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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

July 19, 2023

Lacey, Washington

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4 Eli Levitt, Department of Ecology (*)

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6 Lenny Young, Department of Natural Resources (*)

7 Stacey Brewster, Utilities & Transportation Comm.

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9 Horse Heaven:

10 Ed Brost, Benton County (*)

11 Wautoma Solar:

12 Dave Sharp, Benton County (*)

13 Paul Gonseth, WA Dept. of Transportation (*)

14 Carriger Solar:

15 Matt Chiles, Klickitat County (*)

16 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:

17 Jon Thompson (*)

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4 Amy Moon (*)	Sean Greene (*)
5 Joan Owens (*)	Lance Caputo
6 Andrea Grantham	John Barnes (*)
7 Dave Walker (*)	Alex Shiley
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12 Kittitas Valley Wind, EDP Renewables

13 Jennifer Galbraith (*)
14 Wild Horse Wind Power Project, Puget Sound Energy

15 Chris Sherin (*)
16 Grays Harbor Energy Center, Grays Harbor Energy

17 Jeremy Smith (*)
18 Chehalis Generation Facility, PacifiCorp

19 Felicia Najera-Paxton (*)
20 Columbia Generating Station & WNP-1/4, Energy Northwest

21 Sara Randolph (EFSEC staff) (*)
22 Columbia Solar, Tuusso Energy

23 Cody Burttschell (*)
24 Goose Prairie Solar, Brookfield Renewable

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that on Wednesday,
2 July 19, 2023, at 621 Woodland Square Loop Southeast,
3 Lacey, Washington, at 1:30 p.m., the following
4 Monthly Meeting of the Washington State Energy
5 Facility Site Evaluation Council was held, 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 this July monthly meeting
12 to order.

13 Ms. Grantham, will you call the roll.

14 MS. GRANTHAM: Certainly.
15 Department of Commerce.

16 Department of Ecology.

17 MR. LEVITT: Department of Ecology.
18 This is Eli Levitt, present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: Thank you.

20 Department of Fish and Wildlife.

21 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston,
22 present.

23 MS. GRANTHAM: Department of
24 Natural Resources.

25 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young, present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Utilities and
2 Transportation Commission.

3 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster,
4 present.

5 MS. GRANTHAM: For local government
6 and optional State agencies:

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

9 For Benton County, Ed Brost.

10 For the Badger Mountain project, for Douglas
11 County.

12 For the Wautoma Solar Project, for Benton County,
13 Dave Sharp.

14 MR. SHARP: Dave Sharp is present.

15 MS. GRANTHAM: Washington State
16 Department of Transportation, Paul Gonseth.

17 MR. GONSETH: Paul Gonseth is
18 present.

19 MS. GRANTHAM: For the Hop Hill
20 Solar Project, for Benton County, Paul Krupin.

21 For the Carriger Solar project, for Klickitat
22 County, Matt Chiles.

23 MR. CHILES: Matt Chiles is
24 present.

25 MS. GRANTHAM: Assistant Attorney

1 Generals. Jon Thompson.
2 MR. THOMPSON: Present.
3 MS. GRANTHAM: Jenna Slocum.
4 Administrative law judges. Adam Torem.
5 Laura Bradley.
6 Dan Gerard.
7 Joni Derifield.
8 For Council staff. Sonia Bumpus.
9 Ami Hafkemeyer.
10 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Present.
11 MS. GRANTHAM: Amy Moon.
12 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.
13 MS. GRANTHAM: Stew Henderson.
14 Joan Owens.
15 MS. OWENS: Present.
16 MS. GRANTHAM: Dave Walker.
17 MR. WALKER: Present.
18 MS. GRANTHAM: Sonja Skavland.
19 MS. SKAVLAND: Present.
20 MS. GRANTHAM: Lisa Masengale.
21 MS. MASENGALE: Present.
22 MS. GRANTHAM: Sara Randolph.
23 MS. RANDOLPH: Present.
24 MS. GRANTHAM: Sean Greene.
25 MR. GREENE: Present.

