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11 Horse Heaven:

12 Derek Sandison, Department of Agriculture

13 Ed Brost, Benton County

14 Badger Mountain:

15 Jordyn Guilio, Douglas County

16 Wautoma Solar:

17 Dave Sharp, Benton County

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 April 19, 2023, at 1:31 p.m. Pacific time, the
3 following Monthly Meeting of the Washington State
4 Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was held
5 virtually via Microsoft Teams, to wit:

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9 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This
10 is Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Energy Facility Site
11 Evaluation Council, calling our April meeting to
12 order.

13 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly.

15 Department of Commerce.

16 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

17 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of Fish
18 and Wildlife.

19 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston,
20 present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
22 Ecology.

23 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt, present.

24 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
25 Natural Resources.

1 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities &
3 Transportation Commission.

4 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster,
5 present.

6 MS. GRANTHAM: Local government and
7 optional State agencies.

8 For the Horse Heaven project: Department of
9 Agriculture, Derek Sandison.

10 MR. SANDISON: Present.

11 MS. GRANTHAM: For Benton County,
12 Ed Brost.

13 MR. BROST: Present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Badger
15 Mountain project: For Douglas County.

16 MS. GUILIO: Jordyn Guilio,
17 present.

18 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Wautoma
19 Solar Project: Benton County, Dave Sharp.

20 MR. SHARP: Dave Sharp, present.

21 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Washington
22 State Department of Transportation.

23 MR. GONSETH: Paul Gonseth,
24 present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Hop Hill

1 Solar Project: For Benton County, Paul Krupin.
2 The assistant attorney generals: Jon Thompson.
3 MR. THOMPSON: Present.
4 MS. GRANTHAM: Jenna Slocum.
5 MS. SLOCUM: Present.
6 MS. GRANTHAM: For our
7 administrative law judges: Adam Torem.
8 ALJ TOREM: Yes, here.
9 MS. GRANTHAM: Laura Bradley.
10 ALJ BRADLEY: Present.
11 MS. GRANTHAM: Dan Gerard.
12 ALJ GERARD: Present.
13 MS. GRANTHAM: Micah Laparia
14 (phonetic), or Larripa. Excuse me.
15 ALJ LARRIPA: Micah Larripa. And
16 I'm present.
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.
18 For EFSEC staff: Sonia Bumpus.
19 CHAIR DREW: Just one second,
20 Ms. Grantham. I think you missed the Carriger Solar
21 project --
22 MS. GRANTHAM: Oh.
23 CHAIR DREW: -- community member.
24 MS. GRANTHAM: You are correct. I
25 have not added that to my list for -- thank you,

1 Chair Drew.

2 So I have for the Carriger Solar project, and we
3 have Matt Chiles, I believe? "Chiles"?

4 Hearing none.

5 Okay. I will go back to EFSEC staff.

6 Sonia Bumpus.

7 Ami Hafkemeyer.

8 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

10 I can't hear the meeting, 'cause -- do you have your
11 sound on? This is a guest.

12 MS. GRANTHAM: Yes, we have our
13 sound on.

14 Ami Hafkemeyer.

15 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.

16 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon.

17 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.

18 MS. GRANTHAM: Stew Henderson.

19 MR. HENDERSON: Here.

20 MS. GRANTHAM: Joan Owens.

21 MS. OWENS: Present.

22 MS. GRANTHAM: Dave Walker.

23 MR. WALKER: Dave Walker's here.

24 MS. GRANTHAM: Sonja Skavland.

25 MS. SKAVLAND: Present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Lisa Masengale.
2 MS. MASENGALE: Lisa Masengale,
3 present.
4 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph.
5 MS. RANDOLF: Present.
6 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene.
7 MR. GREENE: Sean Greene, present.
8 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.
9 MR. CAPUTO: Lance Caputo, present.
10 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.
11 MR. BARNES: John Barnes is
12 present.
13 MS. GRANTHAM: Osta Davis.
14 MS. DAVIS: Present.
15 MS. GRANTHAM: Joanne Snarski.
16 MS. SNARSKI: Present.
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Alex Shiley.
18 MS. SHILEY: Present.
19 MS. GRANTHAM: For the operational
20 updates: Kittitas Valley wind project.
21 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis,
22 present.
23 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse wind
24 power project.
25 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,

1 present.

2 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy
3 Center.

