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A P P E A R A N C E S

Councilmembers Present:

- Jim Luce, Chair
- Dick Fryhling, Department of Commerce
- Hedia Adelsman, Department of Ecology (via phone)
- Jeff Tayer, Department of Fish and Wildlife (via phone)
- Andrew Hayes, Department of Natural Resources
- Dennis Moss, Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Doug Sutherland, Skamania County (via phone)

Staff in Attendance:

- Al Wright, EFSEC Manager
- Stephen Posner, Compliance Manager
- Jim LaSpina, EFS Specialist
- Tammy Talburt, Commerce Specialist
- Kayce Michelle, Administrative Assistant 3
- Amber George, Office Assistant 3
- Kyle Crews, Assistant Attorney General

Guests in Attendance:

- Eddie Kolitz, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
- Andrew Young, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
- Richard Downen, Grays Harbor
- Patrick Sanchez, PacifiCorp Energy
- Mark Anderson, Department of Commerce

Guests in Attendance Via Phone:

- Eric Melbardis, Kittitas Valley Wind Project, EDP Renewables
- Elizabeth Robertson, Kittitas Valley Citizen
- Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy
- Shannon Khounnala, Energy Northwest
- Brad Barfuss, Energy Northwest

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

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6 CHAIR LUCE: The meeting will be in order. This is
7 the monthly meeting of the Washington State Energy Facility Site
8 Evaluation Council for Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The time is
9 1:30.

10 Clerk will call the roll.

11 THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

12 MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling is present.

13 THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

14 Fish and Wildlife?

15 Natural Resources?

16 MR. HAYES: Andy Hayes is here.

17 THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

18 MR. MOSS: Dennis Moss is here.

19 THE CLERK: Skamania County?

20 MR. SUTHERLAND: Doug Sutherland is here.

21 THE CLERK: Chair?

22 CHAIR LUCE: Chair is here.

23 THE CLERK: We do have a quorum.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. And my understanding is the
25 representative from the Department of Ecology will be calling in

1 shortly.

2 THE CLERK: And Fish and Wildlife also.

3 CHAIR LUCE: And Fish and Wildlife.

4 MR. MOSS: And I just gave her the phone number. I'm
5 not sure why she's not on the line.

6 Are you sure?

7 THE CLERK: She was calling back.

8 CHAIR LUCE: She called in earlier, and maybe she's
9 there now.

10 Who's there now?

11 MR. MELBARDIS: This is Eric Melbardis with EDP
12 Renewables for Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project.

13 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Well, we'll be just a second
14 here. We've just had the call to order and the roll call, Eric,
15 so stand by.

16 MR. MELBARDIS: Okay.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Proposed agenda. Have Councilmembers
18 had a chance to review the agenda?

19 If you have, was there any changes? Additions?

20 Deletions? Hearing none, the agenda is approved as proposed.

21 Councilmembers have the minutes of January 24, 2012.

22 Do we have a motion to approve the minutes?

23 MR. FRYHLING: I would so move.

24 CHAIR LUCE: Second?

25 MR. HAYES: I'll second that.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Motion to second to approve the minutes
2 for January 24, 2012.

3 All in favor signify by saying "aye."

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Let the record show that the vote was
6 unanimous.

7 We are now into the section of the agenda that
8 addresses projects. I'm going to take the Kittitas Valley Wind
9 Project first, move that up on the agenda with the understanding
10 that there may be some citizen communication on this project as
11 well; is that correct?

12 MR. WRIGHT: Is she on the phone?

13 CHAIR LUCE: I don't know.

14 MRS. ROBERTSON: This is Elizabeth Robertson.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Let's do this, folks. I made a mistake.
16 Let's have everybody on the phone identify themselves.

17 MS. ADELSMAN: Hedia Adelsman is on the phone.

18 CHAIR LUCE: Hello, Hedia.

19 MS. ADELSMAN: Hello.

20 MR. SUTHERLAND: This is Doug Sutherland on the
21 phone.

22 MS. ADELSMAN: From sunny Arizona?

23 MR. SUTHERLAND: Indeed.

24 MS. ADELSMAN: Ooh, say more.

25 MRS. ROBERTSON: This is Elizabeth Robertson on the

1 phone.

2 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Mrs. Robertson.