1 MS. GRANTHAM: Lance Caputo.
2 MR. CAPUTO: Lance Caputo, present.
3 MS. GRANTHAM: John Barnes.
4 MR. BARNES: Present.
5 MS. GRANTHAM: Osta Davis.
6 Joanne Snarski.
7 Alex Shiley.
8 MS. SHILEY: Present.
9 MS. GRANTHAM: Ali Smith.
10 MS. SMITH: Ali Smith, present.
11 MS. GRANTHAM: Karl Holappa.
12 MR. HOLAPPA: Present.
13 MS. GRANTHAM: For operational
14 updates, Kittitas Valley wind project.
15 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis,
16 present.
17 MS. GRANTHAM: Wild Horse wind
18 power project.
19 MS. GALBRAITH: Jennifer Galbraith,
20 present.
21 MS. GRANTHAM: Grays Harbor Energy
22 Center.
23 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present.
24 MS. GRANTHAM: Chehalis Generation
25 Facility.

1 Columbia Generating Station.

2 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Felicia

3 Najera-Paxton, present.

4 MS. GRANTHAM: Columbia Solar.

5 Goose Prairie Solar.

6 MR. BURTTSCHELL: Cody Burttschell,

7 present.

8 MS. GRANTHAM: And do we have
9 anyone present for the counsel for the environment?

10 Hearing none.

11 Chair, there is a quorum for the regular council,
12 Wautoma Solar council, and Carriger Solar council.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

15 Moving on to the proposed agenda. You see the
16 agenda in front of you.

17 Is there anyone who would like to move to adopt
18 the agenda?

19 Ms. Brewster.

20 MS. BREWSTER: I move we adopt the
21 agenda for today's meeting.

22 CHAIR DREW: Second?

23 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young.

24 MR. LEVITT: Eli Levitt.

25 MR. YOUNG: Second.

1 MR. LEVITT: Second.

2 CHAIR DREW: Lenny Young, second.

3 Okay.

4 All those in favor, say "aye."

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? Opposed?

7 Motion carries. Agenda is adopted.

8 Moving on to the meeting minutes. We have two
9 sets of minutes in front of us today.

10 First is the June 9th special meeting minutes.

11 Is there a motion to approve the special meeting
12 minutes?

13 Go ahead.

14 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

15 Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from
16 June 9th.

17 CHAIR DREW: Second?

18 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston.

19 Second.

20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

21 Are there any changes or edits? I did not find
22 any, myself. So anyone else have edits to the
23 special meeting from June 9th?

24 Hearing none.

25 All those in favor of approving the minutes,

1 please say -- say "aye."

2 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

4 Minutes are approved.

5 Moving on to the June 21st, 2023, monthly meeting
6 minutes.

7 Is there a motion to approve those minutes?

8 MR. YOUNG: Lenny Young. So move.

9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

10 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.

11 Second.

12 CHAIR DREW: Okay. On these
13 minutes, I do have a few changes.

14 Page 8, Line 16. The person speaking is not Sara
15 Randolph. It is Sarah, S-a-r-a-h, Reyneveld,
16 R-e-y-n-e-v-e-l-d.

17 On Page 23, Line 22, the word "pecking,"
18 p-e-c-k-i-n-g, should be "checking," c-h-e-c-k-i-n-g.

19 On Page 30th -- on Page 30, Line 21, the person
20 speaking is not Ms. Grantham. It is Ms. Voelckers,
21 V-o-e-l-c-k-e-r-s.

22 Page 33, Line 12, the person speaking is not
23 Ms. Bumpus. It is Ms. Voelckers, V-o-e-l-c-k-e-r-s.

24 Those are the corrections I have to make. Anyone
25 else have corrections?

1 Hearing none.

2 All in favor of the June 21 monthly meeting
3 minutes to approve as amended, please say "aye."

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

6 The minutes are approved.

7 Moving on to the operational updates.

8 Kittitas Valley Wind Project. Mr. Melbardis.

9 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon,
10 Chair Drew, Council members, and EFSEC staff. For
11 the record, this is Eric Melbardis with EDP
12 Renewables for the Kittitas Valley wind power
13 project. I have nothing nonroutine to report for the
14 period.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Your report for the month did talk about blade
17 inspections, and you were making some repairs.