4 Chehalis Generation Facility.

5 MR. ADAMS: Mike Adams, present.

6 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Generating
7 Station.

8 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Sorry.

9 MS. GRANTHAM: Well --

10 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Felic- --

11 MS. GRANTHAM: Oh.

12 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Sorry. I'm
13 here. Felicia Najera-Paxton, present.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you, Felicia.
15 For Columbia Solar.

16 MR. CUSHING: Thomas Cushing,
17 present.

18 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have
19 someone for the counsel for the environment?

20 MS. REYNEVELD: Sarah Reyneveld,
21 present.

22 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

23 Chair, there is a quorum for the regular council,
24 Horse Heaven council, Badger Mountain council, and
25 Wautoma Solar council. Thank you.

1 CHAIR DREW: And for the Carriger
2 Solar project too, our new one.

3 MS. GRANTHAM: I don't believe Matt
4 said he was present for Carriger Solar.

5 CHAIR DREW: We still have a
6 quorum. Thanks.

7 MS. GRANTHAM: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIR DREW: With that, we'll move
9 on to our proposed agenda.

10 Council members, you have received the proposed
11 agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the proposed
12 agenda?

13 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So moved.

14 CHAIR DREW: Second?

15 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.
16 Second.

17 CHAIR DREW: All those in favor,
18 say "aye."

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

20 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?
21 Motion carries.

22 Moving on to the minutes.

23 We'll start with the February 23rd -- correction
24 to the agenda -- 2033 [sic] Hop Hill informational
25 meeting minutes. My version, which might be an old

1 one, says "3033." So let's correct that on the
2 agenda.

3 And is there a motion to approve the minutes for
4 the Hop Hill -- this first one is a Hop Hill
5 informational meeting. A motion to approve so we can
6 provide any comments?

7 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly. Motion to
8 approve the Hop Hill informational meeting minutes.

9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

10 Is there a second?

11 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

12 Second.

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 I have a few changes. Page 12, Line 15, instead
15 of "Hope," it should say "Hop."

16 On Page 29, Line 6, the word p-r-a-y should be
17 p-r-e-y.

18 Page 29, Line 20, the word "exciting" should be
19 "EFSEC siting," s-i-t-i-n-g.

20 Are there any other corrections?

21 Okay. Hearing none.

22 All those in favor of approving the minutes of
23 the February 23rd informational public meeting as
24 amended, please say "aye."

25 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

2 Motion is approved.

3 Moving on to the February 23rd, 2023, Hop Hill
4 land-use hearing minutes. Is there a motion to
5 approve the minutes?

6 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly. Motion to
7 approve the Hop Hill land-use consistency hearing
8 minutes.

9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

10 Second?

11 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Second.

12 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

13 I have just one change. Page 8, Line 1, the word
14 c-i-t-i-n-g should be s-i-t-i-n-g.

15 Are there any other changes?

16 Hearing none.

17 All those in favor of the -- of approving the Hop
18 Hill land-use meeting minutes as amended, please say
19 "aye."

20 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

21 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

22 Motion carries.

23 Moving on to the March 15th, 2023, monthly
24 minutes -- monthly meeting minutes.

25 Is there a motion to approve those minutes?

1 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.

2 So moved.

3 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

4 Second?

5 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. Second.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thanks.

7 I have no changes.

8 Does anyone else have any changes to the March
9 15th, 2023, monthly meeting minutes?

10 Hearing none.

11 All those in favor of approving those minutes,
12 please say "aye."

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

15 Motion carries. Great.

16 Back over to our operating -- operational
17 updates. First up, Kittitas Valley wind project.
18 Mr. Melbardis.

19 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon,
20 Chair Drew, EFSEC staff, council members. This --
21 for the record, this is Eric Melbardis with EDP
22 Renewables for the Kittitas Valley wind power
23 project.

24 Operations are all smooth and routine here with
25 nothing to report.

1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

2 Next, we have Wild Horse wind power project.

3 Ms. Galbraith.

4 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,
5 Chair Drew, council members, and staff. This is
6 Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound Energy
7 representing the Wild Horse wind facility.

8 And I have no nonroutine updates for the month of
9 March.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

11 Chehalis Generation Facility. Mr. Adams.

12 MR. ADAMS: Yeah. Hi. Good
13 afternoon, Chair Drew, EFSEC council and staff. For
14 the record, this is Mike Adams, plant manager,
15 Chehalis Generation Facility.