3 Next?

4 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, Puget Sound Energy, Wild
5 Horse Wind Facility.

6 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. All right. Thank you very
7 much for identifying yourselves.

8 We are going to take the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
9 Project, as I said, and move that to the front of the agenda.

10 Someone else has just beamed in.

11 MR. TAYER: Yes, Jeff Tayer here.

12 CHAIR LUCE: Okay, Jeff. Jeff, we're starting the
13 Projects portion of the agenda, and we're beginning with the
14 Kittitas Valley Wind Project. Mrs. Robertson is on the phone.
15 She has asked for the opportunity to speak to the Council.

16 First we will have -- I will ask for Council Staff to
17 give us an update, and then we will go forward from there.

18 MR. TAYER: Thank you.

19 CHAIR LUCE: Any update?

20 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, there is. Excuse me. Yes,
21 Mr. Chairman, there is an update.

22 On Monday, February the 20th, we received a memo from
23 Mrs. Robertson that's in your packet. I won't read it in
24 detail. I'll just say that it reiterates her concerns expressed
25 at our last meeting that the noise problem is still disturbing

1 her sleep. She's included a log of the nights in which the
2 sound has bothered her.

3 And in ending, she is -- and she is on the phone
4 today, as you know. She has asked us as EFSEC and the
5 Washington State permitting authority to take an active role in
6 resolving this issue. She's concerned that we have spent a
7 month since the last discussion of this, and she sees little or
8 no evidence of progress.

9 I think Eric is going to make his report. I would
10 like to -- I would like to say that we do have -- we have made
11 progress, be it not spectacular, but we have a meeting set up
12 this afternoon after this meeting with representatives of what
13 is now EDP Renewables, which used to be Horizon, to discuss this
14 very matter. And we will be taking -- the Staff will be taking
15 a proactive role in attempting to mediate and resolve this
16 issue.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Staff comments?

18 MR. FRYHLING: Well, we'll be looking forward to what
19 comes out of that mediation, then.

20 CHAIR LUCE: All right. At this point in time,
21 Mrs. Robertson, you're on the phone. Before Mr. Melbardis
22 addresses the Council, I would like to give you a chance to say
23 what's on your mind.

24 MRS. ROBERTSON: Well, who is this gentleman that was
25 just speaking?

1 CHAIR LUCE: That was Mr. Wright, our executive
2 director.

3 MRS. ROBERTSON: Okay. Well, he pretty much put it
4 in a nutshell what -- what my letter was about yesterday. And,
5 you know, I was just wanting to know what you people thought
6 about that.

7 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Your letter has been
8 received, it is being considered, and Mr. Wright, as you heard,
9 is working the issue on behalf of the Council.

10 MRS. ROBERTSON: Thank you.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Is the representative from what used to
12 be Horizon Wind Energy present on the phone, Eric?

13 MR. MELBARDIS: Yes, Eric Melbardis.

14 CHAIR LUCE: Yes, Eric.

15 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Luce, Council,
16 and EFSEC Staff.

17 For our project status for the month of January,
18 Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project produced 13,055
19 megawatt-hours with average wind speeds of 4.7 meters a second,
20 which is 10.8 miles per hour. The capacity factor of 17.4
21 percent.

22 We have no safety incidents to report. The project
23 has continued to operate without lost time or OSHA-recordable
24 incidents since its inception.

25 The project is in compliance as of February 12, 2012.

1 We have no new sound complaints. As Mr. Wright explained, we do
2 have a meeting today to discuss the -- the Robertson complaint.

3 We did submit our Operations Phase Sound Study to
4 EFSEC on 12/21/2011. The project is in compliance with the SCA
5 and WAC. Our nightly hourly level is below 50 decibels.

6 Shadow flicker. We have no complaints there. Our
7 automatic curtailment is still working as required.

8 For environmental, we have no environmental incidents
9 to report. Weed and re-vegetation surveys will continue in the
10 spring. Avian and bat fatality monitoring, as I explained in
11 the past, is a year-round study. That is continuing.

12 No stormwater discharge to report.

13 We finalized the TAC meeting minutes from our
14 December TAC meeting, and it has been provided to the EFSEC
15 Staff and are available for Council review as needed. And we
16 are continuing to monitor all stormwater BMPs, improving them as
17 necessary.