18 Is there any more --

19 MR. MELBARDIS: Right.

20 CHAIR DREW: -- information on
21 that?

22 MR. MELBARDIS: Yeah, I -- yes, I
23 could go into that briefly for you. I'm in the field
24 again today, working on another current job, so I
25 didn't have that in front of me.

1 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

2 MR. MELBARDIS: The -- we -- we do
3 annual -- an annual sample of blade inspections with
4 a drone company, and we sample about 33 percent of
5 the project every year. And this time around, they
6 found three fairly significant cracks in our blades,
7 and so that led us to do two things.

8 We first hired a crane company to come and take
9 down all three of those rotors for fiberglass repairs
10 on the ground. It turns out it looks like it was a
11 manufacturing defect or a process of during
12 manufacturing where they found a wrinkle in the
13 fiberglass and had smoothed it out. And it looks
14 like it lasted about 14 years. And so we got those
15 repaired and put back up.

16 And then the second thing that caused us to do
17 was to call our drone inspectors back to do 100
18 percent of the project this year instead of just the
19 33 percent. So they're currently in the process of
20 doing that. We haven't found anything else.

21 But I think I included that. Just not -- it's
22 not really regulatory but just as a due diligence of
23 what we do to keep -- to make sure we're not going to
24 toss a blade into the field.

25 CHAIR DREW: I appreciate that.

1 And I appreciate the detail.

2 Do you plan to change the way you do inspections
3 a third year once these have been -- 'cause you said
4 now they're four- -- have been operated for 14
5 years, so will there be anything that will change
6 moving forward?

7 MR. MELBARDIS: That's probably up
8 to our blade engineers. They -- they definitely take
9 this very serious. So, I mean, we may end up doing
10 100 percent annually moving forward just to see if we
11 find anything. And if we don't for over the course
12 of a number of years, maybe we drop back to -- to a
13 third of the project.

14 That's not really a decision that I make, but
15 it's quite possible. Our drone inspections, the --
16 the 33 percent a year, it's like \$5,000. It's not
17 that much cost-wise.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

19 Are there questions from other Council members?

20 Okay. Thank you very much.

21 Moving on to Kitti- -- sorry -- Wild Horse wind
22 power project. Ms. Galbraith.

23 MS. GALBRAITH: Yes. Thank you,
24 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. For the
25 record, this is Jennifer Galbraith with Puget Sound

1 Energy representing the Wild Horse wind facility.
2 And I have no nonroutine updates for the month of
3 June.

4 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

5 Chehalis Generation Facility. Is Mr. Smith on
6 the line? If not --

7 MR. SMITH: For --

8 CHAIR DREW: Oh. Go ahead.

9 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair
10 Drew, EFSEC Council. This is Jeremy Smith. I'm the
11 maintenance manager for Chehalis Generation Facility.

12 I have one nonroutine item to note. The Chehalis
13 plant was restricted on water purchases during the
14 month of June, starting on June 27th, due to low
15 river flow. That is all.

16 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

17 Do you --

18 MR. SMITH: Are there any
19 questions?

20 CHAIR DREW: Yes. At one year, I
21 remember there was -- we -- we did get down to the
22 point -- you did at the facility -- as to whether or
23 not you had enough water to, you know, continue
24 regular operations.

25 Do you have -- will you just continue to report

1 to us the status of that?

2 MR. SMITH: Well, that did change
3 this week, Chair Drew. The USGS did calibrate their
4 meter. And we are back, able to receive water.
5 We're working with the City of Chehalis to coordinate
6 that.

7 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

8 MR. SMITH: So currently that is
9 not the status. If it does change, we'll update the
10 Council.

11 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Any other
12 questions from Council members?

13 Thank you.

14 Moving on to Grays Harbor Energy Center.
15 Mr. Sherin.

16 MR. SHERIN: Good afternoon, Chair
17 Drew, Council members, and staff. This is Chris
18 Sherin, a plant manager for Grays Harbor Energy
19 Center.

20 We really pretty much don't have any nonroutine
21 items to report. But I'll mention that we ended our
22 annual audits the first day of June, and we did
23 submit our annual relative accuracy test / audit test
24 plan to EFSEC and ORCAA.