16 For the month of March, we have no nonroutine
17 updates.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 Moving on to the Grays Harbor Energy Center.

20 Is Mr. Sherin on the line?

21 MR. SHERIN: Yes, Chair Drew, I am.

22 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair
24 Drew, council members, and EFSEC staff. This is
25 Chris Sherin, the plant manager at Grays Harbor

1 Energy Center.

2 And for the month of March, we had no nonroutine
3 items to report.

4 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

5 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.
6 Operational updates.

7 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Good afternoon --

8 CHAIR DREW: I think I heard --

9 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: -- Chairman
10 Drew.

11 CHAIR DREW: -- Felicia was here.

12 Yes.

13 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Yes.

14 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

15 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Good afternoon,
16 Chairman Drew and EFSEC council.

17 For Columbia Generating Station, and March was
18 operational, normal operations. But for upcoming
19 month of May, we have what we call refueling outage,
20 or R26, scheduled to commence May -- May 5th. It'll
21 be a 35-day outage, hopefully.

22 For this work, we bring in approximately 1200
23 skilled workers from throughout the country and from
24 here locally to join our forces, roughly doubling our
25 forces on-site for refueling and maintenance

1 projects. These include the refueling outage. High
2 level of equipment reliability is maintained
3 throughout this work. And we replace all -- let me
4 see -- 248 of 764 fuel assemblies within our core and
5 do other preventive maintenance work that's required
6 while the reactor is off-line. Thank you.

7 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

8 Are there any questions from council members?

9 Okay. Thank you.

10 Moving on to Columbia Solar. Project update.

11 Mr. Cushing -- Cushing.

12 MR. CUSHING: Good afternoon, Chair
13 Drew, EFSEC staff. This is Thomas Cushing, asset
14 manager for the Columbia Solar Project.

15 For the month of March, we have no nonroutine
16 updates for the systems.

17 CHAIR DREW: That's great. And
18 everything is operational. That's terrific news.
19 Thank you.

20 MR. CUSHING: Thank you.

21 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to Horse
22 Heaven Wind Farm. Ms. Moon.

23 MS. MOON: Good afternoon, Council
24 Chair Drew and EFSEC council members. For the
25 record, to restate, this is Amy Moon, an EFSEC staff

1 member, providing an update on the Horse Heaven wind
2 project.

3 EFSEC staff continue to coordinate with our
4 consultant, WSP, on the preparation of the final
5 environmental impact statement, or final EIS. This
6 includes submitting a data request to the applicant
7 on March 22nd of 2023 for additional information as a
8 result of the draft EIS public and agency comments
9 that were received during the comment period.

10 The data request was for additional information
11 pertaining to air, water, vegetation, habitat,
12 cultural, visual, noise, recreation, and
13 transportation. EFSEC staff also continue to
14 actively engage with Washington State agencies
15 regarding potential impact analysis and mitigation
16 opportunities.

17 Does the council have any questions?

18 CHAIR DREW: Are there questions
19 from council members?

20 Thank you. We'll continue to keep in touch with
21 you on that.

22 Moving on to the Goose Prairie Solar project
23 update. Ms. Randolph.

24 MS. RANDOLF: Good afternoon, Chair
25 Drew, council members, and staff. For the record,

1 this is Sara Randolph, the site specialist for the
2 Goose Prairie facility. EFSEC staff are continuing
3 to receive and review documents being sent by the
4 certificate holder for preconstruction plans. As a
5 condition of their site certification agreement,
6 Article 4, Section D1, the facility is required to
7 obtain a construction stormwater general permit prior
8 to construction.

9 EFSEC issues coverage under the Department of
10 Ecology general permit. In your packet, you will
11 find a letter of coverage that identifies procedural
12 differences between the Ecology general permit and
13 EFSEC's authorities. Some examples include
14 enforcement authority, fee structure, and transfer of
15 ownership. Goose Prairie Solar submitted their
16 notice of intent for coverage under this permit on
17 March 2nd.

18 At this time, EFSEC staff recommends the council
19 vote on a conditional approval for granting coverage
20 under the Ecology construction stormwater general
21 permit. Because the Ecology permit was out for
22 comment during its development, EFSEC would not
23 reissue the permit for public comment. Rather, the
24 letter of coverage reconciling the procedural
25 differences with these already-established permit

1 conditions will be open to comment.