18 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you, Eric.

19 Councilmember questions?

20 Hearing no questions and having heard

21 Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, you're apprised as to the status
22 of the discussions on your noise issue, noise complaint. We
23 will consider this item satisfied in terms of today's agenda,
24 unless anyone else has anything else.

25 Hearing nothing else, we'll move on.

1 Thank you, Mrs. Robertson.

2 MRS. ROBERTSON: Thank you very much. I hope to hear
3 from you soon.

4 CHAIR LUCE: Satsop Project, Satsop - Grays Harbor
5 Energy Project?

6 MR. DOWNEN: Rich Downen, plant manager of Grays
7 Harbor Energy. Chair Luce, Council, good afternoon.

8 Grays Harbor did not operate during the month of
9 January, so as I reported in our monthly input for your packet,
10 no operating hours, nothing in environmental or safety of
11 concern, and no complaints. And we conducted all of our normal
12 training and reports.

13 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

14 MR. DOWNEN: And that's all I have.

15 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Chehalis?

16 MR. SANCHEZ: Good afternoon, Chair Luce,
17 Councilmembers, and EFSEC Staff members. Patrick Sanchez,
18 Environmental Analyst, Chehalis Power, providing a monthly plant
19 report.

20 We had no medical treatments or reportable --
21 recordable incidents. We have achieved 3390 days without a
22 lost-time accident.

23 Our stormwater, wastewater, and air emissions
24 monitoring results are in compliance with the permit limits for
25 the period of January 2012.

1 We are continuing to work on development of a project
2 in the Chehalis River Basin with the Confederated Tribes of the
3 Chehalis Reservation.

4 The plant staff is still currently -- the level is 19
5 with 18 positions filled. A requisition to hire a second
6 electrician is moved up and is pending final approval.

7 In January 2012, we generated 74,376 megawatts at a
8 capacity factor of 19.6 percent; therefore, it's the same for
9 the year.

10 On our submittals, we had no spills or exceedances to
11 report. There were no air emissions exceedances reported in the
12 period. Our air emission, wastewater, and stormwater quarterly
13 reports were submitted for the period ending December 31, 2011.

14 We had no Critical Infrastructure Protection Standard
15 violations during January, and we had no sound monitoring issues
16 to report for the period.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Councilmember questions?
18 Hearing no questions, thank you so much for your
19 report.

20 Wild Horse Wind Power Project? Jennifer, I think
21 you're on the phone?

22 MS. DIAZ: Yes, sir. Thank you, Chair Luce. This is
23 Jennifer Diaz for Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Farm
24 for the monthly compliance update for the month of January.

25 Generation totaled 71,000 megawatt-hours for an

1 average capacity factor of 35 percent. The Solar Demonstration
2 Project generated 31 megawatt-hours. There were no lost-time
3 accidents or safety incidents to report in January.

4 And for complaints and environmental, there's nothing
5 to report this month, other than we are in compliance with the
6 conditions of the SCA, and there are no environmental issues or
7 concerns to report.

8 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

9 Councilmember questions? Hearing none, we'll move
10 on.

11 Columbia Generating Station?

12 MS. KHOUNNALA: Yes. This is Shannon Khounnala for
13 the update on Columbia Generating Station.

14 Today we are operating at a hundred percent power
15 producing 1,178 megawatts gross, and the plant has been online
16 for 94 days.

17 Related to plant activities, the four-day online
18 maintenance outage originally planned in February as discussed
19 at last month's Council meeting has been rescheduled for March
20 4th, and the scope of that outage has been reduced. It will be
21 a shorter outage, a downpower to approximately 65 percent, and
22 at this time is scheduled to be in duration of approximately six
23 hours and certainly less than 24 hours.

24 Much of the original scope of work that was planned
25 for the month of February has been moved to a forced outage

1 currently scheduled for early May. This planned forced outage
2 is being coordinated with BPA, and is expected to last
3 approximately two weeks.

4 We will keep the Councilmembers apprised of the
5 additional details related to that forced outage as planning is
6 confirmed. The scope of the outage was changed due in part
7 mostly to satisfactory performance of the plant components that
8 were scheduled for the February outage.

