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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers:

- KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
- DAN SIEMANN, Department of Natural Resources
- ROBERT DENGEL, Department of Ecology
- KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce

Assistant Attorney General:

JON THOMPSON

EFSEC Staff:

- AMI KIDDER
- AMY MOON
- STEW HENDERSON
- TAMMY MASTRO
- KYLE OVERTON
- JOAN OWENS

Also present:

- BILL SHERMAN, The Environment
- KIP WHITEHEAD, Energy Northwest
- MARK MILLER, Chehalis Generation Facility
- KAREN MCGAFFEE, Perkins Coie
- DAVE ARBAUGH, Multiple Utilities Firms
- JEREMY SMITH, Chehalis Power

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 CHAIR DREW: Good afternoon. This is
7 Kathleen Drew, Chair of the Washington State Energy
8 Facility Site Evaluation Council, calling our meeting
9 today to order.

10 Ms. Mastro, will you call the roll?

11 MS. MASTRO: Department of Commerce?

12 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

13 MS. MASTRO: Department of Ecology?

14 Department of Fish and Wildlife?

15 CHAIR DREW: Michael Livingston is excused.

16 MS. MASTRO: Department of Natural

17 Resources?

18 MR. SIEMANN: Dan Siemann is on the phone.

19 MS. MASTRO: Utilities and Transportation

20 Commission?

21 CHAIR DREW: Stacey Brewster is excused.

22 MS. MASTRO: Chair?

23 CHAIR DREW: Present.

24 MS. MASTRO: EFSEC Staff Sonia Bumpus?

25 Ami Kidder?

1 MS. KIDDER: Present.

2 MS. MASTRO: Amy Moon?

3 MS. MOON: Present.

4 MS. MASTRO: Kyle Overton?

5 MR. OVERTON: Here.

6 MS. MASTRO: Joan Owens?

7 MS. OWENS: Here.

8 MS. MASTRO: Patty Betts?

9 Stewart Henderson?

10 I am Tammy Mastro. Chair, there is not a
11 quorum for the EFSEC Council at this point.

12 CHAIR DREW: We -- was there someone else
13 who was speaking?

14 MR. DENGEL: Oh, sorry. This is Robert
15 Dengel. I just entered the meeting just now.

16 CHAIR DREW: We have a quorum, isn't that
17 correct, Ms. Mastro?

18 MS. MASTRO: That is, Chair, thank you.

19 CHAIR DREW: And we don't have any action
20 items that require a quorum today, but still we do have
21 a quorum. So thank you all.

22 So next I'd like to move to the proposed
23 agenda. You see it before you. Is there a motion to
24 adopt the agenda?

25 MR. SIEMANN: This is Dan Siemann. I'll

1 make a motion to adopt the agenda.

2 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

3 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

4 Any discussion? All those in favor, say
5 aye.

6 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

7 CHAIR DREW: Opposed?

8 MR. DENGEL: Aye.

9 CHAIR DREW: I think that was a delayed on
10 the aye for adopting the agenda. So thank you.

11 MR. DENGEL: That is correct.

12 CHAIR DREW: It's adopted. I'll try not to
13 move so quickly.

14 Moving on to the meeting minutes. You have
15 them in your packet, is there a motion to approve the
16 meeting minutes from June 16th, 2020?

17 MR. DENGEL: Motion to approve minutes.
18 This is Rob Dengel.

19 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

20 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

21 Is there any discussion or corrections?
22 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving the
23 meeting minutes from June 16th, 2020, say aye.

24 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

25 CHAIR DREW: Opposed? The meetings [sic]

1 are adopted.

2 And, you know, I did not ask for people to
3 introduce themselves on the phone line. I moved a
4 little bit quickly today. So if there are other people
5 at this point who would like to introduce themselves who
6 are on the call or on the Skype call, please do so.

7 MR. SHERMAN: Bill Sherman from the Attorney
8 General's Office as counsel for The Environment.

9 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

10 (Simultaneous talking.)

11 MS. MCGAFFEE: -- Perkins Coie.

12 CHAIR DREW: That was Karen --

13 MR. ARBAUGH: Dave Arbaugh --

14 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Go ahead, sorry.

15 MR. ARBAUGH: I'm sorry, Dave Arbaugh on
16 behalf of several utility clients.

17 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, the environmental
19 analyst for Chehalis Power.

20 MR. MILLER: And Mark Miller for Chehalis
21 Generation.

22 MR. HENDERSON: Stew Henderson, senior
23 policy advisor with EFSEC.

24 MR. WHITEHEAD: Kip Whitehead from Energy
25 Northwest.

1 MR. THOMPSON: This is Jon Thompson with the
2 Attorney General's Office, advisor for EFSEC.

3 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you. We will move
4 on to our project and operational updates.

5 Kittitas Valley Wind Project?

6 MR. OVERTON: Yeah, this is Kyle Overton,
7 the EFSEC site specialist for the facility. Kittitas
8 Valley was unable to attend this month's meeting, but
9 they wanted me to let you know that there's no
10 nonroutine items to report and their -- their full
11 report is in the packet.

12 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

13 Wild Horse Wind Power Project?

14 MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton of EFSEC
15 again. Wild Horse was also unable to attend this
16 meeting. Same update as Kittitas Valley. They had no
17 nonroutine items and their full report is in the packet.