2 In accordance with WAC 463-76-41, a 30-day public
3 comment period will begin on April 20th and will
4 conclude on May 20th. If no substantive comments are
5 received upon the close of the comment period, the
6 general stormwater permit would then be issued. If
7 substantive comments are received, the permits would
8 not be issued, and EFSEC staff would return to the
9 council with the comments and a recommendation on
10 permit issuance.

11 The certificate holder and their consultant are
12 on the phone if there are any questions. Thank you.

13 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

14 I have a question/clarification. Just want to
15 make sure it's clear.

16 So the comment period is on the changes to that
17 stormwater permit as outlined in the letter, not the
18 underlying conditions of the permit which have
19 already been adopted by the Department of Ecology; is
20 that correct?

21 MS. RANDOLF: Yes.

22 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

23 And it would be a -- it will be a 30-day public
24 comment period, so we won't be taking public comment
25 at this meeting. But if anyone has comments, you

1 should respond to that call for comments that will be
2 going out to interested parties.

3 Are there other questions from council members?

4 Hearing none.

5 I'd like to have a motion to conditionally
6 approve coverage for the Goose Prairie project under
7 Ecology's construction stormwater NPDES general
8 permit.

9 If no substantive comments are received during
10 the 30-day public comment period, the permit will be
11 issued.

12 Is there someone who would like to offer this
13 motion?

14 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly. So moved.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Second?

17 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt. Second.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 Any discussion? This is a fairly standard action
20 for a project using already-established permit
21 conditions.

22 All those in favor, please say "aye."

23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

24 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

25 Motion carries. Thank you.

1 Moving on to the Badger Mountain project update.
2 Ms. Snarski.

3 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you.

4 This is Joanne Snarski, for the record. We are
5 continuing to work with the applicant and our
6 consultant to complete the first and second data
7 requests for information. During our recent meeting
8 with the applicant, we discussed the information
9 exchange, and it should largely be completed by the
10 end of this month.

11 The data and information we requested will --
12 will be reviewed and support the development of the
13 draft environmental impact statement that is
14 currently in progress.

15 Also, on April 6th, staff conducted a field visit
16 with the Department of Ecology for the purpose of
17 collecting additional information regarding wetlands
18 potentially present on the site. The applicant,
19 their consultant, EFSEC's consultant, and the
20 Department of Fish and Wildlife were also present.
21 Staff are working closely with our contractor and
22 contracted agencies and the applicant to support a
23 thorough evaluation of the potential impacts from the
24 project and identify appropriate mitigation for those
25 impacts.

1 That's all I have. Are there any questions?

2 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
3 questions from council members?

4 Thank you.

5 Moving on to High Top and Ostrea project update.
6 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

7 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you, Chair
8 Drew, council, and staff. Again, for the record,
9 this is Ami Hafkemeyer.

10 On Monday, April 17th, the governor held a
11 signing event for the approval of the High Top Solar
12 and Ostrea Solar SCAs, at which Chair Drew was
13 present. We have received the executed signature
14 page from the governor's office and have the
15 signatures from the now certificate holders, which
16 are posted to the EFSEC project website.

17 Are there any questions?

18 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
19 questions?

20 I want to thank everybody who worked on the
21 review of this project as it has gone through --
22 these projects as they've gone through our review
23 process and congratulate Cypress Creek Renewables for
24 these two projects which will now become part of our
25 operational facilities as we move forward. Thank

1 you.

2 Moving on to the Wautoma Solar Project update.

3 Mr. Caputo.

4 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew
5 and council members. For the record, my name is
6 Lance Caputo, EFSEC staff. EFSEC staff are working
7 with agency contractors from Department of
8 Agriculture, Department of Fish and Wildlife,
9 Archaeology/Historic Preservation, technical staff
10 from the Yakama Nation, as well as the applicant, to
11 ensure we adequately capture impacts and identify the
12 appropriate mitigation measures.

13 We anticipate completing our environmental
14 assessment and issuing a SEPA threshold determination
15 soon. Thank you.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Are there any questions from council members?

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 Moving on to the Hop Hill Solar Project update.

20 Mr. Barnes.

21 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew
22 and council members. For the record, this is John
23 Barnes, EFSEC staff, for the Hop Hill application.