9 As that work has already been planned, if we see any
10 changes in those components that were planned for this February
11 outage, we will, of course, initiate as needed. But at this
12 time, we believe all of those items can be addressed in our
13 planned plant outage for May.

14 And that's the end of the Columbia Generating Station
15 status update. I do believe that Stephen Posner was going to
16 address our REMP program.

17 CHAIR LUCE: Yes, that's on the agenda.

18 Mr. Posner, do we have a Radiological Environmental
19 Monitoring Program or resolution?

20 MR. POSNER: Yes, we do. Good afternoon, Chair Luce,
21 and Councilmembers. I would like to direct your attention. In
22 your packets there's two documents -- excuse me -- a cover
23 letter dated December 14th, and a draft resolution, Resolution
24 No. 332.

25 Last week we sent via e-mail to all Councilmembers

1 the complete packet for this matter, which includes these two
2 documents, plus the entire Radiological Environmental Monitoring
3 Program, also known as the "REMP." And the purpose of this
4 action is to update the REMP. It was last updated in 1992. The
5 changes to the REMP are described in detail in the information
6 that was sent to you which is -- the cover letter briefly
7 describes them as well.

8 And the REMP is -- it's a requirement of the Site
9 Certification Agreement that we have issued to Columbia. It is
10 also a federal requirement required by the NRC and under the
11 operating license issued by the NRC.

12 The main purpose of the REMP is to determine the
13 significant radiological effects of the operation of Columbia
14 Generating Station on the environment, and it's also to verify
15 that Columbia Generating Station is operating within its design
16 and regulatory specifications.

17 Our contractor, the Department of Health, monitor --
18 radiological monitoring program has reviewed the REMP. They
19 have worked with Energy Northwest and EFSEC Staff to come up
20 with this revised plan. We have a letter dated from them, which
21 is not in your packet, but we do have a copy of that basically
22 verifying that they approve of all of these proposed changes.

23 So with that, the Staff recommendation is that the
24 Council approve Resolution 332, which will close out Resolution
25 260, which is the current resolution authorizing the REMP. That

1 will close our Resolution 260 and approve these proposed
2 changes.

3 I'd be happy to answer any questions Councilmembers
4 have on this matter.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Questions?

6 MR. FRYHLING: I was just wondering: We have this
7 plant, the Columbia Generating Station, that's been located on
8 the same property. We have 40 years of materials out there that
9 are in the environment and in the soil and in the water.

10 I'm just wondering in this Radiological Environmental
11 Monitoring Program, how do we know what we're monitoring for
12 sure? Do you understand what I'm saying? We've got this
13 plant --

14 MR. POSNER: Right.

15 MR. FRYHLING: -- but we've also -- it's sitting out
16 there in the middle of one the most contaminated pieces of Earth
17 that we have, so...

18 MR. POSNER: Well, I'm sure that's a challenge, and
19 that's -- you know, that's part of the reason why we have the
20 Department of Health under contract --

21 MR. FRYHLING: Okay.

22 MR. POSNER: -- because they do have the expertise
23 and they -- you know, I might ask...

24 Brad, are you on the line, Brad Barfuss?

25 MR. BARFUSS: Yes, I am.

1 MR. POSNER: Brad has worked with -- closely with the
2 Department of Health.

3 And, Brad, would you have anything to add or say
4 anything in response to Councilmember Fryhling's comment?

5 MR. BARFUSS: No. I think that's a good response.
6 The Department of Health is intimately involved in the sampling
7 and working with the various entities on the Hanford Site. And
8 they have a good understanding of -- of what is from, you know,
9 legacy operations here on the Hanford Site, and did a good job
10 at looking at Energy Northwest, our history of sampling, and
11 being able to look at the two succinctly.

12 MR. POSNER: Does that --

13 MR. FRYHLING: Great. I just see it as a major
14 problem in a certain amount of the testing that's done on that
15 site out there --

16 MR. POSNER: Right.

17 MR. FRYHLING: -- and knowing where the -- if we have
18 a problem, where it's coming from.

19 MR. POSNER: I had asked -- I was hoping that Lynn
20 Albin, our Department of Health contact who does the work, all
21 this work on our behalf, could be here today, but she had a
22 prior commitment. So it would have been beneficial to have her
23 speak before the Council. I'm sorry she wasn't available.

