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1 A P P E A R A N C E S

2 Councilmembers:

- 3 KATHLEEN DREW, Chair
4 STACEY BREWSTER, Utilities and Transportation Commission
5 MIKE LIVINGSTON, Fish and Wildlife
6 KATE KELLY, Department of Commerce
7 ROB DENGEL, Department of Ecology.

8 Assistant Attorney General:

9 JON THOMPSON

10 EFSEC Staff:

- 11 SONIA BUMPUS
12 AMY MOON
13 JOAN OWENS
14 TAMMY MASTRO
15 PATTY BETTS
16 STEWART HENDERSON
17 STEPHEN POSNER
18 KYLE OVERTON

19 Also in Attendance:

- 20 JENNIFER DIAZ, Puget Sound Energy
21 ERIC MELBARDIS, EDP Renewables
22 CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
23 TIM MCMAHAN, Stoel Rives
24 JEREMY SMITH, Chehalis Generation
25 MARY RAMOS, Columbia Generating Station
SCOTT INLOES, Department of Ecology
MENGCHIU LIM, Department of Ecology

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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 Energy Facility Site
8 Evaluation Council. Our meeting is now going to begin.

9 I am asking for the roll to be called a little
10 bit differently today so that our clerk Tammy Mastro will
11 go through the Councilmembers and then EFSEC Staff. And
12 then she will call each facility that is on the agenda so
13 that you can let us know who is there through that
14 process.

15 And then at the end we'll ask for anyone else
16 who wants to introduce themselves.

17 So with that, we're calling this meeting to
18 order.

19 Ms. Mastro, will you call the roll.

20 MS. MASTRO: Good afternoon, Chair Drew and
21 Councilmembers. For the record, this is Tammy Mastro.

22 Councilmember from the Department of Commerce?

23 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

24 MS. MASTRO: Department of Ecology?

25 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, present.

1 MS. MASTRO: Fish and Wildlife?

2 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston, present.

3 MS. MASTRO: The DNR position is vacant.

4 Utilities and Transportation Commission?

5 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.

6 MS. MASTRO: Chair is present.

7 With that, there is a quorum for the EFSEC

8 Council.

9 EFSEC Staff, Sonia Bumpus?

10 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus, present.

11 MS. MASTRO: Amy Moon?

12 MS. MOON: Amy Moon, present.

13 MS. MASTRO: Kyle Overton?

14 MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, here.

15 MS. MASTRO: Joan Owens?

16 MS. OWENS: Present.

17 MS. MASTRO: Patty Betts?

18 MS. BETTS: Patty Betts, present.

19 MS. MASTRO: Stewart Henderson?

20 Steven Posner?

21 MR. POSNER: Stephen Posner, present.

22 MS. MASTRO: The AAG for EFSEC?

23 MR. THOMPSON: John Thompson, present.

24 MS. MASTRO: And representatives from the

25 facilities.

1 Kittitas Valley?

2 MR. MELBARDIS: Eric Melbardis, present.

3 MS. MASTRO: Wild Horse?

4 MS. DIAZ: Jennifer Diaz, present.

5 MS. MASTRO: Grays Harbor?

6 MR. SHERIN: Chris Sherin, present.

7 MS. MASTRO: Chehalis?

8 MR. SMITH: Jeremy Smith, present.

9 MS. MASTRO: Energy Northwest?

10 MS. RAMOS: Mary Ramos, present.

11 MS. MASTRO: Thank you. The court

12 reporter?

13 THE REPORTER: Carisa Kitselman, present.

14 MS. MASTRO: Thank you, Chair Drew.

15 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Are there others
16 on the call who would like to introduce themselves now?

17 MS. HENDERSON: Stewart Henderson with
18 EFSEC. Couldn't unmute fast enough, but present.

19 MR. McMAHAN: Tim McMahan, present.

20 MR. INLOES: Scott Inloes with Ecology,
21 present.

22 MR. LIM: MengChiu Lim with Department of
23 Ecology, present.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay. Thank you very much.

25 Councilmembers, you have before you the proposed

1 agenda.

2 Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

3 MR. DENGEL: Rob Dengel, motion to approve
4 the agenda.

5 CHAIR DREW: Second?

6 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, second.