24 Update from March: A review of the application
25 has determined the need for a data request. This

1 request will be sent to the applicant this week.
2 There are no other significant changes to report on
3 at this time. We are continuing to coordinate and
4 review the application with our contractor,
5 contracted agencies, and tribal governments.

6 Are there any questions?

7 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
8 questions on this project?

9 As usual, our data request will be posted to the
10 site as well as the responses we get from the
11 applicant. Thank you.

12 Moving on to the Carriger Solar project.
13 Ms. Snarski.

14 MS. SNARSKI: Thank you, Chair
15 Drew. For the record, this is Joanne Snarski. Last
16 week, we were able to post and send out a notice for
17 the public informational meeting to be held next
18 Tuesday, April 25th. The meeting will be held at the
19 Goldendale Grange Hall.

20 Over the last several years, EFSEC has elected to
21 hold the public informational meeting and the land-
22 use consistency hearing back-to-back, but this is not
23 required. The Klickitat County commissioners have
24 formally requested additional time to prepare for
25 providing testimony at the land-use hearing. And

1 after checking on the availability of the council and
2 the administrative law judge, this is a request that
3 we can accommodate.

4 We will hold the land-use hearing separately
5 during the week of May 15th. The hearing will be
6 conducted virtually. The details of the land-use
7 hearing will be noticed as required once they are
8 finalized.

9 Currently, we are also compiling our first data
10 request to the applicant. This supplemental
11 information will help us better assess potential
12 impacts from the project and to work towards
13 completing the State Environmental Policy Act
14 checklist.

15 That's all I have. Any questions?

16 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for
17 Ms. Snarski?

18 MS. KELLY: Chair Drew, this is
19 Kate Kelly. I -- both the Carriger project report
20 and the Hop Hill project report mentioned a data
21 request for the applicants, and I'm wondering if
22 those -- they -- are those requests for existing
23 data, or are they asking the applicants to collect
24 more data that might take time to gather?

25 CHAIR DREW: I'll ask

1 Ms. Hafkemeyer to jump in here. Because we do
2 regularly have data requests as we go through in
3 detail an applicant's submission.

4 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

5 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

6 So in response to the question, it can vary.
7 Typically data requests in our initial review ahead
8 of the SEPA threshold determination are for
9 additional data that typically the applicant has on
10 hand but that we would like to review to make our
11 SEPA threshold determination.

12 Occasionally these are also data requests -- or
13 there may be an item in a data request that asks the
14 da- -- the applicant to, you know, do additional
15 research or provide additional survey results. But
16 more often, that conversation is captured in our
17 coordination with the applicant, and the parameters,
18 study methodology, et cetera, are coordinated with
19 EFSEC staff and any applicable agencies of expertise
20 to make sure that we're collecting the data that we
21 need.

22 And so sort of in short, to summarize, typically
23 the data requests refer to data that the applicant is
24 likely to have on hand. They may also request
25 information that additional study or information

1 gathering is required. But that's a little less
2 common in a data request.

3 Did you have any other questions about that
4 topic?

5 MS. KELLY: Nope. That was
6 perfect. That's exactly what I was wondering. Thank
7 you very much, Ami and Chair Drew.

8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

9 Any other questions from council members?

10 Okay. We now are moving on to employee updates.
11 And we have a resolution in front of the council.
12 And I'll go ahead and read the resolution into the
13 record.

14 "Resolution No. 352: Commending Services of
15 EFSEC Staff Member Patricia Betts.

16 "Whereas, Patty Betts has dedicated over eight
17 years of career service with the Energy Facility Site
18 Evaluation Council with great distinction as the
19 State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) specialist
20 following 43 years of prior State service; and

21 "Whereas, Patty Betts provided SEPA expertise on
22 EFSEC's largest project to date (Vancouver Energy),
23 EFSEC's first expedited process application (Columbia
24 Solar), and many other applications during her
25 tenure; and

1 "Whereas, Patty Betts worked tirelessly to review
2 and develop responses to over 250,000 comments
3 received on the Vancouver Energy Draft Environmental
4 Impact Statement (EIS), by far the most comments ever
5 received on a single project by EFSEC; and

6 "Whereas, Patty Betts worked meticulously with
7 EFSEC staff and contracted agencies to prepare SEPA
8 documents with the goal of improving each project
9 that she reviewed; and