25 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

1 Any questions --

2 MR. SHERIN: You're welcome.

3 CHAIR DREW: -- from the Council --
4 Council members?

5 Moving on to Columbia Solar. Mr. Cushing. Or is
6 that Ms. Randolph?

7 MS. RANDOLPH: I think I have it
8 today.

9 CHAIR DREW: Go ahead.

10 MS. RANDOLPH: Good afternoon,
11 Chair Drew, Council members, and staff. For the
12 record, this is Sara Randolph, site specialist for
13 Columbia Solar.

14 The facility update is provided in your packet.
15 There were no nonroutine updates to report.

16 Any questions?

17 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

18 Thank you.

19 Columbia Generating Station and WNP-1 and -4.
20 Ms. Najera-Paxton.

21 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Good afternoon,
22 Chair Drew, EFSEC Council, and staff. For the
23 record, I am Felicia Najera-Paxton with Energy
24 Northwest for WNP-1 and -4. I do not have any
25 nonroutine items to report.

1 I do have one item to report for Columbia
2 Generating Station. Following the oil retrieval
3 efforts in the Columbia Generating Station
4 circulating water system and deployment of the
5 pollution prevention and mitigation strategies into
6 the Columbia River, normal blowdown operations have
7 resumed at CGS as authorized by the site's National
8 Pollution Discharge Elimination System, or NPDES,
9 permit.

10 There was no sheen observed on the Columbia River
11 during the three days of monitored blowdown, which
12 were June 20th through June 22nd, which allowed
13 normal blowdown operations to resume the evening of
14 June 22nd. No sheen has been observed in the cooling
15 towers since the date of June 20th, and the observed
16 booms have been removed from the system -- sorry --
17 and the absorbent booms have been removed from the
18 system as they are no longer collecting oil.

19 Energy Northwest will prepare a final report as
20 required by EFSEC. And Energy Northwest sincerely
21 appreciates the support received by -- from EFSEC and
22 the Washington State Department of Ecology Spill
23 Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Program and
24 also from GrayMar Environmental Services to develop
25 an overarching strategy that was protective of the

1 environment and supported returning to normal
2 operations as CGS exited our refueling and
3 maintenance outage 20 -- R-26.

4 So there are no other nonroutine items to report,
5 and all routine reports were submitted on time.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

7 Are there any questions from Council members?

8 Thank you very much for your report.

9 MS. NAJERA-PAXTON: Thank you.

10 CHAIR DREW: Moving on to Goose
11 Prairie Solar. Mr. Burttschell.

12 MR. BURTTSCHELL: Good afternoon,
13 everyone. This is Cody Burttschell with Brookfield
14 Renewable.

15 No nonroutine updates this month. The contractor
16 mobilized late last month of June. Start with civil
17 work on the substation. It should be moving into
18 structural foundation by the end of this month.

19 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

20 Are there any questions from Council members?

21 Okay. Moving on to High Top and Ostrea project.
22 Ms. Randolph.

23 MS. RANDOLPH: Chair Drew, Council
24 members, and staff: For the record, this is Sara
25 Randolph, site specialist for High Top and Ostrea.

1 EFSEC staff are coordinating with a certificate
2 holder on preconstruction plans and schedules.

3 Any questions?

4 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

5 Thank you.

6 Whistling Ridge. Mr. Caputo.

7 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew
8 and Council members. For the record, I am Lance
9 Caputo, siting specialist assigned to the Whistling
10 Ridge Energy facility.

11 Last month, the certificate holders for Whistling
12 Ridge Energy submitted request to the Council for
13 amending its site certification agreement. Staff are
14 still working to schedule the informational meeting
15 with the Council and will keep the Council informed
16 and the public updated as details become available.

17 Any questions?

18 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

19 Thank you.

20 Desert Claim project update. Ms. Moon.

21 MS. MOON: Thank you, Council Chair
22 Drew and Council members. For the record, this is
23 Amy Moon providing a project update on Desert Claim.