7 THE COURT: All those in favor?

8 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

9 CHAIR DREW: The agenda is adopted.

10 Moving on to the meeting minutes from last
11 meeting, December 15th, 2020. They have been provided to
12 you in draft form.

13 Is there a motion to approve the meeting minutes
14 from December 15th?

15 MR. LIVINGSTON: This is Mike Livingston.
16 I'll move to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

17 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Second?

18 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, I'll
19 second.

20 CHAIR DREW: Are there any comments or
21 changes?

22 Hearing none, all those in favor of approving
23 the meeting -- meeting minutes from December 15th, 2020,
24 please say "aye."

25 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

1 CHAIR DREW: Nays?

2 The meeting minutes are approved.

3 Moving on to the facility updates.

4 We have before us Kittitas Valley Wind Project,
5 Mr. Melbardis?

6 MR. MELBARDIS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
7 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Eric Melbardis with
8 EDP Renewables for the Kittitas Valley Wind Power
9 Project. There was nothing nonroutine to report over the
10 period.

11 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Moving on to Wild
12 -- Wild Horse Wind Power Project.

13 MS. DIAZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair Drew and
14 Councilmembers and Staff. This is Jennifer Diaz with
15 Puget Sound Energy at the Wild Horse Wind Facility. And
16 I have nothing nonroutine to report for December of 2020.

17 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Moving on to
18 Chehalis Generation Facility. Mr. Smith?

19 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
20 EFSEC Council, and Staff. This is Jeremy Smith, the
21 environmental analyst for Chehalis.

22 The Chehalis facility experienced an unavoidable
23 Title 5 deviation event on December 26th. PacifiCorp
24 staff continues to work with EFSEC Staff and Southwest
25 Clean Air Agency to provide additional information.

1 That's -- that's all for the Chehalis facility
2 for the month of December.

3 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Are there any
4 questions?

5 THE REPORTER: This is the reporter. I
6 believe he cut out there.

7 MR. SMITH: Okay. Apologies.

8 The Chehalis facility experienced an unavoidable
9 Title V deviation event on December 26th of 2020.
10 Chehalis staff continues to work with EFSEC Staff and
11 Southwest Clean Air to provide additional information.

12 Is there any questions? Did you hear us that
13 time?

14 CHAIR DREW: Yes.

15 THE REPORTER: Yes.

16 MR. SMITH: Thank you.

17 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Moving on to the
18 Desert Claim Wind Power Project. Ms. --

19 MS. MOON: Good --

20 CHAIR DREW: -- Moon?

21 MS. MOON: -- afternoon. Oh, yeah. Thank
22 you, Chair Drew.

23 Good afternoon, Chair Drew and Councilmembers.
24 This is Amy Moon providing an update on the Desert Claim
25 Project.

1 EFSEC Staff continued to coordinate with Desert
2 Claim. However, there are no -- are no other project
3 updates at this time.

4 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Moving on to
5 Columbia Solar Project update. Mr. Overton?

6 MR. OVERTON: Yes. Thank you. This is
7 Kyle Overton, the site specialist for Columbia Solar.

8 EFSEC Staff met with Columbia Solar
9 representatives earlier this month to discuss next steps
10 in proceeding with their construction.

11 Facility anticipates submitting pre-construction
12 plans required by the SCA and related regulations in the
13 near future with anticipated starting construction later
14 in this year.

15 Currently staff are preparing for plan review
16 and continue to work with the facility at this time.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Are there any
19 questions?

20 We'll have more information at the next meeting.
21 Thank you very much.

22 Moving on to Columbia Generating Station.
23 Ms. Ramos?

24 MS. RAMOS: Good afternoon, Chair Drew,
25 EFSEC Councilmembers, and Staff. This is Mary Ramos

1 reporting for Energy Northwest.

2 For the month of December 2020, Energy Northwest
3 submitted a closure plan for the industrial development
4 complex in our [audio distortion for court reporter]
5 landfill.

6 Other than that, no -- only routine reports were
7 submitted. No other updates.

8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

9 THE REPORTER: This is the reporter again.

10 It seems that there was a few words that cut out
11 again.

12 MS. RAMOS: Oh, I apologize. Let me repeat
13 that.

14 This is Mary Ramos reporting for Energy
15 Northwest.

16 For the month of December 2020, Energy Northwest
17 submitted a closure plan for the industrial development
18 complex in their waste landfill.