24 MR. FRYHLING: Thank you.

25 MR. POSNER: So what I would ask is a motion from a

1 Councilmember to approve Resolution 332.

2 CHAIR LUCE: Is there such a motion?

3 MR. HAYES: Chair Luce, I move to adopt Resolution
4 No. 332.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. Is there a second?

6 MR. FRYHLING: Yeah, I'll second it.

7 CHAIR LUCE: All right. We have a motion to second
8 to adopt Resolution 332.

9 Do we need a roll call vote on this, Stephen?

10 MR. POSNER: Yes. I think that would be a good idea.

11 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Clerk will call the roll.

12 THE CLERK: Department of Commerce?

13 MR. FRYHLING: Dick Fryhling votes yes.

14 THE CLERK: Department of Ecology?

15 MS. ADELSMAN: Yes, Hedia Adelsman.

16 THE CLERK: Fish and Wildlife?

17 MR. TAYER: Jeff Tayer votes yes.

18 THE CLERK: Natural Resources?

19 MR. HAYES: Yes.

20 THE CLERK: Utilities and Transportation Commission?

21 MR. MOSS: Yes.

22 THE CLERK: Chair?

23 CHAIR LUCE: Yes.

24 Let the record reflect the vote is unanimous. Thank
25 you.

1 The next item on the agenda is the Whistling Ridge
2 Energy Project.

3 MR. POSNER: And Al Wright will give the update on
4 that.

5 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you.

6 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, as you know, the
7 recommendation on Whistling Ridge is in the Governor's office.
8 The 60 days is due upon the 5th of March, according to my
9 arithmetic, anyway, and we have had some very casual
10 conversations with some of the Governor's staff. They are
11 reviewing all of the documents, so there's -- we know the work
12 is in progress. We have not received any information, formal or
13 informal, as to where the Governor might be going with our
14 recommendation. And so there's really not much to report other
15 than we are patiently waiting for March the 5th.

16 One thing I would like to bring up. Since today's
17 the 21st of February and our next Council meeting is the 21st,
18 which is a Wednesday, the 21st of March, I would just like to
19 let you know that probably this week sometime, Kayce will be
20 sending out an inquiry asking your availability, scheduling
21 purposes for the first two weeks in March. Depending on what
22 kind of a recommendation we might get back from the Governor's
23 office, we may need to convene you either by phone or in a
24 meeting and in somewhat of a hurry. And so to get ahead of the
25 game, we're going to be asking for your schedules the first

1 couple of weeks in March. Those of you that are here, of
2 course, can give them to Kayce before you leave if you choose
3 to. But as far as -- that's as much as we have to report.

4 CHAIR LUCE: Thank you. So we will expect to hear
5 something by the 5th of March --

6 MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

7 CHAIR LUCE: -- or before or on the 5th of March?

8 MR. WRIGHT: Before or on.

9 CHAIR LUCE: EFSEC manager's update?

10 MR. WRIGHT: I have nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIR LUCE: Legislative update. The only item I'm
12 aware of is tomorrow at eight o'clock in the morning, the Senate
13 TEC committee will consider House Bill 1081, which is the small
14 alternative energy resources legislation. It has a Senate
15 companion bill, too, but I think the bill that has passed the
16 House is House Bill 1081. I have no inside information on
17 whether that bill will pass out of committee or not. I am
18 confident that it will be relatively -- it will be brought up in
19 executive session.

20 And that's -- I think that is all of the legislation
21 before the legislature on EFSEC.

22 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, at the same time in the
23 same hearing, there'll be a discussion of House Bill 2296, which
24 is the licensing of the smaller versions of the biofuel
25 processing facilities.

1 CHAIR LUCE: Okay.

2 MR. WRIGHT: And the report is the same. We have no
3 idea whether it's going to be passed out or not.

4 CHAIR LUCE: That's the small number of gallonage?

5 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, smaller --

6 CHAIR LUCE: Okay. Smaller gallonage.

7 MR. WRIGHT: -- smaller gallonage per day.

8 CHAIR LUCE: All right. Any Councilmembers have
9 anything they would like to bring up?

10 All right. Councilmembers have nothing. I have
11 nothing more. Hearing nothing more from the phone or those in
12 attendance, the meeting is adjourned.

13 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.)

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