24 On July 13th, 2023, earlier this month, EFSEC
25 held a public informational meeting on the requested

1 amendment to the Desert Claim site certification
2 agreement, or SCA. The site certificate holder, EDF
3 Renewables, gave a presentation on their proposed
4 amendment to the SCA that is requesting the Council
5 extend the substantial completion date from November
6 13th, 2023, to November 13th of 2028.

7 The presentation also went through a brief
8 history of the Desert Claim project with the location
9 and the potential for energy production and
10 off-takers of that energy. The EFSEC attorney
11 general's office, they are preparing a legal brief
12 for the Council's consideration regarding the
13 extension request.

14 The current signed site certification agreement
15 authorizes the certificate holder to construct the
16 project such that substantial completion is achieved
17 no later than five years from the date that Amendment
18 No. 1, which is what the SCA is currently under
19 Amendment No. 1, which was approved by the Council on
20 November 13th, 2018. So that's where the 2023 date
21 for substantial completion came from.

22 Does the Council have any questions as a result
23 of that public informational meeting?

24 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
25 questions about the Desert Claim wind power project

1 amendment request?

2 Hearing none. That's -- thank you, Ms. Moon, for
3 your report.

4 Moving on to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm project
5 update. Ms. Moon.

6 MS. MOON: Again, good afternoon
7 Council Chair Drew and EFSEC Council members. This
8 is Amy Moon providing the update on the Horse Heaven
9 wind project.

10 EFSEC staff continue work on the preparation of
11 the final environmental impact statement, or final
12 EIS, by incorporating public comments received on the
13 draft EIS. This effort includes working with
14 Washington State agency subject matter experts on
15 remaining impact analysis and recommended mitigation
16 opportunities to incorporate into the final EIS.

17 Does the Council have any questions?

18 CHAIR DREW: Any questions for
19 Ms. Moon?

20 Thank you.

21 And now for the adjudication update.

22 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

23 MS. HAFKEMEYER: There we go.
24 Thank you. For the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer
25 providing the adjudication update.

1 Staff would like to make the Council aware that
2 in the Council SharePoint, there is prefiled
3 testimony available for your review. Staff would
4 like to request that Council begin to review these
5 documents so that when we get into the hearings, they
6 will have that context for the cross-examination
7 occurring during those hearings.

8 We are also expecting preparing briefs to be
9 filed in the coming weeks, which we would also like
10 to request that the Council take some time to review
11 ahead of the adjudicative hearings.

12 Staff can provide assistance to any Council
13 members as requested in navigating the SharePoint to
14 those documents. Please just reach out to -- to
15 administrative staff for setting up notices of new
16 documents or navigating to those documents as needed.

17 Are there any --

18 CHAIR DREW: So that would be Joan
19 or Andrea or Ali?

20 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Or Lisa Masengale.

21 CHAIR DREW: Or Lisa.

22 MS. HAFKEMEYER: And any of those
23 staff should be able to assist in that, yes.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

25 Any questions for Ms. Hafkemeyer?

1 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster.
2 One quickly.

3 Can you remind us of the date the prefilled briefs
4 are due? I can also look it up. I just...

5 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Well, so there is
6 an order coming out. I was in transit to this
7 meeting. I'm not sure if it came out ahead of this
8 meeting. But I believe that the prehearing briefs
9 will be filed by August 9th, is the new date.

10 MS. BREWSTER: Okay. Thank you. I
11 will check that order.

12 MS. HAFKEMEYER: If it's not out
13 already, it will be out shortly.

14 MS. BREWSTER: Thanks.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

16 Any other questions? Okay.

17 Let's go to Badger Mountain project update.

18 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

19 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you, Chair
20 Drew.

21 Again, for the record, this is Ami Hafkemeyer.
22 Progress continues to be made on the development of
23 the draft environmental impact statement for the
24 Badger Mountain project. Staff are currently working
25 on coordinating internal review as well as review

1 with our contracted agencies, including Department of
2 Fish and Wildlife and Department of Ecology and
3 Department of Natural Resources, for the development
4 of this draft.

