Jennifer Galbraith
SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

August generation totaled 45,941 MWh for an average 22.65%.

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: September 5, 2023
Reporting Period: August 2023
Site Contact: Jeremy Smith, Maintenance 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.

- 205,650 net MW-hrs. generated in the reporting period for a capacity factor of 59.04%

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

Environmental Compliance

-Monthly Water Usage: 5,984 gallons

-Monthly Wastewater Returned: 211,856 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 2953 days without a Lost Time Accident.

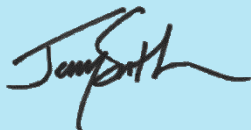
Current or Upcoming Projects

- 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.).
 - Chehalis Generation remains restricted with water purchases due to low Chehalis River flows.
- 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 Maintenance Manager
Chehalis Generation Facility

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update

Facility Name: Grays Harbor Energy Center

Operator: Grays Harbor Energy LLC

Report Date: September 20, 2023

Reporting Period: August 2023

Site Contact: Chris Sherin

Facility SCA Status: Operational

Operations & Maintenance

-GHEC generated 377,796MWh during the month and 2,294,079MWh 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 to EFSEC Staff.
 - Monthly Outfall Discharge Monitor Report (DMR).
 - Submitted the Annual Outfall Diffuser Inspection to EFSEC Staff.
- The Relative Accuracy Test Audits were performed August 7-11th.

Safety Compliance

- None.

Current or Upcoming Projects

- Application for a Modification to the Air Operating Permit submitted to EFSEC in April 2022. GHEC is currently authorized to operate under PSD Permit EFSEC/2001-01, Amendment 5 and Federal Operating Permit EFSEC/94-1 AOP Initial.

Other

-None.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting Facility Update

Facility Name: Columbia Solar Projects (Penstemon, Camas and Urtica)

Operator: Tuusso Energy, LLC

Report Date: September 7, 2023

Reporting Period: 30 days ending September, 2023

Site Contact: Thomas Cushing

Facility SCA Status: Construction

Construction Status

- Penstemon
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of August was 1.283 Gigawatt hours
 - Camas
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of August was 1.280 Gigawatt hours
 - Urtica
 - Currently operational
 - Total Generation during the month of August was 1.311 Gigawatt 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: **September 20, 2023**

Reporting Period: **August 2023**

Site Contact: **Felicia Najera-Paxton**

Facility SCA Status: **Operational**

CGS Net Electrical Generation August 2023: **839,836 Mega Watt-Hours.**

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

Environmental Compliance:

On September 13, 2023, Energy Northwest attended the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Resource Damage Assessment (RDA) Committee's pre-assessment screening for the June 2023 oil leak into the circulating water system. During this meeting, Energy Northwest provided information regarding the event summary, including the efforts made to recover the oil from the circulating water system, the implementation of a pollution prevention and mitigation strategy, and the frequent and timely collaboration with Ecology and EFSEC from the day of discovery until normal circulating water discharge operations were restored. The RDA Committee voted to apply the Compensation Schedule established in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-183. Energy Northwest is currently working with the RDA Committee to provide additional information, such as documentation of amount of oil recovered.

Safety Compliance

No update.

Current or Upcoming Projects

No update.

Other

No update.

EFSEC Monthly Council Meeting – Facility Update Format

Facility Name: Goose Prairie Solar

Operator: Brookfield Renewable US

Report Date: 9/6/23

Reporting Period: 8/5/23 to 9/6/23

Site Contact: Jacob Crist

Facility SCA Status: (Pre-construction/**Construction**/Operational/Decommission)

Construction Status (only applicable for projects under construction)

-On schedule or not. If not, provide additional information/explanation.

1. Project is on schedule.

-Phase/Brief update on status/month in review.

1. Laydown yards have been constructed

2. Substation grading and foundations are under construction to meet a critical BPA utility outage window starting in September

3. Control house has been delivered to site.

4. PV Array mainline roads are complete and feeder roads are now under construction

-Other?

Operations & Maintenance (only applicable for operating facilities)

-Energy generated for the reporting period.

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

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

Environmental Compliance

-Permit status if any changes.

1. The SWPPP Plan is currently being modified in anticipation of being submitted to EFSEC within the next few weeks.

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

-Any EFSEC-related inspections that occurred.

1. Frequent Monitoring is occurring through WSP with no findings reported to date.

-Any EFSEC-related complaints or violations that occurred.

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

Safety Compliance

-Safety training or improvements that relate to SCA conditions.

Current or Upcoming Projects

-Planned site improvements.

-Upcoming permit renewals.

-Additional mitigation improvements or milestones.

Other

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

-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).

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

1. **PCL and Brookfield are planning to donate AEDs to the Yakima Police Department to allow each police cruiser to carry an AED instead of sharing one. We are planning a brief presentation later in October.**

High Top and Ostrea Solar Project

September 2023 project update

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Whistling Ridge Energy Project

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Desert Claim Wind Power Project

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Horse Heaven Wind Project

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Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project

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September 6th, 2023

Ami Hafkemeyer
EFSEC Director of Siting and Compliance
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Dear Ami,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's agreement that the processing time of the Aurora Solar, LLC's Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project Application be extended an additional eighteen months, to April 7, 2025.

The Aurora Solar, LLC Application for Site Certification was filed with EFSEC on October 7, 2021. RCW 80.50.100 requires that: "The council shall report to the governor its recommendations as to the approval or rejection of an application for certification within twelve months of receipt by the council of such an application, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant." A twelve month extension was requested, and granted, to process the application by October 7, 2023.

Through discussions with EFSEC staff, we understand the preparation of the draft SEPA Environmental Impact Study (EIS) has been delayed due to staffing challenges and supplemental study and analysis. At this time, we anticipate that the draft EIS is expected to be published for public comment in the third quarter of 2024, followed by the adjudicatory hearing, preparation of the final EIS, Council recommendation, and Governor's decision.

The pace of regional utility clean energy supply procurement in the Pacific Northwest is currently driven by Washington's and neighboring States' aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals. We appreciate EFSEC staff's continued efforts to review the Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project Application and respectfully request that the Council allocate the appropriate resources to complete and deliver a recommendation to the Governor within a timeline consistent with these State goals.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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