10 "Whereas, Patty Betts provided the SEPA guidance
11 for the development of EFSEC's streamlined solar
12 application form, which has been used (in beta
13 testing) for every solar project received since its
14 creation; and

15 "Whereas, Patty Betts has respectfully worked
16 with and in support of three council chairs, 17
17 council members, and 25 staff; and

18 "Whereas, Patty Betts delayed her retirement to
19 share her SEPA knowledge in the training of many new
20 EFSEC staff so that they may be successful in their
21 current and future application reviews; and

22 "Whereas, Patty Betts' proclivity for chocolate
23 became so well-known, she was rarely caught in a
24 working meeting without her jar of chocolate milk;

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Energy

1 Facility Site Evaluation Council hereby recognizes
2 Patty Betts' outstanding, unwavering, and faithful
3 contribution to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation
4 Council staff and council alike and gratefully
5 expresses its sincere gratitude for her commitment,
6 dedication, effort, professionalism, hard work, and
7 consideration she has shown over the past year.

8 "Dated this 19th day of April, 2023."

9 And I will ask the council to verbally express
10 their appreciation by voting "aye" on this
11 resolution.

12 All those in favor, please say "aye."

13 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, Patty. And
15 thank you, council.

16 The next item on our employee updates is a new-
17 employee introduction, Alex Shiley.

18 Ms. Owens, would you like to introduce her?

19 Oh. Did I have a comment from Ms. Hafkemeyer
20 first?

21 MS. HAFKEMEYER: No. I apologize.
22 That was a misclick.

23 MS. OWENS: I suspected as much.

24 CHAIR DREW: Only allowed once in a
25 while. Thank you.

1 Okay. Ms. Owens.

2 MS. OWENS: Thank you.

3 Good afternoon, EFSEC council and staff. For the
4 record, this is Joan Owens. I would like to
5 introduce to you our newest employee, Alex Shiley.
6 Alex's first day with EFSEC as an administrative
7 assistant began on April 10th.

8 Alex has worked in administrative roles for years
9 across various organizations in the private sector,
10 having started as a student intern with the City of
11 Kent. Most recently, she worked in office support
12 and assisted with project management for an
13 administrator for union health and pension benefits.

14 Alex will be joining Andrea Grantham in assisting
15 EFSEC staff with various administrative tasks,
16 including council meetings and other public meetings,
17 so you'll have plenty of opportunities to get to know
18 Alex in the future.

19 Welcome to the team, Alex.

20 CHAIR DREW: Welcome, Alex.

21 MS. SHILEY: Thank you. I'm
22 excited to be here.

23 CHAIR DREW: Great. We're very
24 excited to have you.

25 Okay. Moving on now to the fourth-quarter cost

1 allocation. Ms. Bumpus.

2 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair Drew.

3 Good afternoon, council members.

4 So today we have our fourth-quarter cost
5 allocation for Fiscal Year 2023. And I'll just read
6 off the percentages.

7 For Kittitas Valley wind power project: 4
8 percent.

9 Wild Horse is 4 percent.

10 Columbia Generating Station: 20 percent.

11 Columbia Solar: 4 percent.

12 WNP-1: 3 percent.

13 Whistling Ridge: 3 percent.

14 Grays Harbor 1 and 2: 6 percent.

15 Chehalis: 6 percent.

16 Desert Claim: 3 percent.

17 Goose Prairie Solar project: 4 percent.

18 Horse Heaven: 15 percent.

19 Badger Mountain: 6 percent.

20 Cyprus Creek: 4 percent.

21 Wautoma Solar: 6 percent.

22 Hop Hill: 6 percent.

23 And Carriger Solar is 6 percent.

24 And that concludes my update on the nondirect
25 cost allocations for fourth quarter.

1 Are there any questions?

2 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

3 And with that, this concludes the business for
4 EFSEC council today. And this meeting is adjourned.
5 Thank you, all, very much.

6 (Meeting adjourned at
7 2:05 p.m.)

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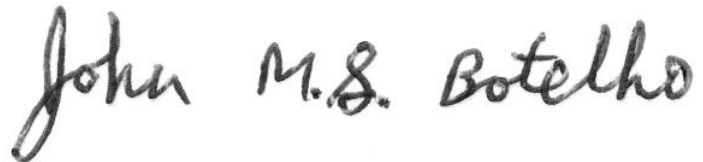
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