18 CHAIR DREW: Okay. And there you have the
19 Wild Horse that also has their Technical Advisory
20 Committee 2020 update. Thank you, Ms. Owens.

21 Desert -- nope, Chehalis Generation
22 Facility, is that Mr. Smith?

23 MR. SMITH: Yes, ma'am. Good afternoon,
24 Chair Drew and Council and EFSEC Staff. I'm Jeremy
25 Smith, the environmental analyst for Chehalis Generation

1 Facility. We currently do not have any nonroutine items
2 to report for the month of July.

3 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you.

4 Moving on to the Desert Claim Project
5 update, Ms. Moon?

6 MS. MOON: This is Amy Moon. Good
7 afternoon, Chair Drew and Councilmembers. I'm providing
8 an update for the Desert Claim Project. EFSEC -- EFSEC
9 Staff continues to coordinate with Desert Claim, and at
10 this time, there are no specific project updates.

11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

12 Columbia Solar Project update, Ms. Kidder.

13 MS. KIDDER: Thank you. Good afternoon,
14 Chair Drew and Council. For the record, my name is Ami
15 Kidder. EFSEC Staff are continuing coordination with
16 the certificate holder as they prepare plans for
17 submission review. Staff will continue to update the
18 Council as we progress. Are there any questions?

19 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

20 Hearing none, moving on to Grays Harbor
21 Energy Center, Mr. Overton?

22 MR. OVERTON: This is Kyle Overton. Sorry,
23 I'm having some technical difficulties. There for the
24 month of August and July -- or August -- July, I believe
25 there was no nonroutine items for Grays Harbor.

1 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

2 And then WNP-1/4 and Columbia Generating
3 Station, Mr. Whitehead.

4 MR. WHITEHEAD: Good afternoon. I'm Kip
5 Whitehead, and I am from Energy Northwest. For both
6 WNP-1/4 and the Columbia Generating Station, there are
7 no updates to report.

8 A couple months ago, the EFSEC Council had a
9 few questions that they wanted Energy Northwest to
10 respond to. These questions are how is Energy Northwest
11 responding to the COVID-19 pandemic? Energy Northwest's
12 initial response to the pandemic included removal of all
13 nonessential employees from the various work sites and
14 implementation of a work from home strategy. Only
15 essential personnel have been reporting to the
16 facilities. Benton-Franklin County is currently under
17 modified phase one. Energy Northwest is working to
18 transition nonessential employees back to the facilities
19 in a reduced capacity with the continued focus on
20 working from home.

21 The next question is confirmation that the
22 facility is still in operation. Energy Northwest
23 facilities remain in operation. The Columbia Generating
24 Station's net electrical generation for July was just
25 short of 762,000 megawatt hours.

1 And the final question was, are there any
2 updates on plan upgrades or projects at -- for the
3 Columbia Generating Station or WNP-1/4? Energy
4 Northwest recently signed a new lease agreement with the
5 Department of Energy. The new lease agreement requires
6 the industrial development complex located at WNP-1/4 to
7 no longer use groundwater at its water source by July
8 2022. The IDC is planning to use surface water from the
9 Columbia River as its water source and will be
10 installing a new water filtration system at the site.

11 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions from
12 Councilmembers?

13 I don't hear any questions, so thank you
14 very much for your report.

15 We are now moving on to the first quarter
16 cost allocation, and I believe Ms. Kidder is going to
17 speak to this?

18 MS. KIDDER: Yes, thank you. I have for the
19 Council the updated cost allocation percentages for the
20 first quarter fiscal year 2021 as we present every
21 quarter. You will find this on the green paper in your
22 Council packets.

23 For Kittitas Wind Valley -- Kittitas Valley
24 Wind Power Project, 10 percent; Wild Horse Wind Power
25 Project, 10 percent; Columbia Generating Station, 27

1 percent; Columbia Solar, 11 percent; WNP-1, 3 percent;
2 Whistling Ridge Energy Project, 3 percent; Grays Harbor
3 1&2, 13 percent; Chehalis Generation Project, 12
4 percent; Desert Claim Wind Power Project, 8 percent; and
5 Grays Harbor Energy 3&4, 3 percent.

6 CHAIR DREW: Are there any questions?

7 Okay. Thank you.

8 The other update we have on our agenda today
9 is the Air Rule update, so Ms. Kidder?

10 MS. KIDDER: Thank you. If the Council will
11 recall, the revisions to EFSEC's Air Rule, Washington
12 Administrative Code 463.78.005, which adopts Ecology air
13 regulation by reference, was approved by the Council to
14 be filed with the Code Revisor's Office and was open for
15 public comment from June 3rd through July 18th. No
16 public comments were received.

17 As no comments were received, EFSEC manager,
18 Sonia Bumpus, signed the form CR-103, which was filed on
19 July 28th. This commenced a 30-day waiting period
20 before the new rule will become effective. That period
21 continues through August 27th and the updated WAC
22 463-78-005 will be in effect the following day, August
23 28th, bringing EFSEC into alignment with current Ecology
24 air rules.

25 Are there any questions?

1 CHAIR DREW: Hearing none, that concludes
2 our business for today, and I'd like to thank everybody
3 for participating and we will see you or hear from you
4 next month. Have a good August. The meeting is
5 adjourned.

6 (Adjourned at 1:43 p.m.)

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