5 Staff are also reviewing and coordinating with
6 Department of Archaeologic and Historical
7 Preservation and Department of Natural Resources in
8 review of the revised cultural resource survey draft
9 and have been meeting with those agencies as well as
10 technical staff from the Colville Tribe and the
11 Yakama Nation in this review and to determine next
12 steps.

13 CHAIR DREW: Are there any
14 questions?

15 Thank you.

16 Next we have the Wautoma Solar Project.
17 Mr. Caputo.

18 MR. CAPUTO: Thank you, Chair Drew
19 and Council members.

20 For the record, this is Lance Caputo, siting
21 specialist assigned to the Wautoma energy facility.

22 The applicant for the proposed Wautoma energy
23 facility, Innergex Renewable Development, is still
24 conducting the additional field survey work requested
25 by EFSEC and the Department of Archaeology and

1 Historic Preservation.

2 The applicant has notified us it intends to
3 submit a draft report of its findings for our
4 contracted agencies to review within several weeks.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

7 Hop Hill Solar Project. Mr. Barnes.

8 MR. BARNES: Thank you, Chair Drew
9 and Council members.

10 For the record, this is John Barnes, EFSEC staff,
11 for the Hop Hill application update for June.

12 We developed and sent Data Request No. 2. The
13 applicant BrightNight has changed their application
14 project manager. He hopes to attend the Council
15 meeting next month to meet with EFSEC staff and
16 Council. We are continuing to coordinate and review
17 the application with our contractor, contracted
18 agencies, and tribal governments. There are no other
19 updates to report on.

20 Are there any questions?

21 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

22 Thank you.

23 Carriger Solar. Ms. Hafkemeyer.

24 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you, Chair
25 Drew.

1 At the previous Council meeting, staff was
2 directed to coordinate with the administrative law
3 judge, or ALJ, to prepare a land-use consistency
4 order. Also at the June Council meeting, Council
5 Member Chiles indicated some questions with regards
6 to the legal brief as provided. So staff are working
7 with our AGs to revise the legal brief to reflect
8 those concerns, and staff are coordinating with the
9 ALJ and our AGs to repair [sic] the legal -- I'm
10 sorry -- the land-use order. Both of these will be
11 made available to the Council ahead of the August
12 meeting for your review for discussion and vote at
13 the August Council meeting.

14 Staff are also working to complete the State
15 Environmental Policy Act, or SEPA, determination.
16 And we expect that that determination will come
17 shortly as well.

18 Are there any questions?

19 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

20 Thank you.

21 Next, we are going to go to the -- this is a
22 little bit out of order, but that's okay. We're
23 moving to the first-quarter cost allocation. 'Cause,
24 of course, we go on fiscal year. So this is the
25 first quarter of Fiscal Year 2024.

1 Ms. Hafkemeyer.

2 MS. HAFKEMEYER: Thank you.

3 So the cost allocation for first quarter 2024 is
4 as on the screen.

5 Kittitas Valley wind power project: 4 percent.

6 Wild Horse wind power: 4 percent.

7 Columbia Generating Station: 20 percent.

8 Columbia Solar: 4 percent.

9 WNP-1: 2 percent.

10 Whistling Ridge Energy: 3 percent.

11 Grays Harbor 1 and 2: 6 percent.

12 Chehalis Generation Facility: 6 percent.

13 Desert Claim wind project: 4 percent.

14 Goose Prairie Solar: 4 percent.

15 Horse Heaven wind project: 15 percent.

16 Badger Mountain solar project: 6 percent.

17 Cypress Creek Renewables, also known as the High
18 Top and Ostrea project: 4 percent.

19 Wautoma Solar Project: 6 percent.

20 Hop Hill Solar Project: 6 percent.

21 And Carriger Solar project: 6 percent.

22 Are there any questions?

23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

24 We also have two new employees to introduce. And
25 we will turn now to Mr. Dave Walker.

1 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Chair Drew,
2 Council members, and staff.

3 For the record, Dave Walker, director of
4 administrative services with EFSEC. Happy to
5 announce that we have two new employees this month
6 that we're going to be introducing, starting first
7 with Ali Smith.

8 Ali has taken our management analyst position and
9 is going to be providing me a lot of support as well
10 as other working that's within the agency as we move
11 forward, whether it be rules, legislation, so forth.

