

# Verbatim Transcript of Public Comment Hearing

## Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

January 19, 2021



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WASHINGTON STATE  
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
Skype Videoconference  
January 19, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

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Videoconference Public Comment Permit Hearing  
Verbatim Transcript of Proceedings

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

2                   (All parties appeared via videoconference)

3 Councilmembers:

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

9 EFSEC Staff:

- 10 SONIA BUMPUS
- 11 KYLE OVERTON
- 12 JOAN OWENS

13 Also in Attendance:

- 14 CHRIS SHERIN, Grays Harbor Energy
- 15 MACKENZIE EVANS, Invenergy
- 16 KAREN MCGAFFEY, Perkins Coie
- 17 FRANK SARDUY, South Shore Environmental
- 18 SARAH DE GROOT, Invenergy
- 19 PHIL MACKEY, South Shore Environmental
- 20 SCOTT INLOES, Department of Ecology

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1 JANUARY 19, 2021

2 5:00 p.m.

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4 PROCEEDINGS

5 MS. DREW: This is Kathleen Drew, chair of  
6 the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation  
7 Council. I am calling to order the permit hearing for  
8 Grays Harbor Prevention of Significant Determination  
9 Permit, in accordance with the Revised Code of  
10 Washington, RCW 80.50 and RCW 70.94, and Washington  
11 Administrative Code 173-400-171, adopted by EFSEC, WAC  
12 463-78-005.

13 This hearing is for the purpose of public  
14 comment on the proposed issuance of a Prevention of  
15 Significant Deterioration, PSD, and Notice of  
16 Construction Permit No. EFSEC/2001-01, Amendment 5 for  
17 the Grays Harbor Energy Center located in Elma,  
18 Washington.

19 EFSEC previously approved amendments to the  
20 Grays Harbor Energy Center Site Certification Agreement  
21 in 2009. Grays Harbor Energy LLC, operator, which  
22 approved GHEC's request to install General Electric  
23 convection turbine upgrades, which include the Advanced  
24 Gas Path, APG, upgrade to operating turbine units 1 and  
25 2.

1                   Subsequently, EFSEC made a preliminary  
2                   determination to ~~improve~~<sup>approve</sup> the PSD Amendment 5 permit and  
3                   fact sheet and opened the public comment period on  
4                   December 16th, 2020.

5                   Information about how to submit a comment  
6                   was made available in public notice and is available on  
7                   the EFSEC website. Oral comments will be taken on  
8                   proposed PSD and public comments may be submitted online  
9                   or by U.S. mail to EFSEC until close of the public  
10                  comment period which ends at midnight tonight,  
11                  January 19th, 2021.

12                  I would like to say that earlier in our  
13                  EFSEC monthly meeting, the close of comment was stated  
14                  to be January 21st. That is in error. The close of the  
15                  comment period is midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021,  
16                  which was advertised in all of our legal ad and other  
17                  materials on our website.

18                  Copies of the Draft PSD permit and fact  
19                  sheet are available on the EFSEC website for public  
20                  viewing. We also have an electronic copy of the draft  
21                  permit documents that EFSEC staff can show on the screen  
22                  during this hearing.

23                  Ms. Owens, will you call the roll of council  
24                  members who are in attendance?

25                  MS. OWENS: Yes. Good afternoon, Chair Drew

1 and Council. For the record, my name is Joan Owens, and  
2 I will now call the roll.

3 Department of Commerce?

4 MS. KELLY: Kate Kelly, present.

5 MS. OWENS: Department of Ecology?

6 Department of Fish and Wildlife?

7 MR. LIVINGSTON: Mike Livingston is here.

8 MS. OWENS: The Department of Natural  
9 Resources is currently vacant.

10 Utilities and Transportation Commission?

11 MS. BREWSTER: Stacey Brewster, present.

12 MS. OWENS: Assistant Attorney General.

13 Okay. Moving on to council staff.

14 Sonia Bumpus?

15 MS. BUMPUS: Sonia Bumpus is here.

16 MS. OWENS: Amy Moon?

17 Kyle Overton?

18 MR. OVERTON: Kyle Overton, here.

19 THE COURT: Tammy Mastro?

20 Patty Betts?

21 Stuart Henderson?

22 And Steven Posner?

23 MS. DREW: If there are any representatives  
24 from Grays Harbor Energy Center who would like to  
25 introduce themselves, please do so.

1 MR. SHERIN: This is Chris Sherin, plant  
2 manager, Grays Harbor Energy.

3 MS. DREW: Thank you.

4 MS. EVANS: MacKenzie Evans from Invenergy  
5 is on.

6 MS. DREW: Are there members of the public  
7 who would like to comment on this Prevention of  
8 Significant Deterioration Permit for Grays Harbor Energy  
9 Center?

10 Ms. Owens, are there any speakers who have  
11 signed up to testify?

12 MS. OWENS: I have not received any, no.

13 MS. DREW: So it is now 5:05. We will wait  
14 for ten minutes to see if anyone else does join for this  
15 public meeting to provide any oral comments.

16 And I will state again that we have a public  
17 comment period which ends at midnight tonight,  
18 January 19th, 2021, before we close the meeting.

19 So at this point, I will turn my microphone  
20 off. Please let me know, Ms. Owens, if anyone else  
21 joins the meeting.

22 MR. DENGEL: Chair Drew. My apologies.  
23 This is Rob Dengel with Ecology. I just was able to  
24 enter the meeting now.

25 MS. DREW: Okay. Thank you very much.

1 MS. OWENS: I'll let you know if I hear any.

2 (Pause in the proceedings from 5:06 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

3 MS. DREW: Good evening. This is Kathleen  
4 Drew, chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation  
5 Council.

6 Again, asking if -- this is a Grays Harbor  
7 Prevention of Significant Deterioration, PSD Permit  
8 Hearing.

9 Is there anyone who would like to make a  
10 public comment about this proposed permit?

11 (No response)

12 MS. DREW: Ms. Owens, I don't believe anyone  
13 else has joined the line; is that correct?

14 MS. OWENS: That is correct. I have also  
15 not received any e-mails asking to sign up.

16 MS. DREW: And I also want to note that  
17 Scott Inloes from the Department of Ecology has also  
18 been on and present at this hearing, which we didn't  
19 introduce him earlier.

20 Hearing that there are no comments, public  
21 comments, at this point in time, I will once again state  
22 that this public hearing for the Grays Harbor Prevention  
23 of Significant Deterioration Permit is open -- excuse  
24 me, that the public comment period is open until  
25 midnight tonight, January 19th, 2021, and comments may



1 be submitted online through the EFSEC website.

2 Since we have no oral comments to be taken  
3 at this point in time, I will now close the hearing.

4 Thank you all for your participation. This  
5 meeting is closed.

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7 (Hearing concluded at 5:17 p.m.)

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I, CRYSTAL R. MCAULIFFE, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the remote Public Comment Meeting, taken on January 19, 2021, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of January, 2021.

*Crystal McAuliffe*



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