19 Other than that, only routine reports were
20 submitted. No other updates. Was that okay?

21 THE REPORTER: Yes, thank you.

22 MS. RAMOS: Thank you.

23 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Grays Harbor
24 Energy Center, Mr. Sherin?

25 MR. SHERIN: Good, afternoon, Chair Drew,

1 Councilmembers. This is Chris Sherin for Grays Harbor
2 Energy Center.

3 Operationally for the month of December, Grays
4 Harbor has no nonrepeat items to report. Any questions?

5 CHAIR DREW: Thank you.

6 And moving on to the PSD Amendment 5 update.
7 Mr. Overton?

8 MR. OVERTON: Yes. This is Kyle Overton,
9 the site specialist for Grays Harbor.

10 Last -- the last council meeting, the Council
11 voted to release the amended PSD air permit for public
12 comment. Since then, the proposed permit amendment has
13 been made available to the public and a public comment
14 meeting is scheduled to be held this evening at 5 p.m.

15 And -- and the comment period is scheduled to
16 close at midnight on the 21st of January. And at this
17 time, no comments have been received.

18 Are there any questions?

19 CHAIR DREW: Any questions?

20 Hearing none, let's move on to the --

21 THE REPORTER: This is the reporter again.
22 There are a couple words that seem to be cutting out on
23 the audio.

24 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

25 THE REPORTER: Could you please repeat?

1 MR. OVERTON: Yeah. So the Council voted
2 to release the amended PSD permit during last December's
3 council meeting. Since then, the proposed permit
4 amendment has been made available to the public, and a
5 public comment meeting is scheduled to be held this
6 evening at 5 p.m. And the comment period is scheduled to
7 close at midnight on the 21st of January. And we
8 received no comments at this time.

9 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

10 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. We will move on to
11 the next item on our agenda, which is the third quarter
12 cost allocation. Ms. Bumpus?

13 MS. BUMPUS: Thank you, Chair Drew and
14 Councilmembers. This is Sonia Bumpus.

15 And if you do hear it cut out, just let me know
16 and I'll repeat it. Just let me know as I'm going and
17 I'll stop and repeat.

18 So as we do at the beginning of every new
19 quarter, we have a nondirect cost allocation that is
20 updated for third quarter, fiscal [audio distortion for
21 court reporter] --

22 THE REPORTER: I don't hear anything.

23 MS. BUMPUS: -- year 2021 covering --

24 THE REPORTER: This is the reporter. It's
25 cutting out. I don't know --

1 MS. BUMPUS: Okay.

2 THE REPORTER: I got "...quarter, we have a
3 nondirect cost allocation..."

4 MR. MELBARDIS: Just as a reference --

5 MS. BUMPUS: Okay. This --

6 MR. MELBARDIS: -- this is Eric. I -- I'm
7 not hearing any cutouts at all.

8 CHAIR DREW: No, nor am I. So I do think
9 that's the -- the issue is specific.

10 I'm going to go ahead and turn off my video
11 hoping that whatever is going on will be helpful. And we
12 can also submit in writing the piece on the cost
13 allocation as well.

14 Are you hearing it better now?

15 THE REPORTER: I can hear you fine. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR DREW: Okay.

18 MS. BUMPUS: And we also have a recording,
19 so hopefully the recording is picking up -- picking up
20 the full audio so if we need to go back to that.

21 So this is the nondirect cost allocation for
22 third quarter fiscal year 2021 for January 1, 2021 to
23 March 31st, 2021.

24 For Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project, 9
25 percent. Wild Horse Wind Power Project, 9 percent.

1 Columbia Generating Station, 24 percent. Columbia Solar,
2 8 percent. WNP-1, 3 percent. Whistling Ridge, 3
3 percent. Grays Harbor 1 and 2, 15 percent. Chehalis
4 Generating Project, 12 percent. Desert Claim Wind Power
5 Project, 8 percent. And Grays Harbor Energy units 3 and
6 4, 9 percent. And that concludes my update on the cost
7 allocations.

8 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. Councilmembers,
9 since there's nothing -- no more -- no more issues to
10 bring up today, I will adjourn this meeting and thank you
11 all for participating. This meeting is adjourned.

12 (Adjourned at 1:44 p.m.)
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