12 Ali came to us from the State of Michigan
13 Secretary of State's Office. So I would like to give
14 Ali an opportunity to introduce herself and say
15 hello.

16 MS. SMITH: Thank you, Dave, Chair
17 Drew, Council members, and staff. For the record, my
18 name is Ali Smith.

19 My first day with EFSEC was on June 26th of this
20 year. My position, as Dave said, is management
21 analyst, so I'll be working closely with him and the
22 administrative team at EFSEC.

23 With nearly six years of experience in state
24 government working with the State of Michigan
25 Department of State or Secretary of State -- it's

1 kind of like the subdepartment -- I found myself
2 pretty keen on public service. I held positions that
3 were both external public-facing roles and internal
4 positions to aid our department in becoming more
5 comprehensive and efficient. While working
6 internally, I was part of the team that helped
7 modernize our business processes and our daily
8 business flow. This team developed and implemented a
9 new data entry and management system, and the project
10 allowed me to further gain experience in reviewing
11 and updating policies, procedures, practices, and
12 processes as well as data tracking and reporting.

13 So I'm very interested in keeping that train
14 moving, so I look forward to applying my knowledge
15 and experience to EFSEC as we continue the journey
16 that comes with being a newer agency. So thank you
17 for allowing the time for me to introduce myself
18 today.

19 MR. WALKER: Thank you, Ali.

20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you, and --

21 MR. WALKER: And --

22 CHAIR DREW: -- welcome aboard.

23 Go ahead.

24 MR. WALKER: Our next new employee
25 is Karl Holappa. Karl comes to us with a variety of

1 journalistic experience as well as PIO work with a
2 police department. I believe it was in Illinois, but
3 I'm going to let him talk about that. Karl is just
4 recently hired into our communications and outreach
5 position.

6 So, Karl, if you don't mind.

7 MR. HOLAPPA: All right. Hello,
8 Council, EFSEC staff member [sic], and everybody else
9 on the call. My name's Karl Holappa. And, yeah, I'm
10 really excited to be in this -- this newly created
11 position with our nascent agency. My first day was
12 last Monday.

13 Prior to working at this agency, I was a public
14 information officer for the Aurora Police Department
15 in Illinois, second-largest municipal police
16 department in that state. Managed a team of sworn
17 officers to work on public relations tactics,
18 large-scale social media management, and crisis
19 mitigation issues involving media-facing interviews
20 and other techniques like that. And so did a lot of
21 training with FEMA and the FBI-LEEDA program for that
22 type of crisis management work.

23 And then prior to that, I'm actually from
24 Washington, born and raised. I was a reporter for
25 the Ellensburg Daily Record in central Washington,

1 where I covered environment, agriculture, state and
2 county government.

3 And, yeah, I'm very happy to be back and
4 surrounded by mountains again, being in the Midwest.
5 So I look forward to working with all of you.

6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Welcome.

7 With that --

8 MR. WALKER: And --

9 CHAIR DREW: Oh. Go ahead.

10 MR. WALKER: Oh, I'm sorry. One
11 thing I would like to add. We brought on Cynthia
12 Smith last year as a contractor to assist us not only
13 with media issues and establishing some of the
14 internal processes within the agency. She was
15 absolutely pivotal in helping us develop our
16 strategic plan for 2023-2025 biennium.

17 Cindy's contract ends with us at the end of this
18 month, so I just wanted to recognize Cindy for her
19 efforts and absolute professionalism that she brought
20 to the job.

21 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

22 And thank you very much, Cindy, for all you did
23 as -- as we moved to be our own agency and all the --
24 all the work that you set up for us to be able to
25 handle as well as handling it during this past year.

1 Really appreciate it.

2 And with that, that concludes our business. And
3 our meeting is adjourned.

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

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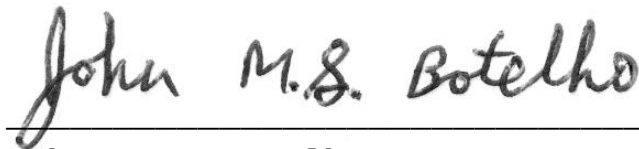
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